

OHIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
May 2, 2011

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CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER – The regular monthly meeting of the Ohio Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Tom Beatty, on Monday, May 2, 2011 in the Nature Center at the Ohio Township Municipal Park, 325 Nicholson Road.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Beatty asked the secretary to note the presence of all three supervisors, Herb Hartle, Jim Reid and Tom Beatty.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mr. Beatty opened the hearing by asking the solicitor, Michael Witherel, to explain the rules of conduct for the public meeting. All those who signed in would be given a two-minute time slot for speaking (see attached sign-in sheet for those that attended and spoke). Mr. Frank Grzywinski, 104 Windgap Road, presented the Supervisors with a signed petition to place a moratorium on Marcellus Shale Drilling within the Township. This petition had 100 signatures (see attached petition).

In response to a request to recuse himself from voting, Mr. Beatty explained his interest in the newly formed GWE Resources, LLC. This is a company established to pursue business opportunities in the Marcellus Shale field. His position in this company would have no effect on his ability to vote on this matter.

The majority of those who spoke felt very strongly against allowing any drilling within the Township. They wanted the drillers to have to post higher road bonds to protect the roads (current State regulations only allow \$12,000). They urged the Township to use the Pittsburgh Ordinance that did not allow any type of drilling within the City. If you prohibit drilling everywhere, you could open the Township to litigation where the entire zoning ordinance could be challenged and thrown out. The Supervisors explained that you have to allow drilling somewhere within the Township and the new ordinance would only allow the drilling as a conditional use in the LI, OC and C2 zoning districts. The Supervisors stated there would be no drilling less than 1,500 feet from any protected structure and not within any residential district.

A question was raised as to how much revenue the Township stands to gain from drilling. The Township would receive no revenue from any drilling.

There were also requests to hold off the approval and put stricter regulations into the proposed ordinance. The Supervisors stated that we need to approve the ordinance now and can always amend the regulations in the future. Other requests made included having more information available to the public. The Township website currently lists all meeting schedules and meeting minutes. Additional information to be put on the website will include all Township adopted or proposed ordinances and resolutions.

After consideration, Mr. Hartle made a motion to approve Ordinance #298. Mr. Reid seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS – None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Beatty announced that the minutes were posted on the bulletin board. There being no corrections, Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid, to approve the minutes as posted. The motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Sullivan read the treasurer's report for the month of April. Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartle, to approve the treasurer's report as read. The motion was carried unanimously.

INVOICES DUE FOR PAYMENT - Mr. Sullivan read the total invoices due for payment are \$152,737.06 which covers checks #13791 to #13936 (PNC Bank), Check #1056 for the total of \$1,901.48 (DEA), and Check #106 for the total of \$3,674.95 (Police Grant).

POLICE SUMMARY – Chief Micklos read the police summary for the month of April as follows: The Ohio Township Police Department responded to 184 calls. 17 Alarms, 2 Ordinance Violations, 9 Disabled Vehicles, 7 Animal Complaints, 6 Traffic Accidents, 18 Medical Emergency/Assistance Calls, 43 Traffic Citations, 6 Suspicious Disturbances, 4 Road Department Call Outs, 7 Lockouts (Vehicle/Bldg), 3 Theft Reports, 3 Assist Other Agencies, 7 Traffic/Parking Problems, 4 Fire Calls and 48 Miscellaneous Calls.

FIRE REPORT - Chief Frazier submitted the emergency and fire report for the month of April as follows: The Ohio Township Fire Department responded to 15 calls. 7 Vehicle Crashes, 1 Fire Alarm, 4 Structure Fires, 1 Natural Gas Odor, 1 Transformer Fire and 1 Vehicle Fire.

PLANNING COMMISSION – The minutes of the April Planning Commission meeting are posted on the bulletin board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – With warmer weather approaching, PennDOT is urging motorcyclists to plan to enhance their driving skills through the 2011 Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program. The program offers courses for new and experienced riders at approximately 70 locations across the state. Courses are offered March through October.

New this year is a 3-wheeled Motorcycle Basic Rider Course, which will be offered in Butler, Lehigh and York Counties.

For more information and to enroll in a course, visit www.pamsp.com or call 1-800-845-9533, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 am and Noon.

MANAGER'S REPORT – None.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Mr. Reid reported the road crew continues general maintenance.

RECREATION REPORT - Park Rentals for the month of May – 4. Park Rentals for the month of June – 4. Preschool Arts and Crafts will be held on May 19th at 1:00 pm. Pre-School Story Time will be held on May 4th at 9:30 a.m. Health South Presents Dietary & Food Supplements – What to Watch for with Medications on May 10th at 1 pm. Kiddie Sports begins May 3rd with 12 children registered. Mother/Daughter Nails & Make-Up 4 Mothers Day will be held on May 7th at 10:00 am. Kids Only Yard Sale will be held on Saturday May 7th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Election Day Food Drive will be held on May 17th. Touch a Truck will be held on Saturday May 21st from 10:00 am to 2 pm. Summer Camps begin in June and continue through August.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Beatty stated we need a motion to approve Ordinance No. 298. This is an ordinance amending Chapter 132-56 of the Zoning Code of the Township by adding provisions for Oil and Gas Drilling Operations in certain zoning districts within the Township for adoption. **Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve Ordinance No. 298. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Beatty stated we need a motion to approve Ordinance No. 297. This is an ordinance extending the term of existence of OTSA through March 31, 2061. **Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve Ordinance No. 297. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Beatty stated we have the rock salt agreement with Morton Salt for approval. This is for the term of September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. **Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartle to approve the Rock Salt Agreement with Morton Salt. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Beatty stated we have the Lenzner Subdivision Plan for final approval. This is a re-subdivision and adjustment of the property line between Revised Parcel 1A-R and 1B-R. This area is 9.530 acres and is zoned C-1 located along Ridge Road. **Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve the Lenzner Subdivision Plan. The motion was carried unanimously.**

SOLICITORS REPORT – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartle to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be June 6, 2011.