

Board of Supervisors Special Work-Session Monday July 24, 2006

The Board of Supervisors conducted a special work-session held on Monday July 24, 2006 commencing at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Hensel called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Ms. Silvernail, and Mr. Doratt, Mr. Soles substitute Township Solicitor, and members of the community.

Mr. Hensel waived the moment of silence and pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Hensel stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues of Sadsburyville Fire Company and Pomeroy Fire Company. Mr. Hensel stated that no decisions will be made as the meeting is primarily a work session. Mr. Hensel read off a punch list that was supplied by Mr. Taylor. The items were as follows: Arcadia, traffic light at Old Wilmington Road, opticom emitters, traffic signal at 10 & 30, burning ordinance, fire marshal, NIMBs training, Knox boxes, fuel, funding, and EMS tax.

- Mr. Taylor began by saying the Township is growing and that increases the fire companies needs. The fire company has seen a run volume increase.
- Mr. Reynolds discussed the future Arcadia Development and stated there is going to be access issues into this development due to the mountable curbs and a turning radius of 9' short. Mr. Hensel stated he is unaware of any changes in the plans that would not allow fire truck access. Mr. Reynolds states that islands within the development for traffic calming have been added. Mr. Taylor stated he is concerned with the additional traffic impact and auto accidents. Mr. Taylor also added that in the winter the fire company made a request to Pennsylvania American Water Company to flag the hydrants for snow plowing and the water company did not respond.
- Mr. Taylor asked if the Township had a map of all the hydrants within the Township. The Board stated no, but stated that we can request Pennsylvania American Water Company to provide the Board with one. Mr. Hensel stated that Dave Turner the Township Road Crew Foreman is currently locating all the storm drains on a map that is provided by Pa. One Call, Mr. Taylor asked if underground utilities could be added. Mr. Hensel stated probably not but he will research to see if Mr. Turner can add hydrants to the storm drain maps.
- Mr. Reynolds stated that when the Township receives any new street names for developments please copy both fire companies on them.
- A comment was made that some of the street signs within the Township have missing letters etc. Mr. Hensel stated that the Township spends approximately \$9,000.00 on street signs and if anyone wants to report a bad sign to call the Township office to start the work order process.

- Mr. Sellers requested flow rates of each hydrant? The Township Secretary will contact Pennsylvania American Water Company to request a report.
- Mr. Taylor has concerns regarding Old Wilmington Road and Lincoln Highway traffic signal. He stated that the ommitter is not hitting the light in time of entering the highway therefore, the light is not changing in time. The Board stated they recall past discussion of either cutting branches from trees to clear the path for the emitter or moving the ommitter. Mr. Hensel requested the secretary place the item on the agenda for Mr. MacCombie to discuss.
- Mr. Sellers requested if a “no turn on red” sign could be placed at the traffic signal at Old Wilmington Road and Lincoln Highway. Mr. Doratt suggested if some of the shrubs could be taken down if that would help, the answer was yes it would make a better site distance. Ms. Silvernail stated that she attended a meeting with Pen Dot and will look into this issue.
- Mr. Reynolds discussed the traffic signal at Routes 10 & 30 and stated the ommitter needs to be adjusted. Mr. Reynolds stated if an appointment can be made he will arrange someone to drive the truck up to show them that you are almost on top of the light before you get a change.
- Mr. Reynolds stated that they get a lot of calls for burning. Does the Township have a burning ordinance? Mr. Hensel stated no. Mr. Hensel recommended the fire companies give the Board a recommendation for a burning ordinance and they will look into it.
- Mr. Taylor requested the Board appoint a fire marshal. Mr. Taylor stated that currently the chiefs were designated as fire marshal of the district. Mr. Soles Township Solicitor will research this issue and report back to the Board.
- Mr. Taylor stated that currently there are (2) commercial industrial companies that will not agree to place a Knox box. Mr. Taylor stated without a key to enter a building they must break out windows and destroy property in order to enter and with a Knox box that is not necessary, but companies think the firemen will rob them if they place a Knox box. Mr. Doratt stated that when all options have been exhausted by the fire department to come before the Board and they will try to help get the issue resolved.
- Mr. Reynolds stated that years ago the Township used to have fuel tanks located outside of the Township building and the Board allowed the fire companies to use the gas. Mr. Reynolds stated since that time the tanks started to leak and the Township disposed of them. Mr. Reynolds is requesting that the Township pick up the fuel for both fire companies. Mr. Reynolds stated that last year \$1,860 was spent in gasoline for Sadsburyville and Mr. Sellers stated that Pomeroy used \$3,500.0 in gasoline not including the ambulance. Mr. Hensel stated that the

Township won't issue gas cards for the fire companies but they could include the costs of fuel with the funding request for the budget meetings.

- Mr. Sellers stated that currently Pomeroy Fire Company has 2 full time paid employees and 2 part time paid employees. Their budget shows \$35,000.00 paid out so far this year in payroll.
- Mr. Taylor thanked and congratulated Sadsburyville Fire Company for helping them out with the Quick Response Service.
- Ms. Silvernail stated to all the fire company members that she appreciates all the volunteers for their help and support.
- A comment was made for the Township; fire companies get high band radios to communicate.
- Mr. Doratt stated he is unhappy with Nextel service and would like to switch to another carrier. He stated when he needs the use of the phone the most it doesn't work and voice mail messages come days late.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Myers
Secretary/Treasurer