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Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting July 12, 2010

Board Members in Attendance: John Pardue, Ron Koldjeski and Douglas Pallman

Board Guests in Attendance: Scot Haan, CEO; Francine Miller, Secretary/Treasurer; Joseph Sileo, Solicitor

7:32 P.M. -- General Meeting Called to Order with Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Koldjeski to approve the minutes as prepared for the Work Session and General Meeting on June 14, 2010, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor, Pallman abstained.

Correspondence: Correspondence is available with the Secretary's office during regular business hours for review.

Announcements: Zoning Hearing for Verizon Wireless cell tower scheduled for Monday, July 19, 2010 at 7PM.

New Business:

Our Lady of the Snows / St. Benedict's Bazaar: Application for a mass gathering permit was received and reviewed by the Planning Commission. The bazaar will be the same this year and held from August 5 to August 7. The Commission recommended approval and waiving the fee. **Motion by Koldjeski to accept the application predicated upon Article 7 that all the requirements are met 48 hours before the event and waive the fee, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Richione Conditional Use: Application was received by McLane Engineering, representing Grace Hill at Fords Lake Subdivision, owned by Richione and Richione, for a conditional use hearing request. Supervisors will hold the conditional use hearing on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 6:45PM.

Kessler Subdivision: The Kessler subdivision was reviewed by the Planning Commission and they recommended approval. **Motion by Pardue to approve the plans as drawn for adding land to existing property, 2nd by Koldjeski. Motion voted, all in favor.**

John Kwiatkowski: Mr. Kwiatkowski, who now resides on Forest Acres Drive but is building a home on Beaver Pond Road, was present to ask permission to put a mobile home on his Beaver Pond property due to his house on Forest Acres being sold, until his new home is completed. Supervisors stated that they would give him approval for six months and then he would have to come back to the Board and let them know if he needed an extension of time and how much more time. Kwiatkowski



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would also need to first get in his septic and well and get a permit for the mobile home. The clock would not start until he gets the septic and well done and places the mobile home.

Police Phone: Chief Reese reported that he broke his phone while on duty at the fireworks and requests the Township purchase him a new one. The chief uses this phone for police business. Three rugged phones were compared and the Motorola Barrage was the best price and best features for the cost of \$299.99. Supervisors request that Miller check the cost of insurance on the phone. **Motion by Pardue to get the Motorola Barrage based on the insurance cost, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Reflective Road Tape: Chief Reese requests the Township purchase reflective tape to be used for Vascar lines instead of painting. One box of tape has approx. 30 pieces. **Motion by Koldjeski to purchase two boxes at \$149.50 each, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Public Input:

Jenifer Kolessar Calvert: Mrs. Calvert, 1303 Winola Road, came before the Supervisors to state that she was never notified that there was a conditional use hearing for the AT&T cell tower that is located next to her. She also stated that the Marzani's, Jacoby's and Ricchione's were never notified and she was speaking on their behalf. Her attorney, Al Nichols, looked into the Township ordinance and according to section 315.2 all property owners within 1250 feet of the project parcel was to be notified. She is requesting that the Township make the cell tower company stop any more advancement until this is settled. Miller stated that Mrs. Calvert's letter was sent via regular mail to that address but not her name. Haan disagreed with her statement that the Marzani's and Jacoby's were unaware of the hearing due to the fact that he personally spoke with them about it because he posted a notice in their store window. Sileo will look into this matter.

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED – Planning Commission

Road Master: Pallman stated that he received a phone number for Greenfield Township Supervisor, Bruce Evans, regarding the sale of graders. Pallman will check into it.

Wage Tax Collector: Scandale stated that she is still working on the collections of money owed to the Township from 2007 and has not started 2008. Koldjeski stated that he wants Sileo to tell DWA that he is a member of the TCC and that he will recommend to the committee that DWA should not be considered because of their total disregard with tax collectors. Sileo will also send a letter to Ransom Township's attorney regarding the lack of a response for delinquent taxes owed to Newton Township that were submitted to Ransom.

Abington COG: No meeting.

SAPA: There will be a meeting at Dalton Borough on July 15 at 7PM. Scranton is not adopting the



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agreement.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported that there were a total of 10 fires, 11 ems calls, 1 investigations and 1 assist to Wyoming County for Newton.

Planning Commission Report: Haan reported that the Commission reviewed the subdivision plans for Thompson and Phillips.

Solicitor Report: Sileo reported that the Paolucci issue is resolved and the property is cleaned. There are still a few zoning appeals that are ongoing. Sileo presented the Board with the preschool lease to be signed.

Unfinished Business

Orchard Drive: Midlantic Engineering performed five core samples on Orchard proving that there is not much base. Supervisors discussed doing a road inspection on July 21 at 5:45pm.

Copier: Motion by Koldjeski to accept the bid for a new copier with a service contract as presented, 2nd by Pardue. Motion voted, all in favor.

Municipal Building: Several bids were received for removing the ceiling in the remainder of the building along with electrical work. The total would be over \$10,000, therefore, the work will have to be advertised and bid.

Bills: Bills were signed and discussed. **Motion by Koldjeski to approve all the bills as read, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Koldjeski: Koldjeski asked Haan about the business that is located on Orchard Drive, Haan did not have an opportunity to check on it. Koldjeski requests that a letter be sent to Andrew Bettelli on Port Royal Road asking when his house would be finished and the trailer removed. He would also like to proceed with the ordinance on posting of roads. Pardue explained that everything is done with the engineer and the Board will have to go over the paperwork. Miller to check with DPW about how many county owned bridges are in this Township. Koldjeski asked Miller if the fire company is financially secure, Miller stated that it was.

Being no further public input and discussion, **Koldjeski motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Miller