

Howe Township  
September 7, 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, September 7, 2023. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangoli, Nancy Beaver.

Chairman Beaver called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Cangoli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the August 3, 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.

### **GENERAL GOOD AND WELFARE**

None was offered.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Board has tabled the proposed ordinance amending Section 1401-Sign Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance pending the Planning Commission's review on September 25th. The document will need to be updated and the adoption process will need to be done again.

Supervisor Burd spoke with Chuck Bryner, Supervisor for Spruce Hill Township about the 2 filing cabinets. They will purchase them for a total of \$80.

Supervisor Burd has reached out twice to Steve Smith regarding a zoning class in November. He will reach out again.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made to open an escrow account at Pennian Bank for the Newport Convenience Store financial guarantee, it will be a non-interest-bearing account and the signers will be Dale Beaver and Nancy Cangoli; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried.

Chairman Beaver received a complaint about safety issues regarding Eric Weller's dirt track on RT 34. Documentation was given to Secretary Cangoli on the action that was taken.

Terry Heller on behalf of Red Hill Court, LLC requested by letter a variance for the installation on the inlet boxes on the project for Heller's Hardware expansion project. The Board approved unanimously, the modification request for Red Hill Curt regarding the inlets and outlets (i.e., only mortaring the pipe connections on one side), subject to an enhanced O&M responsibilities requiring that the inlets and outlets be inspected for accumulation of debris and/or repair/maintained every 3 months (in lieu of every 6 months as indicated on Sheet 18 of the O&M notes). Further, this approval requires that the inspections (to be completed by Red Hill Court/Terry Heller) shall be documented by a written report as indicated in the O&M notes. Finally, the approval requires that Terry Heller resubmit the ordinance modification request letter so that it addresses each of these three items under the MPC: (1) The ordinance section for which the modification is requested. (In this case that appears to be SALDO section 508.2 which requires all pipes, culverts, end walls, inlets etc. to be constructed in accordance with PennDot Publication 72. (2) The hardship (3) The minimum relief sought.

Budget workshop meetings will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m., October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Buffalo Township office.

Chairman Beaver has attended a class about Emergency Management and the legal requirements for the township. He will attend the next EPREMA meeting to discuss with that board and the steps needed to be taken by the end of the year.

### **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

Draft minutes for August 21, 2023 were submitted. Supervisor Burd reviewed those minutes with the Board. There are 7 businesses: PPL, Tractor Supply, Pennian Bank, 2 at Heller's, Rob Smith, Larry Brodish and 2 churches: the Red Hill Church of God, and Highland Church that have been billed for inspection fees from JSC. Supervisor Burd asked if the Board of Supervisors would consider using the refund of \$1,800 from JSC to pay for their inspections at \$150 each. The matter was tabled until the October meeting.

### **JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE**

SEO Herbie Stoner sent out 66 pump-out letters to the residents in Zone 1. There are 8 inspections done and another 8 pending with 48 to go. They are going to continue with the \$1,000 membership fee for 2024.

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Still waiting on a response from Solicitor Jones on the 10 Acre Exemption resolution. Chairman Beaver will follow up with him.

### **ZONING REPORT**

The CK COG issued permits in August to Sunoco (in review) multiple signs in Bretz CT, Troy Jock-storage shed and fence at 362 Juniata Pkwy E, Dunkin, and Sunoco (in review) commercial building, Heller's Hardware-multiple signs

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

They held a meeting August 28, 2023 to review the revisions to the sign provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. The Larry and Theresa Moyer revised Subdivision plan and the AutoZone Land Development plan have been submitted for the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Newport Convenience Store and Newport Land Partners LLC, solar array plans have been recorded.

### **ROAD MASTER**

The tar and chipping was started today September 7<sup>th</sup>. Alpha Space Control has sent an estimate for line painting for \$7,802.90. A motion was made to approve the estimate dated September 7, 2023 of \$7,802.90; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

### **OPEN FORUM**

None was offered

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Cangioli  
Secretary