

Howe Township
September 1, 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, September 1, 2022. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Nancy Beaver, Steve and Amy Smith, Sergeant Derek Johnson from PSP, 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 August 4, 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

Sergeant Derek Johnson, Patrol Section Supervisor for the Pennsylvania State Police, Newport Barracks gave an update on the traffic and criminal activities and to answer any questions the board may have. Speeding on the roads continues to be a problem.

Steve Smith at 45 W. Shortcut Road inquired what zoning district his property is in. His tax bill states residential. It was confirmed by Chairman Beaver that it is zoned Commercial.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Budget workshops for 2023 will be held October 11, October 18, and October 20, 2022 all at 1:00 p.m. at the township office. Nancy will advertise the dates.

A motion was made to approve the Howe Township Employee Handbook and Job Descriptions effective October 1, 2022; Donahey/Burd. Motion carried. There will be an employee meeting with Chairman Beaver on September 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the township office to review these materials with the employees.

The November 3, 2022 business meeting time has been changed from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Nancy will advertise the change.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Draft minutes from August 15, 2022 have been submitted. Supervisor Burd reviewed the sewer connection status report provided by Theresa Moyer for August. There are odor issues that are being addressed. A letter has been sent out to the approximately 14 residents that hookup needs to be done within 60 days.

SOLICITOR REPORT

The Zoning Ordinance Sign Provision update is pending. A compilation of prior work efforts needs to be done before proceeding.

JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Burd reported on the August 24th meeting. Bob Kratzer will be staying on for another 2 years. He offered an apology to the board for the miscommunication about the residential inspection fees charged by the Juniata Sewage Committee. The HTMA bylaws state that 2 inspections must be done at a

fee of \$50 each. If the 2nd inspection fails then there is an additional fee of \$50 for a third inspection. JSC billed all 45 inspections that were done at \$150 for a total of \$6,750. Supervisor Burd contacted Bob who will discuss the issue with their Secretary Donna Woods and Inspector Herbie Stoner. A motion was made to hold payment on the invoices from JSC dated 7/31/22 that are the maximum amounts for the inspections for the residents while the detail is being reviewed by the JSC for a better documented approach but not to exceed \$6,750; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT

The CK COG issued permits to Charles Zerbe for roof mounted solar panels and to Millennium for a new business and signs. The Board approved the Secretary issuing Demolition Permits for non-occupied structures. The CK COG will issue them if the structure is occupied. Chairman Beaver will update the website to explain the difference and the fees to be charged. Demolition of a mobile home is permitted through the Tax Collector.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no meeting in August. Jason Finnerty prepared detailed information on each township project to be included in the comprehensive plan for Howe Township. The Board reviewed the information and there is 1 that needs corrected. Nancy will contact Jason with that information.

ROAD MASTER

Alpha Space Control did not finish or do a satisfactory job with the line painting. Their invoice will not be paid until Chairman Beaver talks with them. A risk control inspection at the garage was done by H.A. Thomson on August 30, 2022 and was passed with flying colors.

OPEN FORUM

Luke Roman inquired what account the check to the JSC will come out of.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary