

Howe Township
May 4, 2017

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Pinnacle Health Community Room at 5:30 p.m. on May 4, 2017. Present: Nancy Cangioli, Dale Beaver, Earl Solomon, Charles Burd, Zoning Officer Bob Hart, Engineer Alex Greenly, Nancy Beaver, Harry Focht, Clair Horting, Frank Campbell, Solicitor Dave Jones.

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.

A motion was made to approve the bills to be paid to include the budgeted allotment of \$7,500 to HTMA; Burd/Solomon. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Secretary Cangioli reported the .org URL has been purchased for 5 years and renewed the .com URL for 5 years. They would not accept the township debit card so she used her personal credit card and the reimbursement was included in the bills. She has forwarded the information on to Jared Kroh. She met with the appraiser George Clauser on May 2, 2017 at the old schoolhouse. The appraisal report should be in by the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Solomon submitted a letter of resignation from his position as Township Supervisor effective May 15, 2017. A motion was made to accept his resignation effective May 15, 2017 with regret; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Jones reported the RACP Cooperation Agreement is finalized. It was not supplied for this meeting for the Boards signatures. He advised the Board on the procedures on filling the vacancy created by Earl's resignation. He also reported the Newport Water Authority will be draining the reservoir on Mountain Rd due to the amount of repairs that would need to be done.

ENGINEER REPORT

Alex Greenly reported the Buffalo Crossing plan has been submitted for his review.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Minutes from the April 17, 2017 meeting have been submitted

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Road Master Beaver reported the Dirt and Gravel grant has been approved for \$3,500. The work won't be done until late summer. Tar and chipping estimates have been gotten from our PennDOT representative and will be advertised for letting at the June 1, 2017 meeting. There is a possibility that Buffalo Twp will be purchasing a tar buggy for around \$900 and their Board may be willing to split the cost with Howe Twp for that purchase. A motion was made that Howe Twp agrees to participate on a 50-50 basis on the purchase of a tar buggy with Buffalo Twp not to exceed \$1,000 if they are willing to do it; Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER

Bob Hart reported 1 permit was issued to Nancy Haines for solar panels. Verizon Wireless will be updating their antennas on the mountain from 12 to 6 and will be permitted. He inquired if the township is receiving a bi-annual antenna inspection report from them. Secretary Cangioli stated no. He will advise them to send a long a copy of that with the permit application. They are required by the FCC to have the inspection done bi-annually. Regarding signs, Solicitor Jones advised as Supervisor Dale can pick them up also.

PLANNING COMMISSION

They will meet on May 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and the change will be advertised.

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Date-Approve/Disapprove</u>
Buffalo Crossing	5/4/17	7/6/17

Supervisor Burd thanked Earl for his service to the township.

Harry Focht stated they are trying to restore the Freeland/Long cemetery. It has been vandalized and markers have been knocked down. They are in need of epoxy and pins to set the markers back up. He stated that is where William Howe is buried who the township was named after. Supervisor Burd offered to talk with the machine shops in the area to donate the pins. It was suggested to him that the boy scouts may be willing to take on the project and local businesses may be willing to donate supplies.

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