

Howe Township
July 7, 2016

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session following the public hearing of the proposed Zoning Ordinance at the Municipal Building on July 7, 2016. Present: Nancy Cangioli, Dale Beaver, Earl Solomon, Charles Burd, Joanne Johnston, Engineer Cody Lytle -HRG, Solicitor Peter Ruth, Bob Hart, Frank Campbell, and 45 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 of the June 2, 2016 Zoning Hearing and the regular business meeting as presented; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the bills to be paid; Beaver/Solomon. Repairs to the air conditioning in the tractor where not under warranty as Supervisor Solomon was told. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made to approve the launch of the new website but not before July 8, 2016 with the additional needed corrections; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Beaver has done extensive research on the building construction project and financing. No contracts were signed. He thanked the residents for their input. He went over the Engineers structural report of the current building with the results being fair to poor and the time frame of the work done by Noelker & Hull Architects and HRG. Solicitor Ruth stated that due diligence was done on trying to finance a new building and that the township could not handle the debt service. His recommendation is either to pursue other alternatives such as leasing a suitable space or possibly pursuing the sale lease back option with a contractor fronting the money upfront or table the project until there are any other means available. He does not think financially it is feasible to pursue and recommend tabling the project. A motion was made to table the building construction project indefinitely; Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to sell the one story brick structure located at 80 Red Hill Rd referred to as the old schoolhouse to any interested buyer or group of buyers for the sum of \$1.00 which is what Howe Township paid for it, with the following stipulations: that the buyer pays any and all fees, costs and taxes incurred in the sale; the buyer dismantle and remove from the premises the old schoolhouse minus any upgrades added by the HTBOS within a period of 180 days from the date of sale at the buyers expense; that the buyer restore and reassemble the old schoolhouse in it's current state or better on a lot of property situated in Howe Township, Perry County of not less than 1 acre in size; that the buyer open and operate the schoolhouse in the manner of a museum open to the public and accessible to everybody for historic value and enjoyment; the old schoolhouse be open within 2 years of the date of sale; the buyer post a good faith bond of \$50,000 to be kept in escrow by the Board of Supervisors until the 2nd anniversary of the opening of the old schoolhouse as a museum at which time the money should be refunded in full minus any interest or expenses incurred by the administration, if all the stipulations are set forth to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors. Burd. Motion was rescinded by Supervisor Burd. His comments were stated for the record only.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

SOLICITOR

A motion was made to authorize Peter to proceed with preparation and advertisement of the Mandatory Connection Ordinance for the August Board of Supervisors meeting; Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to authorize Peter to advertise the Comcast Franchise Agreement and Ordinance for adoption at the August meeting; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER

The Hershey AG plan was submitted today.

ZONING OFFICER

2 permits were issued; one to Russell Cellular for signs in the Giant Plaza, one to Solar City for a solar system at 296 Juniata Parkway E.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Minutes from the June 20th and June 30th meetings were submitted. July 19th is the date of the PennVest award. Easement Agreements will be sent by mail to residents within the next week or two from the authority to enter their property to install grinder pumps and/or to perform other work.

ROAD MASTER

The bids for the paving work for Acker Rd, Herr Ct and Hummingbird Lane were opened. The results were: Pavemasters \$42,372, ProLawn \$43,890, Jay Fulkroad and Son \$40,502.

A motion was made to accept Fulkroad's bid for \$40,502.; Solomon/Beaver. Motion carried unanimously. Donna Kansakie asked if this will cure the continuing problems with the road. No the road would need to be reconstructed. More repair work needs to be done on Gypsy Hollow Rd. Cody will reach out to DEP to see if it can fall within the previous general permit issued.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no meeting in June.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Ellen Campbell commented that a 2400 sq. ft building isn't needed and suggested reaching out to local people to help construct a building. How much money has been spent on research for the building project? The records were not available at this time.

Betty Reisinger asked if an office was suppose to be constructed where the township garage is and how much was spent on blueprints. There was only a sketch plan for the office no blueprints were prepared.

Nancy Kauffman suggested using a room at Pinnacle Health for meetings.

Jeff Rayson thanked the Board for tabling the building project. There is not enough communication to the people in the township. He notified 130 residents and presented the signatures to the Board to stop the building project.

Gilbert Little suggested putting a sign out in front of the building with meeting dates on it.

Terry Elliott suggested creating a database of email addresses to send out notifications etc.

Gordie Stephens thanked the Board for tabling the building project. He asked if actual bids were gotten for repairing the current building. The structural Engineer did not recommend it due to the costs.

Gary Kanaskie asked Frank Campbell what the cost of the infrastructure is for the sewer project. Frank responded approximately 8.5 million.

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