

Howe Township
June 18, 2020

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session in a Zoom virtual meeting at 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2020. Participants: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Solicitor Dave Jones, Joe Burget-Burget and Associates.

Chairman Beaver called the meeting to order. Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for May 21, 2020 as presented; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was offered by email or phone.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Joe Burget from Burget and Associates presented the Steven and Denise Johnson subdivision plan. They are conveying a lot to their daughter and son in-law from their 37 acres. There will be a shared driveway access, a right of way maintenance agreement has been drafted and will be recorded with the plan. The Planning Commission has recommended approval. A motion was made to approve the Johnson subdivision plan as presented; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried.

A motion was made on behalf of Hamm Equities to accept a 60-day extension for Buffalo Crossing; Donahey/Burd. Motion carried.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic no meetings were held in March, April or May. A meeting was held June 11, 2020 to review the Steven and Denise Johnson subdivision plan.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

The vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board still needs to be filled and is posted on the website.

HRG, Inc has submitted the application for the Joint Permit Application for Small Projects to DEP for the Mountain Road culvert replacement. It will probably be a 93 day turn around due to Covid-19.

Saturday is spring cleanup day at the park-n-ride.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Hart agreed to the termination of his Contractors Agreement for zoning services.

PSATS will be holding a Regional Fall Forum on several dates. The Supervisors will let Nancy know if they can attend on what dates and she will register them.

HRG and the Central Keystone Council of Government (CKCOG) in Lewisburg have submitted proposals for zoning services, code enforcement and floodplain administration. HRG proposed \$114 to \$183 per hour. Solicitor Jones has reviewed the proposal from the CKCOG. Chairman Beaver has spoken to the Director of the CKCOG Rodney Neitz several times. The non-member rate would be \$85 per hour and the member rate would be \$65 per hour. The CKCOG would be the township Building Code Official then. Solicitor Jones advised that there would be no conflict with still being a member of the Perry County COG. He will put this writing.

A motion was made to accept the proposal dated June 5, 2020 from the Central Keystone Council of Governments for zoning services, code enforcement and floodplain administration, the approval to become a member of the CKCOG and the \$250 fee that's required to become a member; Beaver/Burd. The motion was amended to include the authorization of Chairman Beaver to set a meeting date with the CKCOG and advertise the meeting; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

Chairman Beaver reported constructing an office space in the township garage would not be feasible. Obtaining a modular to set at the garage was discussed. Due to the Covid-19 the financial future of the township is up in the air at this time and perhaps renting meeting space would be more feasible. Nancy will contact Collette at UPMC regarding the re-opening of the external meeting room. The July 16th meeting will be held via Zoom.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Draft minutes from the May 15th and June 15th meetings have been submitted.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Jones had left the meeting.

JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Supervisor Burd reported there was a meeting May 27th. SEO Bob Kratzer renewed his license for 2 years and will be retiring then. He is willing to train someone. Supervisor Burd contacted Ryan Newhart at the Newport School District and has not heard back yet but the JSC is willing to pay for all the training for someone to get their SEO license. Their next meeting will be August 6, 2020 at Jackson Township. Mr. Kratzer will be on vacation July 16th thru July 22nd.

ROAD MASTER

Chairman Beaver has taken over the position. Wayne Wilson will be having knee surgery on July 8th. Ed Wright has agreed to help out in emergency situations in Wayne's absence. Tree trimming and cleaning out culverts needs to be done. Chris Simpson has committed to helping replace the pipe on Acker Rd and with the spring cleanup. Additional roadcrew workers are needed and how to obtain them was discussed. Supervisor Burd suggested Carson Walker, he hasn't retired yet but he will see if he's interested. Rodney Myers will be called also.

A motion was made to increase the hourly rate for Wayne Wilson and Ed Wright only from \$18 to \$19 an hour effective immediately; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

A motion was made to increase the hourly rate for Nancy Cangioli from \$18 to \$19 an hour effective immediately; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

Chairman Beaver will notify Rodney Neitz at the CKCOG of the Board's decision to join and get several dates for a meeting with them.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary