

Howe Township
May 21, 2015

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. on May 21, 2015. Present: Nancy Cangioli, Dale Beaver, Gary Kanaskie, Earl Solomon, Joanne Johnston, Robert Hart, Charles Burd, Paul Rudy Jr., Luke Roman-Perry County Times 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Auditors Glenn and Grace Donahey presented the 2014 audit. Revenues exceeded expenses in the General Fund by \$33,844 and Liquid Fuels \$6,249. He also provided a short list of recommendations.

A motion was made to transfer \$2,000 from the General Fund to the Fire Tax Fund to help avoid account maintenance fees. Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made that the Board review the truck log every 6 months. Beaver/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Rudy Jr. made positive comments on how well the township is doing. He was updated on the progress of the Zoning Ordinance.

SOLICITOR

A draft of the Mandatory Hook-Up Ordinance will be presented at the June meeting. Supervisor Solomon reported Bob Kratzer-SEO was very pleased with the revisions to the Pump Out Ordinance.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Minutes have been submitted. Charles Burd updated the Board on the letter that was drafted and presented to the NBSA regarding the discharge of sewage into the river and the suggested alternatives that should be addressed in their corrective action plan signed by HTMA, Howe Board of Supervisors, Oliver Township Board of Supervisors. Jim Sharar indicated that there would not be a formal response.

A motion was made to advance \$4,100 to the authority to cover the cost of 3 property appraisals for the pumping station locations. Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER

Bob Hart reported 4 permits have been issued. He and Jamie Keener-HRG attended an Agritainment seminar. There are several legal questions that need to be discussed with Solicitor Jones. The PCTA is moving along with getting things corrected. Bob will be working with Solicitor Jones to compose the letter to Madcap Nightmares. There are small signs appearing again through out the township. Bob will take care of.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Supervisor Kanaskie reported the pothole repairs have been done with a \$500 discount off the bill from Pavemasters. He and Rich have been doing patching. The annex has been cleaned out. A 60' trailer housing Handwerk Site Contractors has been approved to be parked at the Municipal Building for the

park-n-ride expansion. Electric has been connected. They will be paying for the electricity. A certificate of insurance has been issued to the township.

Frank Campbell called Gary about the mowing of the berm on Bretz Ct. Earl and Frank staked the township right-of way. Gary will work the details out with Frank on the schedule of mowing; it will be done when the Municipal Building lot is mowed. The "U" Company will be mowing the township roads within the next week. A patch is lifting on Acker that was done by Pavemasters, they will be called. The berm on Mountain Rd by the reservoir continues to collapse. NBWA is to repair that section. Gary will take pictures and the issue will be turned over to Solicitor Jones.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Beaver gave a brief report on the PSATS convention. Several handouts were given to the Secretary to copy for the Board.

The 4 CD's at Orrstown Bank were discussed. Secretary Cangioli suggested since the bank no longer issues CDs to townships and they are earning very little interest that they be moved. She checked rates at the First National Bank of Mifflintown and will check other banks. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

Jamie Keener-HRG representing the township attended the County Comprehensive Plan public meeting on May 18th.

The spring clean up was a success. Joanne Johnston expressed her thanks for a job well done. She had many calls thanking the township for this service.

OLD BUSINESS

The Public Protection Classification survey has been completed by ISO. The rating is 04/4Y. This will allow some residents to get reduced rate on their fire insurance. The Secretary was asked to post it on the website.

The Secretary has begun posting minutes on the website. There is still more work to be done and she will make an appointment with SEDA-COG to obtain more training on structuring the website. HRG needs to update their link for the sewer project. Charles Burd will speak with HRG on posting the updates. The posting of the Municipal Authority minutes is crucial to keep the public aware of the sewer project.

The Secretary has checked with Captax regarding the LST tax figures that the Board had requested. There is no way of tracking how many residents or employers are paying or if they are paying at all. Captax cannot enforce the paying of the tax either. The tax rate will be discussed at the budget meeting.

A motion was made to purchase an indoor heating/air conditioning unit for the Municipal Building. Solomon/Kanaskie. There is no cost stipulation. 2 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.

A joint meeting with the Board and Municipal Authority will be set up to discuss their need for office space, shared cost and website on July 20th at 5:30.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There is a Zoning meeting on May 28, 2015 at 6:30. The March 26, 2015 minutes have been submitted by Jamie Keener.

Allowing residents to use the municipal building for yard sales will be put on the agenda. Supervisor Kanskie is having a history plaque made for the building at his own expense.

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

Nancy Cangioli