

Howe Township
July 7, 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, July 7, 2022. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangiole, Luke Roman-Perry County Times and 6 residents

Secretary Cangiole called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the regular business meeting minutes for June 2, 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. Payment was received from Integrated Risk Management (PIRMA) for the damage to the guiderail on Acker Rd.

The public hearing on the Zoning Amendment Ordinance to Table 3 "District Uses" of Section 305 to permit multi-family (apartment) as a use by right in the R-3 Commercial Zoning District was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Chairman Beaver for public comments. There were no written requests for input. There were no questions or comments from the public. Supervisor Donahey reported that the Howe Township Planning Commission voted down the amendment that would add the use of multi-family units in the commercial zone. They are concerned that by opening the commercial properties in the township that the Board is opening up the prospect of someone else coming in and doing a multi-family unit, plus the possibility that someone could come into Buffalo Crossing doing a multi-family unit. She read the Perry County Planning Commission's recommendation that they support the Board of Supervisors enactment of the proposed ordinance allowing apartments to be considered permitted uses in the Commercial District if the board feels that apartment developments will not consume the intended allotment of commercial district space. With no other comments the hearing was closed at 5:22 p.m. by Chairman Beaver.

A motion was made to adopt and enacted Ordinance 22-01, An ordinance of Howe Township amending Table 3- "District Uses" of Section 305 of Howe Township Zoning Ordinance to permit multi-family (apartment) as a use by right in the Commercial Zoning District; Beaver/Burd. A roll vote was taken: Donahey-no Beaver-yes, Burd-yes. Motion carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE

None was offered

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The application for APRA funds to the Perry County Commissioners is still pending.

NEW BUSINESS

The Perry County Association of Township Officials convention will be held September 10, 2022. Chairman Beaver confirmed he will be attending.

The 2021 audit was reviewed. There was a surplus. There were no questions on it.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Draft minutes from June 20, 2022 have been submitted. Supervisor Burd reviewed the sewer connection status report provided by Theresa Moyer. 86% of the properties are connected. There are 4 businesses and 15 residents to connect yet. Donna Sisson had several questions about the report. She went on to report the problems and issues she is having with her sewer connection on Cramer Court. Solicitor Jones explained the steps the engineer and contractor for the Authority is taking to diagnose and remedy the problems.

SOLICITOR REPORT

The final draft of the Transportation Improvements Agreement with Buffalo Crossing has been signed by all parties. A job description and employee handbook project will be worked on with Sarah at Stock and Leader.

JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Burd reported there was a meeting on June 22, 2022. Bob Kratzer has been recertified for 2 more years to train his replacement.

ZONING REPORT

Permits issued in May were to Giant Foods for a sign. June-Jim Book for a deck, Gary Jenny for solar panels and Clint McKinley for a deck.

Jim Emery from CK COG who investigated a violation of the Nuisance Ordinance at 360 Juniata Parkway East on May 26, 2022 will issue a citation if there is no improvement on his next visit to the property.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There was a meeting on June 27, 2022 to review the Zoning Amendment Ordinance. Chairman Beaver met with Jason Finnerty on June 27th from the Perry County Planning Commission to follow up on potential projects for the update of the Comprehensive Plan.

ROAD MASTER

Cold patching has been completed, 1 additional load of EZ Street was purchased from Buffalo Township. Seal coating was completed on June 27th by Russell Standard on Church, Mountain and Acker roads. The guiderail repair on Acker was completed by Chemung Supply. Line painting will be scheduled with the Alpha Space Control Company. School bus signs were installed on Acker Rd near the pig farm.

Chairman Beaver called an executive session at 6:14 p.m. for personnel matters. The business meeting was reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Luke Roman had several questions about the zoning amendment.

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary