

On Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Town Board Chair Greg Anderson called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order. Other Supervisors present were Jim Kusler, Eugene Stoeckel, John Roxbury, Jr. and Mark Riverblood.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Mark Riverblood to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2015 regular monthly meeting as printed. Motion Carried.

Approve Financial Report

A motion was made by John Roxbury, Jr. and seconded by Mark Riverblood to approve the Financial Report for April 2015 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$488,352.67; total receipts of \$2,198.26; total disbursements of \$21,101.29; leaving a balance of \$469,449.64. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business on the agenda.

New Business

The first item up for discussion was the CUP Request for the construction and operation of ball fields – Princeton School District #477, Section 21. Ryan Hoffman from ICS Consulting explained the project. He stated that he feels the parking is adequate and that they do not plan on paving the area because of budget constraints.

Greg Anderson explained what the Township is going to request of the School, and that is from the intersection of 33rd and 82nd, that 82nd Ave from stop sign south to existing blacktop and 33rd from the stop sign west to County Road 4 be paved up to township standards to account for the increased traffic and protect the residents in the area.

Mark Riverblood asked when they would like to start construction on the fields and Mr. Hoffman stated that they would start tomorrow if the CUP were approved. Mr. Riverblood stated that he would not be in favor of supporting the CUP until the School Board has agreed to the road terms that Mr. Anderson has stated. Ryan Hoffman stated that if the road issues were a condition of the CUP that would bind them to completing the roads also.

There was some discussion in regards to the conditions of the roads and the increased traffic in the area and how it will affect the residents there.

Todd McLouth stated that there is much more to the road issue other than just paving the road. There is road widening, subgrade corrections, ditching, culverts and all kinds of other things that need to be addressed.

There was some discussion regarding the surrounding roads such as 82nd to the north and 33rd to the east. Several residents had questions about assessments to get those roads paved and Mr. Anderson stated that if the residents are willing to have their property assessed than they should talk about it together and approach the Township before any work, such as graveling, is done.

Amanda Wolfsteller stated that she and the neighbors presented a petition, Exhibit A, to pave or chemically treat the dirt roads to reduce and/or eliminate the dust and maintain them better in the neighborhood. (82nd and 33rd).

Ryan Hoffman stated that the land where the ball fields are supposed to be located is contiguous to other middle school property so they could potentially have the parking lots at the middle school or just to the north of the school and then enter the site from the south and not have any access off of 82nd or 33rd. Mr. Anderson stated that he feels the traffic in the area will still increase either way.

There was some discussion regarding the amount that the Township would contribute for the paving of 82nd Ave. South and 33rd St. West.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve a cap of \$50,000 as a contribution to the road work on 82nd Ave. South and 33rd St West. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion with the amendment that the \$50,000 would include all of the Township fees including Todd McLouth's engineering fees and the Clerk's staff time. Ryan Hoffman asked if this is a district road project for the Township. Mr. Anderson stated that the Township would do the engineering and have our road builder do the project and then bill the school district. Todd McLouth stated that the Township would have an agreement with the School District that they will contribute, so they do not have to go through the 429 assessment process. The Township could just do the project and bill the District. Ryan Hoffman asked if the CUP would list the condition that the district pays the road project cost minus \$50,000. Mr. Anderson agreed. Mr. McLouth stated that it would be worthwhile to authorize a pseudo feasibility study because he thinks the cost will be more than anticipated, upwards of \$50,000 beyond the \$125 per foot paving cost. Mr. McLouth explained that there are additional costs such as engineering, surveying, inspections, permits, bonding, water qualities and management. John Roxbury, Jr. stated that if Todd McLouth does some research to find out how much the project would cost and the School decides not to continue, the Township would end up eating that cost. Todd McLouth stated that with the soil borings and surveying, the initial cost could be \$15,000-\$20,000. Ryan Hoffman proposed that the CUP is approved with whatever condition the Township puts on it, so that will give them the knowledge that the project can move forward. Mr. Hoffman also stated that they can do some estimating and then talk with Todd McLouth about what the professional fees would cost, so they could include them into their road estimate cost and then turn that around quickly to determine if the project is feasible or not. Mr. Riverblood stated that if ICS consulting would like to proceed on the mini feasibility study, they should hire Loucks & Assoc. if their firm isn't comfortable preparing something for Mr. McLouth's approval. He stated that Todd should not spend any time on this project until the District approves it. Eric Minks stated that he thinks they will all be in approval with that and thinks that the CUP should list upon approval the School Board as well, to agree to the conditions. Mr. Anderson stated that the mini feasibility study would be conducted by ICS Consulting. Motion Carried.

Mark Riverblood stated that he would like to make a separate motion with the other conditions for the CUP. Mr. Riverblood motioned that the CUP for Princeton School District #477, for the construction and operation of ball fields, be approved with the remainder of the recommended conditions;

1. Handicapped access must be pavement or concrete and extend to the rear of the back stops for viewing.
2. If lights are to be installed in the future, the CUP must be modified.
3. If games are played on Sunday, the games cannot start before 9:00 a.m.
4. All games must end by 10:00 p.m.
5. If any permanent bleachers are used or installed, a building permit from Princeton Township is required.
6. A non-access fence, with a minimum of 5 feet tall, must be installed on 33rd Street and 82nd Avenue, south to the parking lot.
7. If there are any problems with the gravel parking lot, applicant may be required to pave the area, with Township Engineer's approval, within 6 months of being notified.
8. If the number of parking spaces does not adequately meet the needs of spectators, additional spaces may be required, within 6 months of being notified.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to second the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve the first half of the 2015 Fire Contract in the amount of \$23,340.00. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to approve the Town Hall payment in the amount of \$10,750.00. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Township Engineer Report

Todd McLouth asked if West Branch stopped by the office with some information on the drain tile over by Joel Minks. The Clerk stated that no one had stopped by.

Todd McLouth informed the Board that he received the quotes back for the graveling and fixing of the frost boils and stated that West Branch came in with the lowest bid. John Roxbury, Jr. stated that some of the roads Todd marked for repair had just recently been done. Mr. McLouth stated that those roads need to be fixed because they are hard to drive on. John Roxbury, Jr. stated that he does not feel a project this small needs to have bonding.

After some discussion, John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to re-quote the five areas that need to be dug out and repaired. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

There was some discussion about how the residents would go about getting the remainder of 33rd Street and 82nd Avenue paved and what the assessment process was. Todd McLouth provided some information regarding the issues.

Open Forum

Dan Whitcomb asked what decision was made with the half cul-de-sac for a turnaround at the end of 33rd Street. Mr. Anderson stated that would have to be part of the whole deal if everything moves forward.

Jeremy Falk stated that the Balsam Ridge sign is on his property and asked if he needed to keep it there and maintain it. The Board stated that if it is legally on his property, he can do whatever he wants to do with it.

Kevin Walz stated that there are issues with Brickton Road and how sloppy it gets. He stated that the grader operator keeps cutting the corner and making it rounder and the reclaimer made it worse at times. Bill Whitcomb also expressed some concerns and thought the road should have calcium chloride. Mark Riverblood stated that they are still learning with the reclaimer and are trying to ensure ways to make it a smoother process for everyone. The Board stated that they have discussed the issue of the road getting wider on the curves in previous meetings but have just not decided when to address it. The Board stated that they need to discuss all the road issues and prioritize when they can be done.

Carol Carling gave an update on the Princeton Visionary Committee and also informed the Board that she will no longer be able to serve on the Committee.

Larry Ziebarth stated that the agenda did not include the vacancy on the Planning Commission. The Clerk stated that the deadline was just yesterday and therefore was not included on the agenda. The Board directed the Clerk to run the ad one more time.

There was some more discussion as to the roads in the ball field area and the assessment process.

Supervisor's Reports

Jim Kusler gave an update on the City of Princeton Planning Commission.

Clerks Business

The Clerk stated that she talked to Loren Kohnen regarding a fireworks stand at Old Log Liquor and he reviewed the information and approved it.

The Clerk stated that MAT is doing an update on the town hall insurance and explained the options for insuring the building and increasing the deductible.

Jim Kusler motioned to approve Resolution 2015-4 Approving Agreed Value Coverage of \$275,000.00. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve Resolution 2015-5 Approving an Increased Property & Casualty Deductible, in the amount of \$2500.00

Approve Payment of the Bills

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 10840-10871. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Jim Kusler and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Matt Barlage, Dan & Carol Whitcomb, Kevin Walz, Nancy Moan, Pam Klein, Larry Ziebarth, Jason & Amanda Wolfsteller, Ryan Hoffman, Deb Ulm, Carol Carling, Bill Whitcomb