

Howe Township
November 5, 2015

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. on November 5, 2015. Present: Nancy Cangioli, Dale Beaver, Earl Solomon, Charles Burd, Joanne Johnston, Solicitor Dave Jones 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 bills as presented. Beaver/Burd. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented for October 1, 2015. Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made to approve the October 23, 2015 minutes as presented. Beaver/Burd. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daryl Beatty requested an update on the Stay Ready Inc. issue. Solicitor Jones stated he looked at the deed plots and the deed does match the tax records. The Secretary was asked to inquire of the Zoning Officer Bob Hart when he intends to release the violation letter to them. Mr. Beatty has been researching the Title 34 State Law regarding shooting ranges; he was advised to contact the State Police for enforcing. Joanne Johnston asked if more money is due to the Newport Fire Company. The amount that was paid is for 2015 fire protection.

SOLICITOR

The mandatory hook-up ordinance is on hold for the time being. Supervisor Solomon reported the SEO Bob Kratzer will begin work on the pump out ordinance in January 2016. Pictures of the repairs at the reservoir were given to Solicitor Jones and he was directed by the Board to contact Solicitor Adam Britcher for NBWA for a resolution to the problem. Advertising the notice to increase the LST tax will be done by Solicitor Jones as soon as possible. The Secretary will provide him with the original ordinance for the same. The Hershey AG files have been provided to him. He advised that a land development maybe needed and to check with Cody.

NEW BUSINESS

The budget for 2016 has been prepared and is balanced with General Fund revenues of \$115,030 and expenses of \$115,030. It is proposing an increase in the LST tax from \$20 to \$52 and the purpose is more revenue is needed to maintain the roads with the increase of development in the township. The Liquid Fuels projected revenues of \$24, 214.62 and expenses of \$24,214.62. A motion was made to tentatively adopt and advertise the General Fund and Liquid Fuels budget for 2016 as presented. Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Estimates for Municipal Building-Supervisors Solomon and Burd have met with Jason Lesh and Art Lindsay and a meeting is set for Saturday with Jim Fuller for information gathering.

New construction option/rehabbing the building-there may restrictions on accessing RT 34 and costly requirements from Penn Dot. There is a possibility of accessing the property from the private drive along side the property. Solicitor Jones was asked to check the deed. The other alternative of building an office where the shed is located was discussed; plans were drawn up when the shed was built.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Minutes from the October 16, 2015 meeting have been submitted. Frank was given permission to store filing cabinets in the building or in the shed.

ZONING OFFICER

Bob Hart was absent; he submitted his report that 3 permits were issued. Solicitor Jones recommended that before a zoning permit is issued Bob needs to check with the engineer before issuing in the event other requirements need to be fulfilled. The Secretary will relay this information to Bob.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

There was nothing to report.

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING ORDINANCE

Solicitor Jones has a copy of the draft from Jamie Keener of the zoning ordinance with the exception of the signage section and will review by the December meeting. Jamie has not been able to meet with Bob Hart about that section due to Bob's recent injury. The Secretary will check with Jamie on moving the next update meeting to December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Patricia Clark	8/13/15 PC review 8/27/15	Conditional Approval 9/1/15

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

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