

The Peach Bottom Township **Board of Supervisors** met on **October 7, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Building. Members present David E Gemmill (Chair), Michael Kahl (Vice-Chair) and Andrew Jarvis.

- **Motion** to accept the minutes as presented was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

New Business

Hardship Permit Request

William Starr – 136 Greenwich Road, Map 4 Parcel 589 - 2.83 acres

The request is to build a garage with 2nd floor living quarters for his mother and father in-law.

- **Motion** to approve the Hardship Permit. When the 2nd floor of the garage is no longer need for a family member due to a genuine medical hardship, it will discontinue being a Dwelling Unit was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Old Business

Southern York County Emergency Medical Services

Supervisor Gemmill stated that the letter, distributed through the Delta Ridge development was false. He explained how the need for another location was determined; the fire company was not part of the proposed move, residents will not lose their current 24 hour coverage and Fawn Grove would not be shorted as they have been. The proposed land for the location would be donated by Eric Gemmill.

Jeffrey Judka, representing the Delta Ridge Home Owners Associations questioned the location and stated “Let Fawn pay for more service.”

Laura Taylor, representing the SYCEMS explained that depending on the funding they would have to reduce 1 EMT position, but will not lose a paramedic

Mr. Judka reiterated that Delta Ridge does not want coverage reduced by a single minute or person. These new homes put money into the community. The current location is beneficial to the HOA. They were guaranteed and promised a certain level of service by Bob Ward Homes and realtors.

Supervisor Gemmill explained that Delta Ridge is only a part of the approximately 5,000 residents of the Township; the Supervisors have to be fair to all. If more users of the service would pay the bills, we would not be in this situation; the billing service only collects 38% to 43% of what is billed.

Kelly Ciampaglio, an owner in the Delta Ridge development asked if the Township could tax for emergency services like Delta Borough.

It was explained that real estate or emergency service taxes are based on millage, which would increase all property taxes and more so for properties assessed higher. Currently there is no legal way to just tax on improved properties or a certain amount per family.

Mr. Judka stated again, as representative of the Delta Ridge HOA, the community wants the service that they are accustomed to, expect and demand if it is not fair to Fawn Grove, they do not care.

Laura Taylor educated, this is an intergovernmental agreement; all 6 municipalities have to agree on the same rate.

Mike Smith, a Township property owner, asked what is being done to recoup the losses, he was informed that insurance companies such as Medicare/Medicade will only cover a certain amount, this is a nationwide problem. Mr. Smith inserted that instead of raising taxes, fix what we have.

Laura Taylor noted that SYCEMS has enough call volume for one 24/7 ambulance, but they have to cover 153 square miles.

Supervisor Gemmill stated that the municipalities are funding the ambulance service and should have more say, i.e. votes.

The attorney explained the agreement with 6 municipalities that funds the Southern York County Emergency Medical Service. This is a regional ambulance to make the service as fair and efficient as possible.

Laura Taylor informed that some days they are not fully staffed, that is when Fawn Grove is not staffed, but the ambulance is in Delta Borough.

Sammy McConnell, a township property owner, stated that what he is hearing is Delta Ridge wants preferential treatment because they feel they pay more taxes.

Supervisor Gemmill stated that 4 schools are in the Fawn Grove coverage area, over 2,000 children.

Once again, Mr. Judka was educated, Peach Bottom Township has children in those schools.

Sharon Kahl, a Township property owner, informed that this is for the entire Township not just the Delta Ridge HOA. This is funded by taxpayers, the money should be utilized efficiently and the Municipal Officials need to have more input into that process.

When questioned, Laura Taylor informed that if the Municipalities vote on the \$31.30 per capita, coverage will not change unless an alternate location is utilized.

The alternate location, Miller Road, is a central location. The original idea was the “old Miller Plumbing Garage”, but it was determined to not meet SYCEMS needs. The other possibility is farm land for a new building on the corner, currently owned by Eric Gemmill, which would be donated and rent free. Currently SYCEMS pays rent to 3 fire companies for use of their buildings.

Sammy McConnell suggested Delta Ridge have their own emergency service set-up if they want more coverage than the rest of the Township.

Supervisor Jarvis, for clarification, the SYCEMS board motioned to request \$31.30 per capita, with the possibility of 2 locations and a 3 years contract from the 6 Municipalities. Laura Taylor affirmed both Fawn and Delta Boroughs voted for \$37.00 since they felt SYCEMS needed the funding.

Sammy McConnell made an official objection, he does not want SYCEMS to be run by 19 people with 19 different interests and it should be run by the municipalities who answer to the tax payers.

Attorney Sharnetzka addressed the room, the letter that was passed around Delta Ridge was very incorrect and unfair to the Supervisors.

In preparing for a vote, Supervisor Kahl stated that this is not a Peach Bottom ambulance; it is a large regional ambulance.

- **Motion** to approve the \$31.30 per capita for the 3 year contract was made by Supervisor Kahl, **No second**

- **Motion** to approve the \$31.30 per capita that was presented by the SYCEMS Board for 1 year, allowing for investigating the feasibility of a 2nd location in the area of Miller Road was made by Supervisor Gemmill and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Delta Ridge – Speed Limit and Stop Intersection Ordinance

Ordinance 2020-03 Establishes a Maximum Speed Limit of 25 MPH on Delta Ridge, Misty Hill, Split Rock Drives and Shady Tree Court. The Ordinance also establishes stop intersections at Delta Ridge Drive at its intersections with Griffith Road and Split Rock Drive, at Split Rock

Drive at its intersection with Misty Hill Drive and at Misty Hill Drive at its intersection with Line Road.

- **Motion** to approve ordinance 2020-03 establishing speed limits and stop intersections in the Delta Ridge development was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Subdivision and Land Development Plans

Jarrettsville Truss Co. /Delta-Cardiff Volunteer Fire Co. – Map AP Parcel 7
Subdivision/Land Development Plan.

Revised plans were presented showing the Zoning Hearing Board decision with a request for conditional approval.

The development agreement has not been composed since the Township is not willing to become a party to the PennDOT HOP permit requiring pipe maintenance.

The applicants engineer will need to revise the plan for an alternative to the HOP requirement.

Stoltzfus, Benjamin – 680 & 642 Line Road

The owner is requesting a house number for the Green House on Map AP Parcel 1P.

The attorney has been communicating with the property owners to combine the properties per the subdivision by January 30th. He will then need to apply to the Zoning Hearing Board for the illegal commercial refrigeration business. When those things are corrected, they can get a house number.

Reports

Solicitor

- Exelon Road Agreement
Communication with Exelon's attorney concerning the proposed Boro/Exelon sewer project has been adjusted. Until that plan is finalized Exelon and the Township will work together with a modified agreement, requiring maintenance of Atom Road, fix/repair Burk, Flintville and Lay Roads.
- Ellis & Hodges - 239 Sycamore Trail, Map 1 Parcel 182 Violations under the Uniform Construction Code & Sewage Permit Ordinance – the property may have sold at Tax Sale.
- Mickeys Asphalt – judgement with the District Magistrate.
- Fisher - 55 Hemlock Hollow, Map 1 Parcel 754, compliance and Township costs paid.
- Wever – 439 Line Rd, Map AP Parcel 4 – Non-permitted shed addition, agreed to pay Township costs and apply for the permit.
- Thoeicht – 655 Falls Rd – Map 3 Parcel 319 – Holding Tank violation - Hearing has been continued, required to pay Township costs and pass a holding tank inspection.
- Issenock – 9 Quiet Stream Ln., Map 3 Parcel 79 – accumulation of Junk – Hearing has been continued for 60 days in order to complete clean-up.
- The attorney requested and Executive Session

Treasurer/Manager

- General Fund - \$1,598,597.51
- Liquid Fuels Fund - \$1,506.41
- Sewage Fund - \$22,192.11
- Recreation Fund - \$20,833.86

- **Motion** approving the payment of bills was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

The manager updated the Supervisors on her efforts to make combining properties, now requiring a reverse subdivision, as painless as possible.

MMO – Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2021 Pension

- **Motion** to sign the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the 2021 Pension Fund was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Gemmill, vote 3/0.
- **Motion** to exempt the 2020 Township Real Estate Taxes for Map AQ Parcel 6 owned by Old Line Museum, Inc. in the amount of \$27.07 was made by Supervisor Jarvis and 2nd by Supervisor Kahl, vote 3/0.

Budget Meeting Dates –

- **Motion** to hold the 2021 Budget Presentation Meeting will be held on November 4th starting at 6:30 p.m. and the 2021 Budget Adoption Meeting will be held on December 15th starting at 6:30 p.m. was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Supervisors

- Supervisor Jarvis informed that September was spent finishing the Hollow Road culvert and pipe replacement and all the clean-up involved. They are back to road bank mowing. The final cost for the Hollow Road Culvert emergency replacement with DEP changes, was approximately \$128,000.00, a little more than anticipated.
- Calpine has the Pikes Peak Road work scheduled which includes pipe cleaning, base repair and overlaying, per the original agreement.
- Mr. Jacoby, owner of 24 Gemmill Road has not complied with his driveway permit which is now expired, there has been no contact. Supervisor Jarvis will try and communicate.
- Stone Road needs a large patch repair and the entire road would benefit from an overlay. The spring road work was under contracted tonnage and winter maintenance was under budget, he is requesting approval to repair and improve Stone Road for approximately \$70,000.00 under the contracted asphalt and in place contracts.
 - **Motion** to move ahead with the repair and overlay of Stone Road was made by Supervisor Gemmill and 2nd by Supervisor Kahl, vote 3/0.
- **Motion** to adjourn the Supervisors Meeting to an Executive Session was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.
- **Motion** to close the Executive Session and reconvene the Supervisors Meeting was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0
- **Motion** to adjourn at 9:47 p.m. was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.