

Howe Township  
June 1, 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, June 1, 2023. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Nancy Beaver, Charles Benner.

Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 4, 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. The Realty Transfer tax is now being direct deposited into the General Fund account on the first business day of each month.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Charles Benner, residing at 242 Juniata Parkway East addressed the Board regarding the speed limits on Juniata Parkway East and what the dangers are where he lives. This is a state road and PennDot has control of posting the speed limits. Chairman Beaver will send a letter to them requesting a traffic study be done on his section of the road to see if the speed limit could be reduced.

Carl Tressler sent an email to Chairman Beaver asking if things were going well with holding the Board meetings at the church and what else they could do for the Board by volunteering their services. Chairman Beaver asked the other board members to think about the offer.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Zoning amendment to Section 305 District Use Table 3-Change to make Renewable Energy Resource permitted by Conditional Use (CU) in CF/R1 & R2 Zones and not permitted in A/R3/C and VC Zones. The Howe Township Planning Commission and Perry County Planning Commission have reviewed the revised draft ordinance. Solicitor Jones spoke to Jason Finnerty and explained what the township is trying to accomplish. Both Commissions recommended approval. A public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Solicitor Jones will advertise the hearing. The Board will consider adoption after the hearing.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Secretary Cangioli reported a Liquid Fuels audit was conducted for the years 2021 and 2022 on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were no findings. The cleanup day was well attended and residents expressed they are overjoyed that the township provides this service.

A motion was made authorizing Secretary Cangioli to attend the 2023 Secretary and Administrator Summit on June 12<sup>th</sup> in Boalsburg, Centre County and pick up the expenses for mileage, hotel, and her time at her regular pay rate; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried.

### **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

Draft minutes for May 15, 2023 have been submitted. Supervisor Burd reviewed those minutes with the Board. There continues to be an odor issue at the pump station at Smith's gas station. The authority is working on solving the issue.

### **JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE**

Supervisor Burd reported there is a meeting June 28<sup>th</sup>. JSC is working on sending the mandatory pump out notices for Zone 1. He will send the list of approved pumpers to the office to have posted on the website.

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

The Zoning Ordinance Sign Provision update-a workshop was held with Chairman Beaver and Solicitor Jones at the church on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The draft ordinance was sent to Chairman Beaver to review. When the draft is satisfactory the process will move forward.

### **ZONING REPORT**

The CK COG issued a permit to T-Mobile for modifications to the cell tower on Mountain Rd. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet at 6:00 p.m.at the Hope Eternal Church on June 28, 2023 to consider the AutoZone variance request on setbacks.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

There was a meeting held May 22, 2023. There were no plans to review. They reviewed the revised draft ordinance on the changes for Renewable Energy Resource and recommended approval to the Board. Chairman Beaver reported he and Solicitor Jones worked on a financing agreement with Fulton Bank for Buffalo Crossing, some of the wording needed changed. He has not heard anything further about it. There has been no movement by the Newport Convenience Store (Dunkin Donuts) on their plan.

### **ROAD MASTER**

New Enterprise Stone and Lime Company approved our credit application. Cold patch asphalt was purchased from them on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The cable guiderails and posts were de-installed on Gypsy Hollow on May 15<sup>th</sup> by the roadcrew, Chemung Supply installed the new guiderail on May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>. The speed humps, signs and posts were installed on Church Rd on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 24<sup>nd</sup> by Roadmaster Beaver and Ron Crockett. Scrap metal is to be picked up at the garage on June 8<sup>th</sup> by Ty/Skip Kerstetter. Dale is registered to attend the Flagger Training course on June 9<sup>th</sup> in Columbia County to be recertified. The roadcrew have been using their own tools and equipment as needed, this is becoming an issue. Dale has gotten a price of \$110 a week to mow at the shed and Bretz Court and \$50 per man hour to trim from Brock Holtzapple.

A motion was made to move into executive session at 6:25 p.m.; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried.

A motion was made to return from the executive session at 7:25 p.m.; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried. The reason for the executive session was for personnel matters.

The Employee Handbook needs amended to include a statement regarding the use of employee tools and equipment, the township frowns upon and prohibits it. In the event that there is tools and equipment that does not belong to the township that is used it will be assumed that the tools and equipment will be long to Howe Township. Chairman Beaver will bring this to the board at the July meeting for approval.

Chairman Beaver has gotten a quote from Smith's Farm Equipment of \$341.99 for an Echo Trimmer, a Ferris mower \$9,114.40, a Skag mower \$9,999.20. Buffalo Township is willing to sell back the Pequea trailer for what they paid for it.

A motion was made that the township invest in buying its own mower, trimmer, and trailer to do the mowing and trimming for the township; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

A motion was made to purchase the Echo Trimmer for \$341.99, the Ferris mower for \$9,114.40 and the Pequea trailer from Buffalo Township not to exceed \$3,000 and authorize Chairman Beaver complete the purchases; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM**

Supervisor Burd thanked everyone for voting for him in the recent election.

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Cangioli  
Secretary