

**KIDDER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday – June 16, 2016**

Chairman Thomas Bradley called the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Kidder Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 P.M. on June 16, 2016 at the Kidder Township Municipal Building, Lake Harmony, Pa.

**ROLL CALL:** Secretary Suzanne Brooks, Manager Lisa Klem, Supervisors, Berger, Bradley, Franzosa, LaFond, and Pieri were present. Attorney Dan Miscavige was absent.

**Chairman Tom Bradley** announced that there was an Informational Session and an Executive Session prior to the beginning of this evenings' meeting.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

**Ralph Lennon, Chief of the Lake Harmony Volunteer Fire Company**, commented that Lake Harmony Estates installed a retention pond in the large parking area at the end of Wood Street next to the lake. He explained that this was the only source of water that protects Lake Harmony Estates and by the retention pond blocking access to the lake it could possibly affect insurance rates as well as the safety of the residents. Mr. Lennon continued by stating that no one had contacted the fire company for their input on this project and wasn't sure if the proper permits were acquired. He was under the impression that a dry hydrant was to be installed in the area but that could take some time. Mr. Bradley commented that a meeting will be set up with the Township, the Fire Company and representatives of Lake Harmony Estates to discuss this matter.

**Alex Blew, Chief of the Albrightsville Volunteer Fire Company**, commented that a merger is being set up between the Albrightsville and Kidder Volunteer Fire Companies. He explained that the vehicles being acquired in the merger are insured and being utilized by members of the Albrightsville Fire Company. Mr. LaFond commented that the Supervisors disbanded Kidder Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 and questioned what numbers were being used on those vehicles. Mr. Blew answered that they will still hold the District "18" number because of dispatching purposes. Some discussion was heard. Mr. Bradley added that this issue would not be resolved at this time and a meeting has already been scheduled for the following week in which members of both fire companies, the Township and a representative of the Carbon County Communications Center will be attending.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Monthly Meeting May 19, 2016 – MOTION** made by Ms. Franzosa, seconded by Mr. Pieri to **approve the minutes of the May 19, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting.** Motion carried 5-0.

**CURRENT BILLS:**

**Mr. Bradley** asked for a motion to pay the current bills in the amount of \$353,573.76. He pointed out that \$265,825.19 of that amount is to be distributed to the township emergency services departments from the collected taxes. **MOTION** – made by Mr. LaFond, seconded by Mr. Pieri to **pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$353,573.76.** Motion carried 5-0.

**SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT:**

**Request for extension of Mid Lake II - Boulder Lake Village LDIA.** Mr. LaFond questioned the intentions of the project. Mr. Craig Harahus, representative of Blue Ridge Real Estate Company, responded that there are no immediate building plans and that they are looking at development options. He also added that he would be happy to meet with any of the Supervisors to discuss the intentions of Blue Ridge, Mr. LaFond agreed. **MOTION** – made by Mr. LaFond, seconded by Mr. Pieri to **only approve the Request for extension of Mid Lake II - Boulder Lake Village LDIA until July 21, 2016, the next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting.** Motion carried 5-0.

**Request for extension of Jack Frost Golf Course PRD, Phase I Final Plan Submission.** **MOTION** – made by Mr. LaFond, seconded by Mr. Berger to **approve the Request for extension of Jack Frost Golf Course PRD, Phase I final plan submission until July 20, 2018** Motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt Ordinance No. 177** - Requiring Registration of Automatic Fire Alarms. Mr. Bradley commented that the ordinance was advertised in the Times news on May 27, 2016. **MOTION** – made by Mr. LaFond, seconded by Mr. Berger to **adopt Ordinance No. 177 Requiring Registration of Automatic Fire Alarms.** Motion carried 5-0.

**Award the Bid Proposal for the Kidder Township Municipal Parking Lot Improvement Project.** Mr. Bradley stated that the request for proposals was advertised in the Times News on May 27, 2016 and May 31, 2016. The bid opening was held this afternoon, June 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Manager Lisa Klem commented that fourteen bid packets were given out and seven bids were received. The lowest bid received was from Bruce George Paving and Excavating in the amount of \$86,075.72 with the highest bid received from Papillon-Moyer for the amount of \$157,996.00. **MOTION** - made by Mr. LaFond seconded by Ms. Franzosa to **award the Bid Proposal for the Kidder Township Municipal Parking Lot Improvement Project to Bruce George Paving and Excavating for the bid amount of \$86,075.72 contingent upon legal review of the proposal.** Motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bid Proposal for Emergency Services Strategic Planning Report from V.F.I.S. (Volunteer Fire Insurance Services).** Mr. Bradley commented that a proposal in the amount of \$7,500.00 for a strategic plan report from V.F.I.S. has recommended by the Kidder Township Fire Commission. V.F.I.S are recognized evaluators of emergency

services from which a report will provide valuable information to the Township that will help plan for the future of the emergency services departments in Kidder Township.

**MOTION** – made by Ms. Franzosa, seconded by Mr. LaFond to accept **the bid proposal in the amount of \$7,500.00 from V.F.I.S. for an Emergency Services Strategic Planning Report.** Motion carried 5-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**The resignation of Part-time Patrolman Philip Shedaker.** **MOTION** – made by Mr. Berger, seconded by Mr. LaFond to **accept the resignation of Part-time Patrolman Philip Shedaker.** Motion carried 5-0.

**The resignation of Kidder Township Planning Commission member Ellen Matt.** Mr. Bradley announced that if anyone is interested in becoming a member of Kidder Township Planning Commission to submit a letter of interest for the Supervisors to review. The person appointed to the vacant position will complete Ms. Matts' term which expires on December 31, 2017. **MOTION** – made by Mr. LaFond, seconded by Mr. Pieri to **accept the resignation Kidder Township Planning Commission member Ellen Matt, whose term expires December 31, 2017.** Motion carried 5-0.

**Mr. Bradley** announced that the Township has received the Annual 2015 Financial Statements for both the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. **MOTION** – made by Mr. LaFond, seconded by Mr. Berger to **place the Annual 2015 Financial Statements for both the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans on file.** Motion carried 5-0.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Police Chairman** – Mr. LaFond commented that all is running well.
- B. Roadmaster** – Mr. Berger commented that Mr. Lambert has begun to patch potholes in the Township and we will be purchasing a compactor to assist with packing down the blacktop. Also, some line painting was completed but is now on hold. We had borrowed a striper from Tobyhanna Township, while in use it broke and is in need of repairs. The Township is going to use liquid fuels funds to purchase its own machine to do the painting. Mr. Berger finished by adding that drainage ditch cleaning is on the agenda. It is very time consuming and would like to get as much of it completed as possible before winter.  
Ms. Franzosa added to the Roadmaster's report with comments at this time. She explained that there was a meeting with Penn-Dot and they stated that paving will be done on S. Lake Drive from Piggy's Restaurant to the gate at Split Rock starting on June 23, 2016 weather permitting. Additionally, Penn-Dot has offered input on storm drains. The Stormwater Committee is considering work on the erosion issues at the intersection of N. Lake Drive and S. Lake Drive. Ms. Franzosa also added that the committee is applying for the Dirt and Gravel Low Volume Roads Grant for the amount of \$43,000.00 for road work on Old Stage Road from S.R. 534 to the area of Mud Run as outlined in the Township Engineer's stormwater report.
- C. Solicitor – Absent.** The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- D. Manager** – Ms. Klem thanked the Board of Supervisors on awarding the bid for the Township Municipal Parking Lot Improvement Project and that it will alleviate some

parking issues when there are meetings being held at the township office. She announced that at April's Board of Supervisors Meeting there was a bid proposal for roof repairs on the Municipal building. At that time Mr. Bradley recommended this item to be removed from the agenda until other proposals could be received for the repairs. After the receipt of three telephone quotes, which all fell below the bidding requirements, Ms. Klem is comfortable having the repairs completed by D'Angola Construction in the amount of \$5,735.00. The report was in the Supervisor's file.

- E. Police** – Chief Kuzma commented that seatbelt enforcement was done from May 16, 2016 to June 5, 2016 for a total of forty-five hours. Ms. Franzosa commended Chief Kuzma on his work with the Drug Task Force and asked how it worked. He answered that the time that he puts into the Task force is in addition to his 40 hours of regular time. The Township is not left without coverage at any point when he is called away to work with the Task Force. The report was in the Supervisor's file.
- F. Planning Commission** – Meeting was held June 1, 2016. The report was in the Supervisor's file.
- G. Zoning Officer** – The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- H. Zoning Hearing Board** – Meeting was held June 6, 2016. The report was in the Supervisor's file.
- I. Sewage Enforcement Officer** - The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- J. Code Enforcement Officer** – The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- K. Environmental Advisory Council** – Meeting was held June 8, 2016. The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- L. Stormwater Committee** – Meeting was held June 8, 2016. The report was in the Supervisors' file.
- M. Safety Committee** – Meeting was held June 14, 2016. The report was in the Supervisor's file.

Mr. Bradley announced that we received reports from the Volunteer Fire Companies and the Rescue Squad.

**MOTION** – made by Mr. LaFond, seconded by Mr. Pieri **to place all reports on file.**  
Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at **7:27 P.M.**

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Suzanne Brooks, Township Secretary