

Howe Township
April 6, 2023

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, April 6, 2023. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Matt Attig-HRG, Nancy Beaver, Joe Burget Jr., Doug Berry, Juanita Zeigler, Crystal Prosser, Lauren Eichelberger, Herb Stoner-JSC.

Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 2, 2023 meeting 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.

JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE

Herb Stoner introduced himself as Bob Kratzer's replacement as the Sewage Enforcement Officer. District 1 of the pump out schedule is being worked on with Dave Unger in the GIS office and as soon as that is completed post cards to the residents will be going out in a month or a month and a half. There will be a meeting April 26th. Inspection fees for the residents will be discussed on how they will be paid then to JSC. There are changes to the pumpers list and Herb will provide an updated list. He will be providing by email the work he is doing in the township.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor Donahey read the minutes from the March 28th meeting. They recommended approval of the Newport Real Estate Venture plan provided that all comments and recommendations made by HRG's review letter dated March 23, 2023 and those provided by the Perry County Planning Commission be addressed. Joe Burget presented the plan to the Board. A motion was made to approve the final Land Development plan and waivers for Newport Real Estate Venture with the conditions stipulated by the Board being satisfied; Beaver/Donahey. Supervisor Burd recused himself by letter from the vote due to a conflict of interest being an adjacent property owner. Motion carried. Supervisor Burd abstained. Regarding the proposed Zoning Text Amendment, the Planning Commission recommended that the Agriculture District not be permitted as a use and that renewable energy resources will be still be allowed in some districts when generated for "on site" use. A motion was made to amend the proposed ordinance to include agriculture not as a permitted use for renewable energy resources in Section 305 of the Howe Township Zoning Ordinance; Donahey/Burd. Motion carried. Solicitor Jones will revise the ordinance and advertise.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fortenbaugh Accounting has completed and filed the 2022 audit with DCED on March 23, 2023. A motion was made to accept the 2022 audit report completed by Fortenbaugh Accounting; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Saturday, May 20, 2023 was set as the annual spring cleanup date from 8:00 a.m. to Noon or until the dumpsters are full. Nancy will make the arrangements and advertise.

A motion was made to adopt and enact Resolution 23-04 updating the Howe Township Comprehensive Plan titled Picture Perry; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

Chairman Beaver requested that the Board authorize him to hire an architect to draw plans to move forward for the addition to the truck garage for an office and meeting space and to get an estimate of costs. A motion was made to spend up to \$5,000 to investigate architecture based on rough numbers; Burd/Beaver. Motion carried. Supervisor Donahey voted no. Without a unanimous vote the motion was tabled by Chairman Beaver.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Draft minutes from March 20 2023 have been submitted. Supervisor Burd reviewed those minutes with the Board. Everything is running smoothly with a few minor issues. The HTMA was awarded an SLA grant for \$99,620 to be applied to the Buffalo Crossing force main. The CFA grant of \$286,00 was extended for 1-year.

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 Shawn Lesh for an in-ground pool and fence.

ROAD MASTER

The sealed bids for 25,000 +/- Sq. yds tar and chip were opened. Russell Standard's bid was \$1.970 per Sq. yd. for a total of \$49,250, Midland Asphalt bid was \$2.56 per Sq. yd. for a total of \$64,000. A motion was made to accept Russell Standard's bid for \$49,250; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried.

Road Master Beaver will get an updated quote from Chemung Supply for the guiderail replacement on Gypsy Hollow Rd. He will also get 2 more quotes.

The issue with speeding on Church Rd continues to be an issue despite additional signage that has been placed. Supervisor Burd continues to get complaints. A motion was made to authorize Road Master Beaver to engage HRG in a study of the placement of speed humps on Church Rd for the purpose of traffic calming devices, signage and to look into prices and availability for 2 speed calming devices to go the full width of the road and any associated hardware that goes with installation that goes with said devices; Burd. The motion was amended to authorize the purchase for any and all signage and road calming devices also; Burd/Beaver. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Crystal Prosser introduced herself as a candidate for the Magisterial District Justice position in Newport. Lauren Eichelberger introduced herself as a candidate for District Attorney for the County.

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary