

Howe Township
December 3, 2020

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session in a Zoom virtual meeting at 5:00 p.m. on December 3, 2020. Participants: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Luke Roman-Perry County Times

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 November 5, 2020 as presented; Burd/Donahey Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented; Donahey/Burd. The recap on the CARES Act Grant expenditures was submitted to the Perry County Commissioners on November 17th. 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. DEP has given final approval of the application for the Mountain Road joint permit for small projects. The plan for office space is on hold indefinitely due to Covid-19.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 20-09 establishing the 2021 Real Estate and Fire Tax rates; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried. There is no tax increase.

A motion was made to adopt the 2021 budget which was properly advertised for the General Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund; Donahey/Burd. The budget for the General Fund is balanced with revenues estimated at \$153,244 and expenditures of \$153,244. State funding for the Liquid Fuels fund has been cut by about 10% for 2021 by Penn Dot. Motion carried.

A motion was made to continue holding virtual Zoom Board meetings until March 2021; Donahey/Burd. Motion carried. Secretary Cangioli will advertise these meetings and will advertise the Board meetings after February month by month.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Draft minutes for the November 16, 2020 meeting have been submitted. Supervisor Burd reported the roadwork has been done and now the electrical work at the pump stations will begin after obtaining a work order from PPL. Hook ups could begin in February. Chairman Beaver visited the Newport Sewage Plant and met with Chris Burkholder who is the operator. It is very well taken care of and he was very impressed with the operations.

SOLICITOR

There was nothing new to report per Chairman Beaver. The Buffalo Crossing plan is being reviewed by HRG to determine if it needs to go before the Planning Commission before being presented to the Board for approval.

ZONING

McDonald’s Drive thru configuration has been denied. Bohler Engineering has not applied for a variance.

Newport Assembly of God/Life Center’s request for modular classrooms has had no movement according to the CKCOG. Chairman Beaver reported a draft document for the revisions of the sign requirements in the Zoning Ordinance has been received from CKCOG, he has sent it to Solicitor Jones for review.

ROAD MASTER

Truck batteries were purchased from Kauffman’s. A battery charger was purchased which was badly needed. The delineators were sent by UPS from Main Stream Industries and installed where needed. Dale and Wayne will update the annual inventory of the garage. The plan for snow plowing is Wayne will handle the plowing and cindering, in the event of a blizzard support will be requested from Buffalo Township.

PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made on behalf of Hamm Equities to grant a time extension of 60 days for Buffalo Crossing; Donahey/Burd. Motion carried. There was no other business to conduct.

<u>PLAN</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>
Buffalo Crossing	5/4/17	Extension to Dec, 2020

Chairman Beaver reported there is a Captax meeting on December 9th.

Secretary Cangioli reported that Stock and Leader is requesting that the Board recommend 3 places they would like their yearly donation from them to be sent. 1st is the Newport Library, 2nd Newport Fire Company, 3rd the Newport Ambulance League. Nancy will respond for the Board with these decisions to Stock and Leader.

OPEN FORUM

Luke Roman had questions regarding the Liquid Fuels funding from Penn Dot and the 2021 budget. He also requested a copy of the revised sign requirements. Since it is a draft the request was denied.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary