

Howe Township  
December 6, 2018

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the UPMC Pinnacle Health Community Room at 5:30 p.m. on December 6, 2018. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Solicitor Dave Jones, Frank Campbell, Jill Walter, Rich Pluta, Rich Brunner, Luke Roman-Perry County Times

Chairman Beaver called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed in honor of the passing of former President George H.W. Bush. Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the public hearing on November 1, regular business meeting on November 1 and the public hearing on November 15, 2018 as presented; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was offered.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

The live auction on the schoolhouse will conclude on December 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Newport Fire Company President Rich Brunner presented to the Board a written summary and explained the type of calls for 2017 and to October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 that the fire company has responded to. Most of the calls for the township are for vehicle accidents. There were 101 calls for trees down in 2017. In 2018 there have been 2. The county dispatch has been calling out the municipalities more for this issue. Their response time to the majority of incidents is 5 to 6 minutes. He talked about the challenges of finding funding and the shrinking of volunteers for volunteer fire companies. He intends to step down as President at the end of the year but will stay involved.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 18-07 fixing the Real Estate Tax at .2252 mills and the Fire Tax at .3778 mills for 2019; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried. There has been no property tax increase in 11 years.

A motion was made to formally adopt the 2019 budget for all funds; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

A motion was made to accept Joanne Johnston's letter of resignation from the Tax Collector position effective December 6, 2018; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried with regret.

A motion was made to appoint Jill Walter to the Tax Collector position effective December 6, 2018 and until the next municipal election; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried.

The organizational meeting will be held January 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. The regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on January 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The Board of Auditors will meet January 8, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. pending approval by UPMC Pinnacle Health. Secretary Cangioli will advertise all

2019 meeting dates and times for the Board of Supervisors, Auditors, Planning Commission and Howe Township Municipal Authority in one ad.

Chairman Beaver reported that Captax will increase their commission rate to 2% from 1.5% beginning in January 2019.

### **SOLICITOR JONES**

A motion was made to move forward with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Regional Emergency Management Agency; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried. Solicitor Jones will draft the ordinance.

A motion was made that the Board authorize the payment of all usual and customary December bills the week of January 1, 2019; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

Solicitor Jones reported that the Commonwealth Court has shot down portions of the Fireworks law. He will keep the Board informed of any other updates.

### **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

Minutes from the November 19, 2018 meeting have been received. Frank Campbell reported they are waiting to hear the results of the CDBG grant application.

A motion was made to appoint Charles Burd to a new 5 year term on the Howe Township Municipal Authority effective January 1, 2019; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried.

### **JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE**

Supervisor Burd reported there was a brief meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> with SEDA-COG for suggestions to obtain funding since the state has done away with their funding. The compliance certificates are ready to be mailed out.

### **ROAD MASTER**

Inventory will be done this week. Everything has been moved out of the schoolhouse and put in the shed. There are metal chairs, filing cabinets, pictures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, nothing valued over \$2,000. They will put on the website for sale to the highest bidder. Road Master Beaver will count how many rolls of snow fence there is and will be put out on auction on Municibid with pictures. Solicitor Jones will ask if there is interest from his other townships.

Buffalo Township will help with repairing the section of road with potholes on Mountain Rd caused by a natural spring.

### **ZONING OFFICER**

No permits were issued.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

There was no meeting in November. Chairman Beaver reported there will be a RACP exit conference on December 11, 2018 by teleconference. A motion was made on behalf of Hamm Equities to accept a 6 month extension for the Buffalo Crossing Commons Preliminary/Final subdivision plan.

Donahey/Burd. Motion carried.

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Date-Approve/Disapprove</u>
Buffalo Crossing Commons	5/4/17	Extension to December 2018

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Nancy Cangioli  
Secretary