

Howe Township
October 1, 2015

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. on October 1, 2015. Present: Nancy Cangioli, Dale Beaver, Earl Solomon, Charles Burd, Joanne Johnston, Cody Lytle-HRG, Solicitor Dave Jones, Bob Hart, Luke Roman-Perry County Times and several residents.

Chairman Beaver called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. Burd/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the bills to be paid with a \$5,000 advance to the HTMA for the Norfolk Southern permit. Solomon/Burd. Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The minutes from the September 21, 2015 meeting have been received. The meeting with DEP has been postponed. This has slowed down the schedule for the sewer project but things are still on track. The \$5,000 advance should be paid back by the end of the year by the Penn Works grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Snyder residing at 347 Juniata Parkway addressed the Board regarding increasing his setback line by 5' into his property for his garage and increasing the size of the garage. His neighbor Greg Fisher wants to construct a new accessory building within 5' of Mr. Snyder's fence. Bob Hart will work with the 2 of them on the project.

ENGINEER

Cody Lytle presented the subdivision pump out station plans for the HTMA approved by the Planning Commission. Solicitor Jones pointed out the plans can't be approved by the Board until the HTMA owns the property they are proposing to subdivide. The plans are on hold for now.

The Gypsy Hollow general permit has been received and given to Road Master Solomon to proceed with the project. Road Master Solomon obtained 3 quotes for the retaining wall block with the required specifications of the height of the wall. BIU does not get involved in road projects they leave that up to the Road Master.

The fire hydrant at the State Police Barracks was discussed. The Secretary was requested to send a copy of the letter of credit to the Solicitor.

SOLICITOR

Dave asked the Board to submit their comments on the Mandatory Hook-Up ordinance.

The NBWA has done work at the reservoir. There is a problem with the caps, they are within 4" of the roadway and will cause a problem when plowing snow. They need to be shaved down. Earl has spoken to Gerry Robinson about the problem. Cody will look at the work. Solicitor Jones suggested if NBWA doesn't remedy the situation the township can.

ZONING OFFICER

Church Rd ROW-PPL- Bob is still working on. Stay Ready Inc. - it appears one of the properties is not on the tax map. He brought it to the County's attention. Solicitor Jones explained that in 2003 the 2 parcels were combined into 1 and it's possible the county combined them in their system but failed to show the same tax id number for both on the map. Being in the Conservation District they cannot operate a commercial business. Bob will send them a letter informing them they need to apply for a

change of use or variance. Bob and Solicitor Jones will work together on the letter. Solicitor Jones will plot the deeds. He also suggested talking to Mr. Lavery first to inform him of what the issues are. The pig farm on Acker Rd has lost their waste hauler. DEP has told them they can compost the waste on the property and then have it hauled away. This is part of Hershey AG. It's thought that they had to go through the Zoning Hearing Board about 20 years ago. Solicitor Jones suggested asking them for proof of what DEP has said and provides a copy of their manure management plan. The Secretary will locate the file and check with Enos Herr for records of the zoning hearing.

ROAD MASTER

We are set with salt. Gypsy Hollow work will be done next week. Earl and Brett Hart will attend the Penn Dot Winter Partnership meeting on October 22, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

The budget workshop meeting will be held October 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Burd and Solomon have met with Eric Nash of BIU on the building. He recommended the next step to be done is an apples to apples comparison of rehabbing to new construction by a certified contractor. The biggest issue for the current building is the ADA accessibility and the general condition of the building. A structural engineer needs to be consulted on the rehab possibility first. The matter was deferred to the budget meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes from the September 24, 2015 meeting have submitted. The next meeting is October 22, 2015

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Patricia Clark		Conditional Approval 9/1/15
Newport Real Estate Venture		Conditional Approval 9/1/15

Judy and Bob Hart were publicly thanked for the drapes and chairs they have donated to the township for the municipal building.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting Burd/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Cangiole