

Howe Township
March 3, 2022

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Hope Eternal Church at 2 Burd Rd, Newport at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2022. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Engineer Mike Hess, Solicitor Dave Jones, Nancy Beaver, Perry County Commissioners Brenda Watson and Gary Eby, Frank Campbell, Brenda Benner, Steve and Amy Smith, Joe Burget Jr., Luke Roman-Perry County Times.

Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the regular business meeting minutes for February 3, 2022 as presented; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

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

GOOD AND WELFARE

Brenda Benner representing the Perry County Ad Hoc Committee made a presentation to the Board to inquire if there might be an interest in allowing a senior affordable housing development in the township. The project is in the exploratory stage. The property that is being considered is behind the Giant Store on 3 ½ to 4 acres and is within walking distance of shopping and the health center. The housing would be for people 62+ and would be rental units. There would be between 25 and 40 units and connected to the sewer. This would be a private/public partnership and grant monies to build the project would be sought by the developers. The Board gave a positive response to the project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board-Steve Smith submitted a letter of interest by email dated February 20, 2022 for the position. A motion was made to appoint Steve Smith to the vacant position on the Zoning Hearing Board for the remainder of the open term of the previous member; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

Chairman Beaver and Secretary Cangioli have been working with the U.S. Treasury and PSATS to resolve the issues in creating the township account for the reporting of ARPA funds. The report is due April 30, 2022.

There's been no word on the application Chairman Beaver submitted to the Perry County Commissioners requesting ARPA funds.

NEW BUSINESS

The Central Keystone COG requested again by letter a contribution of 2.5% of our ARPA funds for losses they incurred due to a lack of inspections and building activity due the COVID 19 pandemic. For discussion purposes a motion was made that we consider contributing an amount yet to be determined of our ARPA funds as requested by the Central Keystone COG by letter dated February 2, 2022; Beaver/Donahey. A motion was made in response to the Central Keystone Council of Governments letter dated February 4, 2022 that the Board contribute a flat amount of \$500 in response to the request with the caveat that no funds for that purpose will come out of the second tranche; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REPORT

Draft meeting minutes have been submitted for February 21, 2022. The Board reviewed the HTMA connection/extension status report as of February 28th from Theresa Moyer. Supervisor Burd gave an update that 50% residential is connected if measured by EDUs. There is a total of 151 EDUs eligible for billing and 82 left to be connected, 22 commercial and 60 residential.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Attorney Charles Courtney accepted the changes made so far by Solicitor Jones for the Buffalo Crossing's Transportation Improvements Agreement. Some additional language maybe added regarding traffic warrants and cost sharing. It's in the hands of Attorney Courtney and Carl Davis at this point. A motion was made to authorize Chairman Beaver to execute the Transportation Improvements Agreement for Buffalo Crossing if it satisfies Mike Hess's distinction between full build out and open for business and satisfies all conditions of Solicitor Jones for cost sharing for traffic control/red lights; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

Newport Borough Water Authority has finally submitted an inspection report on the 9 hydrants in the township that is being paid for by the township. Solicitor Jones will draft a Fire Hydrant Agreement to present to them with the hope of receiving timely inspection reports.

JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Burd reported a meeting was held February 23, 2022 and they adopted the \$1,000 annual fee to be a member of the committee. Every township that's a member will be charged that for now to help with the cost of malfunctions and violation inspections that occur. A motion was made for a \$1,000 check to be sent to the Juniata Sewage Committee for calendar year 2022; Burd/Beaver. Motion carried. The inspection fees done by JSC for residential hookups to the sewer system will be in 1 bill to the Board of Supervisors to pay with ARPA funds.

ZONING REPORT

No permits were issued per the CK COG for February. Nancy was asked to find out from them how much time was spent on the conditional zoning conversion with the land owner for the senior housing.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Joe Burget Jr. from Burget & Associates presented the Shawn and Amy Lesh subdivision plan to the Board. Engineer Mike Hess went over the 2 waivers and items to be completed. A motion was made to grant conditional approval based on the fulfillment of staff and Engineering comments and to show proof of sewer connection and to grant waivers for the submission of preliminary plan and the drawing scale requirement of 1" to 400'; Donahey/Beaver. Motion carried.

ROAD MASTER

Road Master Beaver provided an update on equipment breakdowns and unplanned expenses. A video conference was held with Pennsy Supply for the milling and the resurfacing of RT 22/322 in Howe, Buffalo and Watts Townships starting in March thru September. Larry Moyer and Ron Crockett successfully completed the Flagger training held at PSATS on February 24th and are certified.

OPEN FORUM

PSATS will be holding a Parade of Flags at their convention in April. A motion was made to authorize Chairman Beaver to spend up to \$250 for a Howe Township flag and pole for the Parade of Flags at the PSATS conference and to be flown proudly where meetings are held; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

Juanita Zeigler spoke about the trees that are on the utility lines on the Juniata Parkway. It's a state road and PPL or Century Link is responsible to take care of them. She was advised to call Penn Dot in New Bloomfield to report the problems.

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary