

Howe Township
January 7, 2021

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session in a Zoom virtual meeting at 5:05 p.m. on January 7, 2021. Participants: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Luke Roman-Perry County Times, Solicitor Dave Jones.

Chairman Beaver called the meeting to order with a virtual Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for December 3, 2020 as presented; Donahey/Burd.
Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented; Burd/Donahey.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no emails or phone calls from the public.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

The vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board still needs to be filled and is posted on the website.
The plan for office space is on hold indefinitely due to Covid-19.

NEW BUSINESS

Penn Dot sent notification that they will be placing traffic counters to collect data to conduct a safety study on various roads in the township January thru April 2021. Chairman Beaver has posted the notice on the website.

Chairman Beaver and Supervisor Donahey need to confirm their registration to attend the PSATS conference April 18th thru the 21st, 2021.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Draft meeting minutes have been submitted for the December 21, 2020 meeting and are posted on the website. Supervisor Burd commented that Sippel Construction is 98% done with project. The focus is now on the electrical supply by PPL to the 3 pump stations. He also thanked Theresa Moyer for stepping up the plate to serve on the Municipal Authority.

SOLICITOR

Work needs to resume on the sign provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. CK COG has sent work product to review. Adam Davis is to submit plans for Buffalo Crossing to HRG for their review to determine if the Howe Township Planning Commission needs to review them again.

JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Burd stated their next meeting in February 24th.

ZONING

A permit was issued to UPMC Heart and Vascular for 4 signs.

ROAD MASTER

The truck is having issues with the spreader working intermittently. Levan Truck and Body who did the customization on the Ram 5500 chassis recommended replacing the existing rebuilt motors on the

auger and spreader with new ones. AJ's Truck and Trailer are working on obtaining the new ones and once they have, the truck will be taken to AJ's for replacement. The shop inventory is to be done soon. The township is in need of another laborer to help Wayne Wilson. Help wanted ads have been placed previously with no response. Theresa Moyer stated her husband Larry may be interested since he took early retirement. Road Master Beaver gave her a brief description of what the job would entail. The Board approved Road Master Beaver to interview Larry to see if he would be a fit for the township.

There is no back up snow removal equipment in the event there is a problem with the truck which there was during the storm on December 16th. Chairman Beaver has obtained an itemized quote from Messick's Equipment for an 8' snow plow attachment and a ½ yard capacity rear spreader for the tractor for \$18,616.80 for the total package. Luke Roman commented that Wheatfield Township uses a tractor for snow removal. A motion was made to consider the purchase of the 8' snow plow and spreader for the tractor from Messick's Equipment as per the proposal that has been shared with the Board; Beaver/Burd for discussion purposes. Supervisor Donahey stated this expense was not budgeted for. Treasurer Cangioli commented she is comfortable with the General Fund cash flow and we are in the position to do this. The purchase would be thru a Co-Stars contract. Solicitor Jones advised that it is the duty of the Board to keep the roads safe and passable.

A motion was made to rescind the motion that was made on October 27, 2020 to set up the Howe Township building fund with the HTMA loan payments; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried. The HTMA repayment monies that are scheduled to be received will go into the General Fund for normal operations.

A motion was made to proceed with the purchase of the snow plowing equipment for the tractor as per Messick's quote dated December 19, 2020 for \$18,616.80; Beaver/Burd. A roll call vote was taken by Secretary Cangioli: Beaver-yes, Donahey-yes, Burd-yes. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no plans to review.

<u>PLAN</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>
Buffalo Crossing	5/4/17	Extension to Feb 2021

OPEN FORUM

Theresa Moyer stated she spoke to her husband Larry and he is interested in the laborer position. Chairman Beaver will be in contact with Theresa to set up a time to meet him.

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary