

Howe Township
February 4, 2016

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. on February 4, 2016. Present: Nancy Cangioli, Dale Beaver, Earl Solomon, Charles Burd, Joanne Johnston, Engineer Cody Lytle and Jared Kroh-HRG, Solicitor Steve Hovis, Bob Hart 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. Solomon/Burd. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Jared Kroh presented an update on the new website. He has it 80% completed and reviewed it with the Board and Secretary. He asked for any suggestions the Board may have to incorporate into the site. He will email the link to the Secretary and Board. The meeting minutes will be posted starting with January 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joanne Johnston, Tax Collector mailed the tax bills out and asked if anyone didn't receive theirs to let her know.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Steve Hovis was in attendance for Dave Jones. He had nothing to report.

ENGINEER

Cody Lytle reported a request has been made to release the maintenance bond for Bretz Court. He and Supervisor Solomon will do a site inspection and will report at the next meeting. A letter was received from DEP regarding the Newport Medical Center sewage plan. Cody is doing record research at this point.

The structural condition assessment report done on January 19, 2016 by Providence Engineering was received on the current Municipal Building. They rated the building fair to poor but can be rehabilitated. The pros and cons of proceeding with the rehabilitation were discussed with the Township Engineer. A motion was made to continue with a feasible study with Noelker and Hall Associates with the modification of abandoning the renovation. Beaver/Burd. A roll vote was taken: Solomon-aye, Beaver-aye, Burd-aye. Motion carried unanimously. Cody will notify Rob Peterson. A motion was made to reduce HRG's contract for the sketch plan work for the proposed new construction to \$1,500. Beaver/Burd. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER

No permits were issued.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The January 18, 2016 minutes have been submitted.

ROAD MASTER

Chairman Beaver thanked Supervisor Solomon and Brett Hart for the work they did during the snow storm keeping the roads clear. Supervisor Burd thanked them also. The Secretary needs to submit a report to the County EMA by February 10, 2016 on the costs associated with the storm in hopes of receiving reimbursement from FEMA.

NEW BUSINESS

The Secretary reported the Auditors set the working Supervisor pay rate at \$16.00 per hour for 2016. The SEO Bob Kratzer has sent out the letters to the residents notifying them of the mandatory pump-out ordinance.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The next joint zoning ordinance meeting will be February 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The project is close to being completed.

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

Nancy Canquati