

**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
January 15 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Castle Rock Township was convened at the Castle Rock Town Hall on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Russell Zellmer Chair, Arlyn Lamb Vice-Chair, Mike Rademacher, Gary Piphon, and Michael Kiefer Supervisors, Colette Mumm Treasurer and Maralee Rother Clerk. Others who attended were Bernie May, Mark Wagenknecht, Mark Henry, Mike Foertsch, Paul Irrthum, Norbert Kuhn, and Ron Wasmund.

Chair Russell Zellmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVED AGENDA

Arlyn Lamb made a motion and Gary Piphon seconded to approve the agenda with the following additions: Discussion of petition presented at last meeting. Motion carried 5 ayes.

APPROVED MINUTES

Mike Kiefer made a motion and Gary Piphon seconded to approve the December 20, 2007 special meeting minutes with an addition of Mike Kiefer wanted to note at the reconvened 12-20-07 meeting he voted nay because the board delayed the citizens' request at the 12-11-2007 meeting. Motion carried 5 ayes.

Mike Rademacher made a motion and Arlyn Lamb seconded to approve the minutes of the minutes of January 9, 2008 as read. Motion carried 5 ayes.

Gary Piphon made a motion and Mike Rademacher seconded to approve the minutes of December 11, 2007 with the change of the Treasurer's name in the report from Lamb to Mumm. Motion carried 5 ayes.

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Deanna Peterson was introduced by the interviewing committee as the choice for the Township's new office assistant. **Mike Rademacher made a motion and Arlyn Lamb seconded that the Board hire Deanna Peterson as the office assistant at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, with a six-month review and an annual review thereafter. Motion carried 4 ayes with Michael Kiefer voting nay.**

ELECTION JUDGES

Gary Piphon made a motion and Russell Zellmer seconded to approve the elections for the March election. The list of judges are as follows:

Motion carried 4 ayes with Arlyn Lamb abstaining.

VOTING MACHINE

Gary Pipho made a motion and Arlyn Lamb seconded that the Township use the accu-vote machine for the March election and all elections thereafter. Motion carried 5 ayes.

ELECTION TIME

Arlyn Lamb made a motion and Mike Rademacher seconded that the time of election on March 11, 2008 shall be 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. the same as last year. Motion carried 5 ayes.

NEWBURG LOT

Newburg Estates has a 20 acre parcel on 250th Street East and is inquiring if there is a building site on this parcel. The Board recommended that the owner should show proof of the time of the split and present it to the Planning Commission for review and a recommendation to the Board.

VARIANCE EXTENSION

Michael Kiefer made a motion and Mike Rademacher seconded that the variance Ken Schentzel Annette Avenue acquired on November 20, 2007 would be acceptable as long as there were no changes to the plans of the building. If the plan changes then a new variance would have to be obtained. The Clerk shall send him a letter regarding this matter. Motion carried 5 ayes.

NCRWMO

The NCRWMO (North Cannon River) watershed management plan was put on the agenda for the February meeting. The Board would like to have recommendations from Dean Johnson regarding the Cannon and Vermillion river plan.

RESIGNATION

Arlyn Lamb made a motion and Gary Pipho seconded that the Board accept the resignation of Orren Lucht from the Planning Commission. Motion carried 5 ayes. There will be a one-year term to be filled at the reorganization meeting in March.

THANK YOU

Arlyn Lamb made a motion and Gary Pipho seconded to write a thank you to Orren Lucht for his two years as a Planning Commissioner. Motion carried.

JOHN GAGE INQUIRY

Discussion was held regarding a property site at Blaine Avenue - -John Gage did not show up. **Gary Pipho made a motion and Michael Kiefer seconded that the Clerk send a letter to John Gage and cite the ordinances relating to the property that it is not a buildable lot. Motion carried 5 ayes.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Arlyn Lamb made a motion and Gary Pipho seconded to approve the Treasurer's as written Disbursement \$21,333.78; Receipts \$52,030.88 and Payroll \$4,159.59 Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Arlyn made a motion and Gary Piphio seconded to approve the claims 3585 to 5876.
Motion carried 5 ayes.

ROAD REPORT

Michael Kiefer made a motion and Mike Rademacher seconded that the Clerk send a letter to all land-owners and residents informing them of the right-of-way statutes and what will be happening this next year. The letter will also be put in the Castle Rock Chronicle.
Motion carried 5 ayes.

Gary Piphio made a motion and Arlyn Lamb seconded to direct the Clerk to send a letter to Joe Harris, County Commissioner and to Mark Krebsbach, County Engineer regarding the effort of the Township to reduce farming in the Township's right-of-way and would like their support. A copy of the letter sent to Township landowners and a copy of the minutes that state the Township's intent in this matter. Motion carried 5 ayes.

PETITION ISSUE

Discussion was held regarding the petition presented to the Board regarding the change of electing the clerk and it is the intent that the people want to have the choice to choose. The petition could not be acted upon because of the lateness of the presentation and it could not be published in time as required because the absolute deadline for publication is noon on Tuesday of the week of the paper is published which in this case was the day of the meeting that the petition was presented.

INSPECTRON CONTRACT

Discussion was held regarding the Inspectron contract. **Arlyn Lamb made a motion and Mike Rademacher seconded that steps be made to establish a committee to make up requirements and qualifications for an inspector and the criteria will be presented to Board at the February meeting. Motion carried 5 ayes.** Those to be on the committee will be Gary Piphio, Mike Kiefer, Paul Irrthum and one more Planning Commission member.

MINNCANN PIPELINE

Mike Foerstch presented the draft agreement for construction of the pipeline through Castle Rock Township. Mike Foerstch, Mark Henry, Arlyn Lamb and Michael Kiefer will be the committee to make up recommendations to the Board and present them at the next meeting.

COMP PLAN

The office staff will write up the corrections designated by the Planning Commission for the Comp Plan and will have them ready for the Commission to review at their regular meeting on January 28.

DISCUSSION

Discussion was held regarding the prices of advertising in the Farmington Independent as compared to the Cannon Beacon and the Clerk will check into other possibilities of advertisement such as the ThisWeek.

LETTER TO GEORGE KINNEY

Michael Kiefer made a motion and Gary Piphio seconded to resend the letter to George Kinney because the Township did not get a reply when the first letter was sent. Motion carried 5 ayes.

ADJOURN

Arlyn Lamb made a motion and Gary Piphio seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5 ayes.

Meeting adjourned 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Maralee Rother Clerk

Attest:

Russell Zellmer Chair