

Howe Township  
January 4, 2018

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the UPMC Pinnacle Health Community Room at 5:30 p.m. on January 4, 2018. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary Nancy Cangioli, Frank Campbell-HTMA, Tax Collector Joanne Johnston, Zoning Officer Bob Hart and Luke Roman-Perry County Times 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 December 7, 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/OLD BUSINESS**

The vacancies on the Zoning Hearing Board and the Municipal Authority still need to be filled and are advertised on the website.

Penn Dot replied by letter dated December 14, 2017 that an engineering and traffic study on Juniata Parkway East was performed per the township's request and concluded that a speed limit reduction is not justified.

Appointing the SEO alternate was tabled until Secretary Cangioli can verify with Bob Kratzer who that person is.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made to accept the resignations of Eric Weller and Shayne Knouse from their positions as Auditors; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adopt and enact Resolution 18-04 opposing house bill 1620, entitled the "Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill"; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

Secretary Cangioli reminded the Board about the PSATS Convention in April 2018 and to let her know who will be attending.

Chairman Beaver and Frank Campbell gave a brief summary on the Keystone Opportunity Zone known as KOZ that is a program to stimulate economic development in areas that aren't being developed such as Howe Township. It would be bring tax incentives for developers and business owners and job opportunities for the public. The township, school district and the county would have to be willing to fore go taxes for a 10 year period.

A motion was made that the Board support participation in a potential KOZ in Howe Township understanding the tax implications and so forth that has been outlined; Beaver/Burd. The motion was modified that also authorizes Chairman Beaver to write a letter expressing interest and support of the KOZ on behalf of the township; Beaver/Burd. Modified motion carried.

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Solicitor Jones provided an update on the Fireworks Law. His firm is working on a model ordinance.

The bidding limits for 2018 are: up to \$10,900 no bids are needed. \$10,900 to \$20,100 requires phone quotes and over \$20,100 formal bid requests are needed.

### **ENGINEER REPORT**

There was nothing to report per Chairman Beaver.

### **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORT**

Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2017 have been submitted. Frank Campbell gave a brief summary.

### **ROAD MASTER REPORT**

Road Master Beaver reported that the tractor needs a new battery and will be purchased from Valley Ag & Turf.

### **ZONING OFFICER**

No permits were issued in December. There are 2 pending; Hamilton Health and Solar City. The District Justice was on vacation so there has been no movement on the 2 citations.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

There was no meeting in December.

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Date-Approve/Disapprove</u>
Buffalo Crossing	5/4/17	8/6/17-extension to 2/1/18
Newport Assembly Church of God (Waiting on financial guarantee)	6/5/17	9/7/17-conditional granted

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.; Donahey/Burd. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Cangioli  
Secretary