

Howe Township
August 3, 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, August 3, 2023. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Nancy Beaver, Carson Walker, Ben Kirk of Burget and Associates, Engineer Mike Hess-HRG.

Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the July 6, 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 ARPA Municipal Easy Access CD at Pennian Bank was cashed in and deposited in to the General Fund account at Orrstown Bank.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Ben Kirk from Burget and Associates presented the Larry and Theresa Moyer subdivision plan to the Board. The Planning Commission recommended conditional approval pending satisfaction of all comments and concerns made by HRG and Perry County Planning Commission. Engineer Hess recommended approval A motion was to approve the waivers and the final subdivision plan for Larry and Theresa Moyer; Donahey/Burd. Motion carried.

The AutoZone Land Development plan has been submitted for the August 28, 2023 meeting.

A motion was made authorizing Chairman Beaver to sign off on the developer's agreement for the Newport Convenience Store plan when finalized and sign the plan; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried.

Chairman Beaver suspended the regular August board meeting at 5:10 p.m. to conduct a public hearing regarding a proposed ordinance amending Article XIV, entitled Signs of the Zoning Ordinance by deletion of the current language in Article XIV in its entirety and replacing it with new Article XIV-Signs.

The hearing was properly advertised. Secretary Cangioli confirmed there were no comments received by email or in written form. Chairman Beaver asked for comments from the public. None was offered. The Board discussed the revision at length. The Planning Commission had tabled their review pending review and recommendation of the Zoning Officer until their August 28th meeting. Chairman Beaver confirmed that the Zoning Officer had reviewed the document and found it to be sufficient. Chairman Beaver closed the hearing at 5:57 p.m. and the regular business meeting went back into session.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Carson Walker thanked the Board for installing the speed humps on Church Rd. It really seems to work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board has deferred on taking action on the proposed ordinance amending Section 1401-Signs until the September 7th meeting, allowing the Planning Commission more time to review and make their recommendation.

The Liquid Fuels audit report for 2021-2022 was reviewed by the Board. There were no findings. The Board thanked Nancy for the good work.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to increase Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli's hourly pay rate to \$22 per hour effective September 1, 2023; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

A motion was made to offer to sell 2 unutilized filing cabinets to Spruce Hill Township in Juniata County for the asking price of \$40 each and authorizing Supervisor Burd to negotiate the price to \$25 each; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Draft minutes for July 17, 2023 were submitted. Supervisor Burd reviewed those minutes with the Board.

JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE

The 10 Acre Exemption resolution was forwarded by Chairman Beaver to Solicitor Jones for review and advice. Herbie Stoner has completed 5 or 6 inspections and has that many more scheduled. A motion was made to give Jim and Sue Kain at 14 Bucks Valley Rd an exemption to pumping per Herbie's recommendation and the paperwork proving they had it pumped previously. Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Still waiting on a response from Solicitor Jones on the 10 Acre Exemption resolution.

ZONING REPORT

The CK COG did not issue any permits for July. Supervisor Burd will reach out to Steve Smith informing him of a PSATS zoning class on November 9th in Enola.

ROAD MASTER

Russell Standard estimates tar and chipping will be done at the end of August. The municipal tag and title for the Pequea trailer has been completed. The dump truck and trailer were inspected, the trailer required new tires all around due to dry rot. Nancy will contact Alpha Space Control for a quote on line painting.

OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Burd commented pulling out of Bretz Court there are branches that need trimming.

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary