MANAGER'S REPORT

11-1-17

1. We sent a letter to Sunoco outlining the township concerns regarding the approved grading permit. We have not received any response.
2. On Tuesday October 31, 2017, with the board's approval, we completed the purchase of approximately 14.7 Acres of Open Space at 69 Stoney Bank Road from Rosemarie Collins at a cost of $656,500.00. I am requesting that the board ratify the purchase in that amount as well as the closing costs associated with the purchase.
3. Delaware County has approved a grant to assist in the purchase of the property at 69 Stoney Bank Rd. in the amount of $65,000.00.We received the paperwork for the grant from Delaware County and it has been reviewed by the Township Solicitor. I am requesting that the Board approve the execution of the Open Space Acquisition Grant Agreement.
4. The Zoning Hearing Board heard the continuance of the appeal by the Andover HOA of Grading Permit #17005 issued by Thornbury Township on 10-16-17. The Zoning Hearing Board intends to issue their opinion on Monday November 6, 2017.
5. We have completed the preliminary budgets for 2018 and with the approval of the Board of Supervisors have advertised the budgets to be available for public inspection on November 2, 2017. The current proposed General fund budget for 2018 is balanced at an amount totaling $2,263,910.00 which represents a 2.3% increase.
6. The Halloween Parade and Fall Festival were held on Sunday, 10-22-17. The event was well attended and everyone had a great time.
7. Our Annual Senior Fall Luncheon was held on Thursday 10-26-17 at 12:00 PM. There were 18 attendees. After the luncheon we had a presentation from representatives of Delaware County District Attorney, Jack Whelan's office. Topics covered by Detective Ruggieri and Chelsey included credit card fraud and telephone scams as well as an introduction to services provided by the county District Attorney's office for senior citizens.
8. I will be attending a panel discussion at West Goshen regarding pipeline issues tomorrow 11-2-17 and also attended the county pipeline meeting on 10-24-17.
9. I've had preliminary discussions with Brandywine Veterinary Hospital staff regarding the renewal of our Stray Animal Contract. Our current agreement ends on December 31, 2017. I am seeking the board's approval to renegotiate the existing agreement. In my discussions thus far, I do not anticipate any changes to the existing arrangement. We have been very pleased with the services rendered.
10. We have received a request from the Tall Trees HOA to meet and discuss the management of open space to determine who is responsible for some trees that need to be addressed.
11. The winter township newsletter is being prepared for print. I would like to remind residents that we will advertise the second annual Mark Kelly "Volunteer of the Year" award. Nominations will be accepted at the township building and are due by December 31, 2107. The award will be presented at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.