

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 20, 2001

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2001, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheadsville.

Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Mike Possinger, Dave Johnson and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Gary Nasca.

Public Comment.

Julia Cattania. Told the Board the Auditors would be starting the Audit the 2nd week of January.

Minutes. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2001 meeting as distributed. (3-0)

Correspondence. None.

Old Business.

Orchard View Estates. Mr. Parisi asked this to be tabled until the next meeting in January.

Meeting Changes. The reorganization meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, January 7, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. with the regular monthly meeting starting immediately following. The second meeting in January will be held on January 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Computer bids. There were 4 computer bids as follows:

Integra Computer	\$17599.00
John Dent Custom Fit	\$19663.00
Fellabaum Computer	\$13462.24
Riley Computer	\$18830.50

On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to table the award of bid until the bids are carefully compared. (3-0)

Budget. The 2002 budget has been prepared and open to the public for 20 days. Cathy asked the Board to make a change in the insurance figures as she had information that the rates would be higher than budgeted. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to approve the 2002 budget with the noted change. (3-0) Res. 01-16 was noted for this budget. Dave wanted to thank June for the recommended changes as per the audit. Dave also thanked Cathy for all the new accounts included in the budget in the past 2 years.

Executive Session. At 7:23 p.m. the Board took a break for an executive session on a personnel issue. At 7:40 p.m. the Board came back on the record from the executive session on a personnel issue. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Chuck it was voted to terminate Crisse Witte's employment. (3-0)

New Business.

Resolution 01-14. This resolution is for the 1st National Bank of Palmerton to allow Pat Meckes, Tax Collector to open her bank accounts. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to approve and sign this Resolution. (3-0)

Ordinance 2001-4. This ordinance is authorizing an increase in compensation for newly elected or appointed Supervisors. This raised the compensation rate to \$3250.00 per year. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to have Atty. McDonald prepare and advertise for signing on December 31, 2001 at 7:00 a.m. (3-0)

Ordinance 2001-5. This ordinance is authorizing the appointing of the elected Tax Collector as the delinquent Tax Collector for the tax year 2002. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike, it was voted to have Atty. McDonald prepare and advertise for signing on December 31, 2001 at 7:00 a.m. (3-0)

ESSA/FOP. Earlier this year there were talks between ESSA, FOP and representatives of the Township regarding a tract of land adjacent to the Brodheadsville ESSA totaling 7 acres. There was a proposal made by ESSA to authorize the FOP and the Township to purchase the land to be used for certain purposes, such as a police station or lodge hall to serve members. Subject to the due diligence the terms would be that the contract will expire on May 30, 2002. The total price would be \$175,000.00 divided between the FOP and Township. It must be put to the uses within 5 years, if not ESSA would have the right to purchase the property back. If either party chooses to change their plans, ESSA would have the right of 1st refusal. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to authorize the signing of the option contract on the 7.279 ac tract between ESSA and the FOP & Township. (3-0)

Roadmaster Equipment. The Roadmaster has been out to the Federal Surplus and he has an opportunity to purchase a crane. It would help us with the up coming bridgework that needs to be done. A new crane lists for \$121,000. resale value is \$46,000., we can pick this up for \$25,000. Walter Hanson asked if we have certified people to run this crane? Chuck said Joe Weston is certified in heavy equipment. Mike questioned if we really need this; he didn't feel we would use it very much. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Chuck it was voted to purchase this crane. (2-1) Mike was opposed.

Community Planning. The outcome of the Growing Greener audit recently conducted of the zoning ordinance and the SALDO ordinance is the first step in the process to the updates. The costs of the zoning amendment will not exceed \$3500.00, and this will prepare ordinance amendments for conservation subdivision. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Mike it was voted to approve this. (3-0)

HRG. Chris McDermott was present and spoke of the beginning phase of the traffic study. Hamilton Township was interested. I spoke with the MCPC to use their planning department to do a planning component and get planning services free of charge. I prepared a grant application and made a resolution to enter into agreement and allocate funding for CHT & Hamilton Township operating a inter-municipal cooperative project to prepare a comprehensive transportation study and land use analysis. This is part of the allocation resources of \$17,675.00. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Dave it was voted to approve and sign Resolution 01-15 for this purpose. (3-0)

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

Awards. In honor of RW Altemose Hardware celebrating their 100-yr. in business, a plaque was presented by the Board.

In honor of a **Volunteer of the Year Award**, Leigh Kane was presented with a plaque by the Board for all her tireless efforts she has given throughout the year.

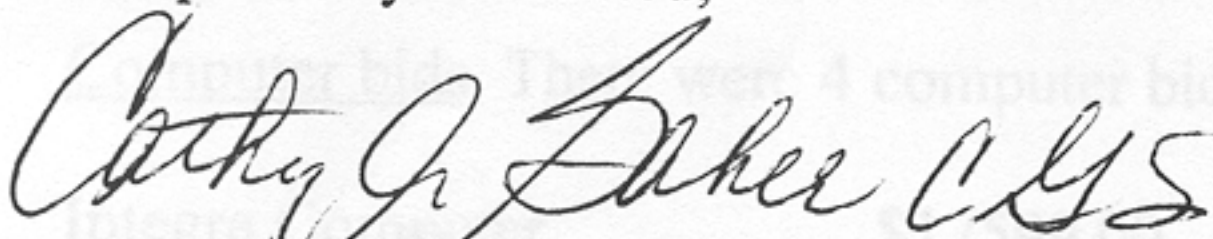
In honor the **Duckie of the Year Award**, Dave Johnson was presented with a plaque by the Board with a special thank you for his time as an appointed Supervisor.

A special celebration following adjournment occurred with cake & coffee.

Mrs. Tatu. Invited everyone to the Elected Official swearing in ceremony at the Courthouse on December 31, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. Room #1.

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Dave, seconded by Mike it was voted to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy A. Baker, CGS
Recording Secretary