

Howe Township
April 2, 2015

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. on April 2, 2015. Present: Nancy Cangioli, Dale Beaver, Gary Kanaskie, Earl Solomon, Joanne Johnston, Nancy Beaver, Robert Hart, Frank Campbell, Bob Kratzer-SEO, Cody Lytle-HRG, Solicitor Dave Jones and several residents.

Chairman Beaver called the meeting to order. Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

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

A motion was made to approve the bills to be paid. Kanaskie/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made to authorize payment of any bills that are customary and that come due before the May 21, 2015 meeting upon the approval of one of the Supervisors. Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board reviewed the Dept. of Labor & Industries audit letter dated December 16, 2014 with Eric Nash of BIU. The Township has successfully completed the 5 year audit review status. Secretary Cangioli will notify DLI by letter that the audit was reviewed with Mr. Nash.

Stacey Nybeck and Phil Robbins with PCTA addressed the Board regarding the parking issues at their building. They have taken steps to remediate the water runoff and erosion. They will be applying for a grant from Penn Dot to redo the parking lot to come into compliance. The application is due April 15th. She expressed her gratitude for the willingness of the Township, the Engineer and Zoning Officer to work with them.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Bob Kratzer discussed and recommended some changes to the draft of the Pump out ordinance. Solicitor Jones will implement the changes into the document. The Juniata Sewage Committee is willing to administer the ordinance. They would like to hold a public meeting to explain the ordinance to the residents. They will do a notification mailing to everyone connected to sewer telling them about the program. The procedural process and fees were then discussed. Once the ordinance has passed there will be more definitive decisions to be made.

ENGINEER

Cody Lytle reported there has been no response regarding the fire hydrant placement at the State Police Barrack.

A motion was made to approve the reduction of the improvement guarantee for the First National Bank of Mifflintown from \$5,000 to zero bringing the project to a close per Cody Lytle's recommendation by letter dated March 23, 2015. Solomon/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the reduction of the improvement guarantee for Tractor Supply from \$143,781 to zero bringing the project to a close per Cody Lytle's recommendation by letter dated March 23, 2015. Kanaskie/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 15-03 extending the Inter-Municipal Agreement with Buffalo Township for the maintenance of a portion of Acker Rd and Hummingbird Lane until May 31, 2016. Beaver/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

Madcap Nightmares proposed Agritainment on the Schreiber property-Solicitor Jones reported there are some zoning issues they will have to address. The property is zoned Residential R1 and this will be a commercial venture. Bob Hart will put a letter together with Dave's input a response to let them know what his opinion is and then they have the opportunity to appeal that to the Zoning Hearing Board and request from them a variance. He provided literature from Penn State Extension explaining what agritainment is and the requirements for implementing the venture. This is a zoning issue. No land development plan is required as they are leasing the land. Bob's letter will outline the procedures they need to follow.

Eric Adamson introduced himself as a partner in Madcap Nightmares and briefly explained their plan.

The Secretary will invoice Hamm Equities for the RACP grant application fees incurred from Solicitor Jones and HRG to date.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The March 16, 2015 minutes have been received. Frank Campbell went over those minutes with the Board.

ZONING OFFICER

Bob Hart reported 1 permit was issued to the Brunner's. There has been great improvement with the Gothel and Friedrich properties that were in violation.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Supervisor Kanaskie reported he will be patching pot holes, cleaning culverts, shoulder work. Dave Little of Pave Masters has proposed a cost of \$6,150 for patching of the bigger pot holes. A motion was made to authorize Gary to arrange the pot hole /road repair to be done not to exceed \$10,300. Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously. The graffiti on some of the road signs needs to be cleaned.

The annex of the Municipal Building will be cleaned out within the next couple of weeks.

Gary has gotten a cost of approximately \$3,500 for heating/air conditioning for the building. There was no decision made at this time. There was discussion on the pros and cons. He is also concerned about having office space for the Municipal Authority for administrative business once they are up and running the sewer. This is something to be discussed in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

Website Maintenance-The Secretary has an appointment set up with Ken Snyder Consulting on April 3, 2015.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There is a Zoning meeting April 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Nancy Cangoli