

Howe Township
September 21, 2017

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Pinnacle Health Community Room at 5:30 p.m. on September 21, 2017. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Secretary Nancy Cangioli, Solicitor Dave Jones, Engineer Alex Greenly, Zoning Officer Bob Hart, Frank Campbell-HTMA, and 2 citizens.

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 for August 1, 2017; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the bills to be paid; Donahey/Burd. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was offered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board will be posted on the website. The HTMA vacancy has been posted on the website and an ad was placed in the News Sun.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to hold 2 budget workshops in October for the 2018 budget; the first one on October 10, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the Pinnacle Health Community Room. The second budget meeting will be held October 19, 2017 at 5:30 pm. at the Pinnacle Health Community room; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

Chairman Beaver will attend the FEMA meeting September 25, 2017.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Jones provided an update on the Municipal Solid Waste Collection Ordinance. The Conservation District is requiring that a garbage collection ordinance be adopted stipulating the procedures that the township currently uses which is residents choose a garbage company of their choice. The ordinance needs to be adopted by 2020. An Outdoor Burning Ordinance is not required but is highly recommended.

The Solicitor's letter of Opinion for the RACP project was given to Engineer Alex Greenly to deliver to Kaye Goodman at HRG.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2017-05 regarding the RACP project and grant; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried. Engineer Alex Greenly will deliver to Kaye Goodman at HRG.

A motion was made to hold a public hearing to get public input on the proposed Nuisance Ordinance on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Pinnacle Health Community Room; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried. Solicitor Jones will advertise the same. Chairman Beaver will post it on the website.

ENGINEER REPORT

Alex Greenly had nothing new to report. He has heard nothing about the traffic study for Buffalo Crossing. Fire flow to the project is being discussed with the Newport Fire Company.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Minutes from the August 21st and September 18, 2017 meetings have been submitted. They are waiting on the NBMA actual figures before they can forward. There was a recent article in the News Sun regarding the Howe Township sewer project and Buffalo Crossing with many discrepancies. Solicitor Jones will write a letter to the editor addressing those discrepancies and will see if Oliver Township and NBMA wants to be included with the Howe Township Board of Supervisors in signing the letter. Frank Campbell provided the Board with a letter of interest for the vacant position from Nancy Haines. Charles Burd expressed his appreciation for Bill Turners work on the authority and that he will be missed.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Road Master Beaver reported that tar & chipping has been completed. The Dirt and Gravel grant application for Gypsy Hollow Rd has been approved and signed for \$8,084.74. The total cost of the project is \$11,184.74. 50 percent of the grant will be provided up front from the Conservation District. The project needs to be completed within 1 year of the award.

There is a dead ash tree on Gypsy Hollow that needs to be removed. The property owner Dave Delancey wants the wood. Boyer's Tree Service has quoted a price of \$300 and will leave the wood there. A motion was made to take up Boyer's Tree Service to remove that tree for \$300, they have provided a certificate of insurance; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried.

Supervisor Burd has investigated trail cameras, their costs and reported to the Board. He recommended a package deal of 3 to include card readers from Sportsmen's Guide. A motion was made to have himself purchase 3 trail cameras and a trail camera reader not to exceed \$350; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

Secretary Cangioli reported that Buffalo Township is offering \$3,000 for the 20' unused trailer. A motion was made to accept Buffalo Township's offer of \$3,000 for the 2009 Pequa trailer as is with no warranties implied or written; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

Road Master Beaver will attend the PennDot Winter Partnership meeting on October 17, 2017.

ZONING OFFICER

Bob Hart reported no permits were issued in August. He thanked Dave for his assistance on identifying the property across from the Giant where the church on Burd Rd wants to install a sign.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no meeting in August.

| <u>Plan</u> | <u>Submitted</u> | <u>Date-Approve/Disapprove</u> |
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| Buffalo Crossing | 5/4/17 | 8/6/17-extension to 11/2/17 |
| Newport Assembly Church of God | 6/5/17 | 9/7/17-conditional granted |

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

Nancy Cangioli
Secretary