CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322 MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2001

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, at the Municipal Building, Route 715, Brodheadsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Mike Possinger, Dave Johnson and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Walter Hansen.

Public Comment.

Chuck Gould. There was an executive session at the end of the last meeting for personnel issues.

Jim Spinola. Do we have crime watch in the area? We have several areas with crime watch. Cathy told Jim that the Township sponsored a crime watch program several years ago in conjunction with Fern Ridge State Police. Jim also commented he put the proposed budget on the website and asked if we could budget some money for a Township newsletter.

<u>Dave Johnson</u>. Mr. Altemose has celebrated 100 yr. in business. He owns RW Altemose & Son Hardware Store. Dave thought it would be a nice gesture to honor him with a plaque. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to have a plaque made. (3-0)

Minutes. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to approve the Minutes of November 20th and November 27th meetings, as distributed. (3-0)

Correspondence.

Seminars. There are several seminars; they will get to the proper parties.

Commonwealth of PA. On Oct 25, 2001, Mr. John Mazur reviewed the Township Liquid Fuel Account, and found all to be in order. Chuck wanted to commend Cathy on a job well done.

Bills. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to pay the bills. (3-0)

Meeting Date. Since the budget needs to be open for public inspection for 20 days, the Board would like to change the meeting date from December 18th to December 20th so we can include discussion and approval of the budget. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to make this change. (3-0)

Old Business.

Orchard View Estates. This plan is tabled until December 20th.

<u>Posh Properties – Advanced Auto – update</u>. Jim Preston was present and went through the Zoning Officer's list of things to be completed.

- 1. Labor & Industry certificate has been issued.
- 2. Final plans have been signed and recorded.
- 3. Gravel in front of store has been removed.
- 4. Septic system reserve has been rectified.
- 5. Handicap signs are up and have been labeled.
- 6. Retaining wall issue of a railing at the loading dock Labor and Industry said the railing is not a requirement. The Board was in agreement.
- 7. Stop sign at the driveway is up.
- 8. Penn Dot approval for the driveway has been received.

Plans.

The First National Bank of Palmerton. Gilbert Branch (Preliminary Land Development Plan) Niclaus Eng. In for preliminary approval subject to compliance with East Penn's letter of Nov. 29th. This plan the property lines are to be erased for this new building on the final plan. They are requesting 2 waivers from SALDO: 1. The ordinance reads 1" = 50' or 1" = 100'. We are requesting to do the plan 1" = 40'. 2. We are requesting a waiver from the 50' buffer from wetland. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to grant the 2 waivers. (3-0) On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to approve and sign preliminary plans subject to compliance with the flood plain ordinance. (3-0)

<u>Pleasant Valley School District</u> (Preliminary Land Development Plan) Quad Three. In for preliminary approval subject to compliance with East Penn's letter of Nov 27th. This plan is for athletic fields along Rte 115 for grading and installation of 2 softball fields and 1 soccer field. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Mike it was voted to approve and sign the preliminary plan. (3-0)

Public Comment.

Al Bourke. CVS's pond in Brodheadsville is dry and there were some men working there, so I stopped and asked what they were doing and they told me they were injecting oxygen into the pond to make bacteria to eat the petroleum. Chuck said that at least they are taking the proper steps to remedy this situation.

Mabel Bonser. Told the Board the last person at the park at night should be responsible for locking the gate. The Board will look into it.

Robert Beers. Was questioning the Board on their opinion if a sub-division would be needed, as the property is split by a public road. The property owners want to sell this

parcel as a non-buildable lot; it does not perk at the present time. Atty. McDonald said to have this property has a separate identity a plan must be filed in the courthouse with a minor sub-division plan weather it is buildable or not. The Board suggested Mr. Beers come in with a minor sub-division plan for Mr. Leroy J. Mortimer.

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker, CGS

Recording Secretary