Development Authority

The Development Authority received an offer to purchase 1993 Hummel Avenue which was discussed at a Special Meeting held on April 25, 2016. The Development Authority then counter-offered, and the buyer counter-offered again. At the Development Authority’s regular meeting on May 16, 2016 the Development Authority then counter-offered again and on May 17th the buyer accepted the terms!

Now a 30 day due diligence period will begin. This time period is similar to “the home inspection” done when buy a residential property. After the due diligence the buyer will be permitted to negotiate for costs of repairs. The Development Authority has made the buyer aware that the building is for sale “As Is.”

One of the conditions of the sale of the building was that the Development Authority will finance the sale. The Development Authority has asked for financial information from the buyer to ensure that the buyer is credit worthy.

The Development Authority approved a proposal to lease to LifeSavers, Inc. for the old finance area and the back garage bay at 1993 Hummel Avenue. This area is currently occupied by Respect Ambulance. The lease for LifeSavers, Inc. will start on September 1, 2016. Respect Ambulance had given notice that they would be terminating their lease the end of August.

Facilities

The switch from Berkshire Security to Choice Security is complete at all Township owned buildings:

- Completed upgrade to fire system and access controls at MSC
- Completed new fire/security and access controls in ESB, access tied to MSC system
- Expanded the fire system at PW, more horn strobes throughout the building
- Added fire detection and notification to the security system at LACP in barn and maintenance garage
- Upgraded access controls at station 2, tied to MSC system

The entire process took approximately a month and half, and caused very little disruption to our service. Key staff has been trained on the new access and alarm system. Thus far, we are pleased with the change.

The Evidence Storage Building is substantially complete. This month the area next to Carlisle Rd. has been top soiled and seeded. Police are now using their section to process cars and impound large evidence. Paving 100% complete! Comcast installed phone lines to complete the fire security system so it is now activated.

Staff is working to finish walls (fiberglass paneling) and seal floor in the animal shelter,
finish top soil to the rear of the structure and seed, and to finish exterior lighting, minor plumbing and minor carpentry to be ready for final inspection.

- LED lighting was installed in the office at the public works building. These lights should use half the amount of energy as the previous bulbs leading to cost savings.

- Upcoming facility projects include installing magnetic time locks at Lower Allen Community Park and Cedar Spring Run Park, upgrading the HVAC software, installing solar bollard lights at Cedar Spring Run Park, replacing the lighting in the lunchroom at the Public Works building. June 3rd will be the sprinkler inspection and backflow testing date.

**Community and Human Resources**

- Human Resources continues to update the Personnel Manual.

- The Gardeners Gathering was held on April 30th at Lower Allen Community Park. The workshops in the morning had a slightly smaller turnout due to the cold weather, but many still attended the plant swap in the afternoon.

- The Employee Picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 15th.

- The Parks and Recreation Board will start its summer park tours on May 25th to visit Highland Estates, Highland Park, Allendale, Creekwood and Beacon Hill Park.

- On May 13th after 25 years with the Township Linda Hockenberry retired. Corisa Kidman was hired on May 3rd to replace Linda as the Complaint Coordinator.

- The Township is seeking a Police Captain. An advertisement was run in the Patriot News and it can be found on the Township website.