

Branch Communicator

June 2008

Supervisors Meeting Notes

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Police Report

The Police officers traveled 3062 miles in patrolling the townships using 4 police vehicles. 35 Incidents, Assists or Complaints were handled by 3 officers. They attended 3 hearings at District Judges offices and two court hearings..

The report covered the period 5/1/07 to 5/31/07

A quiet meeting

The June supervisors meeting was a quiet affair. (I was visiting relatives in Maine). Notes from the meeting were provided by the Secretary Joyce Beach.

There was a presentation by concerned citizens of East Brunswick township relative to the dangers of sludge usage. The Supervisors had authorized the drafting of an anti-sludge ordinance that was passed after the presentation. There is a court case pending that will test the authority of township to enact any ordinance that regulates the use of sludge. The use of human and animal waste sludge has legally been used for decades by farmers as cheap fertilizer. However biosolids from waste water treatment plants has introduced pathogens, toxic metals and chemicals and hospital waste into the mix that is spread on farm lands. There have been cases of illness and even deaths attributed to the spreading of biosolids.

Since it can take years for the dangers to present themselves and be proven that biosolids are the cause of these health hazards caution should be the guide to allowing their use. The DEP feels that the current regulations offer sufficient protect. But it must be remembered that Love Canal was used in accordance with existing regulation at the time. Decades later the use was found to cause illness and death resulting in relocation of residents from the area.

The township Supervisors and the solicitor feel that the new ordinance will be found to be legal and will be used to protect the residents of Branch Township.

A second ordinance concerning noise was also voted on by the Supervisors. This must be advertised prior to adoption.

Prepaid Heating oil Contract

The Supervisors approved a contract for 1750 gallons of prepaid heating oil for the coming year. The bid of \$4.39.9 per gallon by Robert Reedy was accepted.

The financial data for the month is presented on the back page.

The following is a basic Income Statement for the first half of the fiscal year.

Jan 1 - Jul 13, 08	
Income	
Court Income	937.43
General Receipts	8,665.65
Licenses	325.00
Liquid fuel Income	85,851.48
Other Income	15,266.02
Permits	3,402.11
Tax Income	309,878.57
Total Income	424,326.26
Expense	
advetizing	336.52
Auditors	3,742.14
Building Inspector	980.63
Contractors	2,154.09
dues	3,710.84
Electric	19,835.80
Engineering	7,770.50
Garbage	48,072.88
Insurance	48,694.63
Misc	328.53
Office Expense	1,631.23
Payroll Expenses	59,743.29
Payroll Taxes	20,883.32
Police	1,369.45
postage	75.60
Road Work	7,450.77
Sewage	168.00
Solicitor	3,325.09
Supervisors	1,326.20
Tax Collections	13,368.26
Telephones	3,381.15
Truck & Equipment	18,895.29
truck Loan	1,440.48
Utilities	5,740.07
Total Expense	274,424.76
	149,901.50

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Sewage Authority

Monthly Financial Data

Income: Tax Revenues, \$32,509.29; General Receipts, \$5,985.61; Permits, \$73.60; Other Income, \$2,205.27; Licenses: 100.00; Court Income, \$180.20. Total receipts \$41,053.87

Expenses: Payroll expense 410,393.25, Garbage 47,205.05, Insurance \$4,796.24; Electric \$3,297.34, Engineering \$584.50, Truck & Equipment \$ 3,533.64, Utilities \$81.01; telephones \$747.64, tax collection \$ 1,826.64, payroll taxes \$6,054.52, Police \$400.00, Building Inspector \$148.44, Supervisors \$220.68, Solicitor, \$100.00, Sewage \$165.00, Office expenses \$53.85, Misc Expenses \$23.83, dues \$20.00, road work \$85.26, advertising \$264.20.
Total expenses: \$39,989.10

Other: Road Repair Loan \$955.17, Building Loan \$360.12

Plant Operations

The plant operated well within all specifications treating an average daily flow of 175,419 gpd. The High flow was 242,000 per day and the low of 152,000 gpd.

The plant operator, Steve Ulceski, presented a memo to the Board with several suggested recommended changes that would reduce operation cost.

There were 2 grinder pump calls for the month of May. One of these was a repeat call due to a clog. There are no spare parts for the grinder pumps on hand. A bench stock level of parts is being worked on by Tina.

Administrative topics

There is nothing new from Reilly Township on their 537 plan nor has the DEP pushed anything on the Steins Mill area.

Delinquencies have crept up slightly with 10 payment plans being worked on.

An insurance payment was received for damages done to the Kane pump station by an auto accident.

Estimates to clean the chlorine contact tank and two wet wells were discussed. It was decided to accept one estimate for the wet well cleaning to observe the effectiveness of the contractor.

This months meeting almost didn't happen as until one member showed up late to provide a quorum. The meeting was chaired by Jim Thomas, co-chairman.

Planning Commission

Representatives of Pioneer Pole Building, owners of the residual land in the South Gate development, requested acknowledgement by the township of a plan to correct errors in the original South Gate Development. The corrections to plan drawing BRT-156 would allow changes in the deed descriptions of lots 4 and 5 as to courses and distances without affecting any other parcels.

The revised survey of the property by Dennis Fidler restores ownership to the Friedens Lutheran church of an area across the township road 819. This was incorrectly shown as part of the South Gate Development on plans drawn by engineer Diane Lenick. A potential problem with lots 1, 2 and 3 is created by this action, which, in the future may require resolution by the property owners in civil actions.

David Bell presented information to the commission regarding a potential subdivision by Phillip Kory of land owned at the rear of Hill Terrace Drive in West-West Terrace. A problem exists with access to the property, which must be resolved. In a plan for property sold to Dr. T Graves by Kory, now owned by D Sommers, conveyance of a 25 foot roadway described in 1971 master plan of the area to Graves was called for. This conveyance was never consummated in the deed description. Until current ownership of this roadway is determined, no further action can be taken on this subdivision.

As this was the first meeting of 2008 the first order of business was reorganization. Norm Bertasavage moved that the officers remain as they were in 2007. Scott Schinkel seconded the motion.

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Up Coming Events : The next supervisors meeting will be *July 29th* . Planning Commission July 3rd . Public meetings start at 7PM . Sewage Authority meeting will be Thursday **July 16th 4:30 PM.**

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