

Howe Township  
December 1, 2022

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Hope Eternal Church at 2 Burd Rd, Newport, PA at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2022. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli and 1 resident.

Chairman Beaver called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the business meeting minutes for November 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**

None was offered.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

A motion was made to invest the \$106,146.50 and \$50,219.56 Municipal Easy Access CDs at Pennian Bank to 2 separate 12-month regular CDs with an interest rate of 3.64% at Pennian Bank and the signers will be Nancy Cangioli and Dale Beaver; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

A motion was made that due to the lack of inspection reports from the Newport Borough Water Authority the December fire hydrant payment will be withheld until the inspection report documentation is received from them; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried. Chairman Beaver will inform Penny Frownfelter of the Boards decision.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made to formally adopt the 2023 budget for the General Fund with revenues of \$175,660 and expenses of \$175,660 and the Liquid Fuels fund revenues of \$45,000 and expenses of \$45,000 as advertised; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 22-08 setting the tax rates for 2023 for the Real Estate Tax and the Fire Tax with no changes; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried.

The Boards organizational meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and the Auditors meeting will be held on January 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. both will be held at the Hope Eternal Church. Nancy will advertise these dates and all the 2023 meeting dates for the Board and Planning Commission.

January 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hope Eternal Church has been set to hold a public hearing on the Conditional Use application submitted by Solar Renewable Energy, LLC for the installation of solar panels on 5acres on Shortcut Rd.

### **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

Draft minutes from November 21, 2022 have been submitted and were reviewed by Supervisor Burd. He also reported that there are 2 residents left to hook up to the sewer system. On behalf of the

Municipal Authority Supervisor Burd thanked the Board of Supervisors for their generosity on behalf of the residents for paying their inspection fees to the Juniata Sewage Committee.

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

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

### **ZONING REPORT**

The CK COG issued a permit to Zane Delancey for solar panels and collected the fee for the Conditional Use application submitted by Solar Renewable Energy, LLC.

The Zoning Hearing Board met on November 30, 2022 and approved the requested variance on building heights and parking spaces for the Bretz Court Senior project.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

A meeting was held on November 29, 2022 to review and comment on the Conditional Use application submitted by Solar Renewable Energy, LLC for the installation of solar panels on 5 acres on Shortcut Rd. Supervisor Donahey reported they will be the owner of the property, it is regulated by PPL and the PUC. It will be 3,000 panels and will be regulated on replacements. They approved by motion the application and to send to the Supervisors with no conditions.

Chairman Beaver reported that today an updated project schedule for Buffalo Crossing has been received from Carl Davis by email. They plan to have the project completed in January 2024. The schedule was sent to the Office of the Budget and HRG. Engineer Hess's 4<sup>th</sup> review letter on the Newport Convenience Store's revised plan has been received. An agreement with the township will be drafted by Solicitor Jones regarding the triggers and timing for sidewalk construction along W. Shortcut Rd and will need to be recorded.

### **ROAD MASTER**

The cable guiderail replacement on Acker Rd is scheduled for the week of December 12<sup>th</sup> by Chemung Supply. The township equipment has been prepared for winter.

Chairman Beaver called the Board into executive session for personnel matters at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made to reconvene the business meeting at 7:15 p.m.; Burd/Donahey Motion carried. A motion was made that upon completion of satisfactory performance reviews for the Secretary/Treasurer and for the public works crew, which is the semi-skilled laborers, that Chairman Beaver has been delegated the authority to adjust the salary rates based on the results of the performance reviews; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Supervisor Burd extended a thank you to all the township employees and the various boards for their willingness to serve the township. The other Board members expressed their thanks also.

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Cangioli  
Secretary