

MINUTES

Those in Attendance: Chairman Dylan Coleman, Vice-Chairman Jason Myer, Supervisors: Keith Landis, Adam Bills and Bob Devonshire, Township Manager David Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Farra, Zoning Officer Walter Hockensmith, Roadmaster Blaine Stoltzfus, Sewer Authority Chairman Bryan Stoltzfus, Sewer Authority Board Member Jonathan B. Stoltzfus, Parks & Rec Committee Chairman Michael Hartmann, Parks Supervisor Adryan Yothers, Public Works Member Kevin Vattelana, Natalie Stoltzfus, Cindy Hockensmith, David Johnson, Tony Kauffman, Joshua Knosp, Kolby Bills, Dennis Groff, and Sam Petersheim.

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG CERMONY AT 7:03 P.M.

Mr. Coleman announced the Board of Supervisors met in executive session before this meeting to discuss personnel matters, and would be meeting in executive session again following the meeting to continue those discussions.

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- December 2024 Minutes were approved at the January 6, 2025 Reorganization Meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT/BILLS

- Jason Myer **motioned** to approve the December 2024 Treasurer’s Report. Second by Bob Devonshire. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Adam Bills **motioned** to approve the January 2025 Disbursement List of Bills to be paid. Second by Keith Landis. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT – BRIEFING ITEMS

- Christopher Falencki, McCarthy Engineering Associates, Inc. – Elmer S. King – 3231 Lincoln Highway E. – Final Plan: **No one appeared to present this plan and the waiver requests, so the matter was tabled until the February 18, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting.**
 - Request for Waiver of SALDO Section 305.1 – Preliminary Plan.
 - Request for Waiver of SALDO Sections 403.7.B & C, 408.1 and 408.2 – Sewer and Water Feasibility Reports.
 - Request for Waiver of SALDO Section 405.2.M. – Architectural Elevations.
 - Request for Waiver of SALDO Section 602.5.A. – Reconstruction of Rock Ridge Road to the centerline of the street.
 - Request for Waiver of SALDO Sections 602.5.E. and 602.7.A. – Provide additional Right-of-Way along Rock Ridge Road to meet the minimum 50’ right-of-way width requirements.

- Request for Waiver of SALDO Section 602.10.F – Request to provide 5 foot radius instead of 35 foot radius at access drive where it intersects Rock Ridge Road.
- Request for Deferral of SALDO Sections 602.11 and 602.12 – Curbing and Sidewalks.
- Request for Waiver of SALDO Section 603 – Minimum Width of Access Drive (16 feet rather than the required 24 feet).
- Request for Waiver of SALDO Section 609.2 – Landscape Barrier.
- Request for Waiver of SALDO Sections 609.5 & 609.6 – Street Trees.
- Request for Waiver of Stormwater Management Ordinance Section 506.1.B.2 – Storm water runoff volume control.
- Request for conditional plan approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda Items only/residents or Paradise Township tax-payers only): None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s *Breakfast for Farmers!* event flyer.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

- Updates/Report by Township Manager, David Thompson.

ROADMASTER:

- Updates/Report by Roadmaster, Blaine Stoltzfus.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- 2024 Year-end Emergency Services Call Report.
- Emergency Services Committee Proposal: Mr. Thompson presented this proposal for consideration of approval. He said he shared the proposal with Paradise Leaman Place and Pequea Valley Fire Departments, but has received very little feedback. David Johnson of PVFD said PVFD supports this endeavor and is willing to participate on the Committee. Mr. Thompson advised a Resolution would be required to establish the Committee. Mr. Coleman explained that one of the main purposes of the Committee would be to streamline funding needs and requests. Mr. Devonshire said there needs to be more input from the fire companies before the Township can move forward with establishing the Committee. He also suggested that the other fire companies serving the Township have seats on the Committee.

Public Comment:

Sam Petersheim asked if this Committee would set first due territories. It was stated this is something the Committee could discuss, but it would not set the first due territories.

Mike Hartmann asked if the Committee is going to act as an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors. He was told, yes, it would be. Mr. Hartmann said if that is the case, then the members of the Committee will be required to be residents of Paradise Township.

After discussion was had, it was resolve this matter would be tabled until more feedback was received from the Paradise Leaman Place and PVFD fire companies.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Updates by David Thompson, Township Manager.

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

- 2024 Year-end Report by Zoning Officer, Walter Hockensmith.

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

- Updates by Park Foundation Chairman, Michael Hartmann.

SEWER AUTHORITY & SEO:

- Updates/Report by Sewer Authority Chairman, Bryan Stoltzfus.
- Ms. Farra explained to the Supervisors that she had participated in a video conference with the Township Solicitor, Matthew Crème, and Attorneys Mentzer and Caron of Eckert Seamans today regarding the proposed Resolution and Promissory Note for a loan from the Township to the Sewer Authority. All counsel recommended tabling approval of the Resolution and Note until after the Sewer Authority Board discusses it at their February 3, 2025 meeting. Consistent with this recommendation, no action was taken on this matter and it was tabled until the February 18, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Benuel K. Fisher – 113 Esbenshade Road – Stormwater Management Plan: Bob Devonshire **motioned** to approve release of Mr. Fisher’s financial security. Second by Adam Bills. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mr. Coleman announced that Mr. Thompson has tendered his resignation as Township Manager effective January 24, 2025, and relayed the Board’s appreciation for his service to the Township over the last 3 years.

ADJOURN:

- At 7:37p.m., Bob Devonshire **motioned** to adjourn meeting. Second by Keith Landis. **Motion Approved.**

Respectfully Submitted By:

Karen E. Farra, Secretary/Treasurer