

Howe Township
March 2, 2017

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Pinnacle Health Community Room at 5:30 p.m. on March 2, 2017. Present: Nancy Cangioli, Dale Beaver, Earl Solomon, Charles Burd, SEO Bob Kratzer, Zoning Officer Bob Hart, Tax Collector Joanne Johnston, Christine Campbell, Tim Moench, Tricia Moench.

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. Chairman Beaver noted for the record the RACP Cooperation Agreement is not related to the Municipal Authority. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the bills to be paid; Burd/Solomon. A sub-motion was made to approve Chris Simpson's labor rate of \$18.50 per hour for his work and any future work; Beaver/Burd. Motions carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Pedrick addressed the Board regarding the speed limit of 55 mph on the Juniata Parkway as being excessive. His mailbox is on the opposite side of the road and it creates a hazardous situation. He was advised that this is a state road and to contact PennDot. The Board offered a letter of support to him if needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Littering Issue-Someone posted a no dumping sign at the corner of Acker Rd and Meadow Grove Rd. A motion was made to put official signage there and to approach PennDot about putting standard littering signs at the plaza and on Shortcut Rd East and West; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried. Chairman Beaver and Secretary Cangioli will work on the sign.

SEO Bob Kratzer reported on the activity of the OLDS ordinance enactment for the first year; the first around 62 mailings were sent, 30 people participated. Next month the remaining will be sent a 30 day notice to respond. There are 59 in the next pumping of District 2. He presented an invoice for the first around. An electronic version of the map showing the districts is needed; Bob will work on providing that. Regarding providing residents with some time of documentation of having the inspection and pumping done, the Board will have to put a procedure in place. Bob recommended having a signature block for the SEO's approval on subdivision plans due to the fact that surveyors are creating problems with lot additions especially not leaving enough soils for a backup system. Chairman Beaver will check with the Solicitor to see if the SADLO needs to be amended for that signature block. In the future Bob will work with the Planning Commission to catch these situations. A motion was made to approve the Juniata Sewage Committee invoice of \$2,005; Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Beaver will attend the HATS meeting on March 7th for the Regional Freight Plan discussion. A motion was made to pledge \$150 towards the 2017 spring cleanup electronics recycling program headed by the Perry County Conservation District; Beaver/Burd. This also includes the approval to send the check if the program is a go and is tentatively set for May 20th. Motion carried.

A motion was made to set the spring cleanup day of May 20th from 8:00 a.m. to noon or until the dumpsters are full; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve Chairman Beaver's attendance at the Dirt and Gravel program on June 7th and 8th in Selinsgrove and to pay any and all expenses incurred; Solomon/Burd. Motion carried.

Terry Heller submitted a letter expressing Hellers Hardware interest in renting the school house and parking lot at 80 Red Hill Rd, paying the electric and maintaining the ground maintenance for special events. He would also like to offer it to organizations for fund raising events. Zoning Officer Hart advised from a zoning point he didn't see a problem with that. Chairman Beaver advised Mr. Heller to speak with BIU regarding the change of use first. The Board then expressed an interest in selling the property. An appraisal would need to be done to determine the fair market value. A motion was made to put out an RFP to get an independent appraisal of the fair market value of the property; Beaver/Burd. Solicitor Jones will be asked for his advice on the process. Motion carried. The option to rent has not been ruled out.

A motion was made to renew the expiring CD on March 15, 2017 at the 1st National Bank of Mifflintown for \$48,419.58 into a 15 month CD at 1.10% at the 1st National Bank of Mifflintown; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

A motion was made to take the CD of \$100,492.60 and add \$50,000 from the checking account and put that in the new Municipal Easy Access CD at the 1st National Bank of Mifflintown at 1.00% for 11 months; Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried.

A motion was made to authorize the signers on the CD accounts, they are Chuck Burd, Nancy Cangoli and Dale Beaver; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Jones was not in attendance. Tim Moench presented changes to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Regional Emergency Management Agency for Solicitor Jones review. Nancy has sent the revisions to him by email and Chairman Beaver will follow up. Solicitor Jones is working with Kaye Goodman at HRG on the RACP Cooperation Agreement.

ENGINEER REPORT

The Pump Station plans have been signed and are ready to be recorded.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Minutes from the February 20th and the meeting with the NBMA on February 23, 2017 have been submitted.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

44 tons of salt will be ordered for 2017-2018 season. The "Trees Down List" will be 1st Dale, 2nd Chuck, and 3rd Earl for the 911 center. The auger motor was under warranty however salt got into it and Smith's Farm Equipment will not honor it. Chris Simpson will repair it at his labor rate of \$18.50 plus parts. There are dead trees that need to be taken down on Mountain Rd. A motion was made to authorize Earl to secure the services of someone to take down the dead trees on Mountain Rd and that the individual is insured not to exceed \$2,500; the motion was amended to Earl is to get 2 prices from vendors, they be insured and not to exceed \$2,500 and if it is more to consult with the Board; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

1 permit for demolition was issued to Mark Hoover. Regarding the non-traffic citations to be issued, the township needs to apply for an ORI number through the 911 center for the Zoning Officer. The number will stay with the township. The Secretary is working on this. Bob will go to the Plaza management firm to get the evergreens trimmed at McDonalds.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no meeting in February.

The Secretary announced she will be on vacation from March 15th to the 24th. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; Solomon/Burd. Motion carried.