

Howe Township
October 5, 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, October 5, 2023. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Kathy Donahey, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Chris Hinkle-Burget & Associates, Carmen DiDiano-MDM Engineer, Mike Hess-HRG Inc., Nancy Beaver, Juanita Zeigler, Luke Roman-Perry County Times.

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 minutes for the September 7, 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.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Carmen DiDiano, Civil Engineer for MDM, LLC presented the final land development plan for the AutoZone Store. This will be a car parts store that will replace the vacant Orrstown Bank building in the Newport Plaza. This will be a leased property and disturbance will be less than one acre. Approval letters having given from the HTMA for sewage and Newport Borough Water Authority for water. An HOP will be required from PennDot for work in their right of way. Mr. DiDiano requested that the Agent Authorization form be signed signifying that the township gives him authorization to make the application. Building of the store will take approximately 90 days. They will be demoing the bank structure that is currently there. Engineer Mike Hess recommended conditional approval. A motion was made to approve the waiver requests from Section 304, Section 306, Section 401.1.F, Section 512.2.D, Section 508.1 and Section 515 of the SALDO as listed in HRG's letter dated October 3, 2023; Donahey/Beaver. Motion carried. A motion was made to approve the AutoZone plan on the condition that the administrative items listed on HRG's letter dated October 3, 2023 be completed, the HOP be approved and Chairman Beaver is authorized to sign the for the agent authorization form for MDM; Donahey/Burd. Motion carried.

Chris Hinkle from Burget & Associates presented the revised Larry and Theresa Moyer subdivision plan. PennDot required that the 2 driveways be separated and the property line has been redrawn. A motion was made to approve the 3 waivers as recommended by HRG by letter dated September 17, 2023 and the plan be conditionally approved with the conditions of payment of fees, the plan be signed and sealed and approval of the HOP by Penndot; Donahey/Beaver. Motion carried.

Chairman Beaver commented that the Sign provision of the Zoning Ordinance is still a work in progress. He also provided an update on the Buffalo Crossing project; Carl Davis has signed the reimbursable agreement with HTMA and there is work going on behind the scenes by the developer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Red Hill Court LLC request for a deviation for installed inlet boxes by letter has not been received to date. A motion was made to approve the request for the financial security adjustment for Red Hill Court LLC

from \$87,736 to \$44,025 as per the letter from HRG dated September 20, 2023; Beaver/Donahey. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve Steve Smith to attend the PSATS Zoning class in Enola on November 9, 2023 and to pay the registration fee and mileage to and from the class; Burd/Donahey. Motion carried.

A motion was made to pay the Juniata Sewage Committee inspection fees for L.W. Brodisch Real Estate, Heller's Home and Hardware, H & H Precision Works, Highland United Presbyterian Church, W.J. Moore Inc, Newport Assembly of God Church, Pennian Bank, PP & L Inc, Red Hill Church of God Church, R.E. Smith & Son Inc, Tractor Supply and Newport Professional Center for a total of \$1,800 to the HTMA; Burd/Beaver. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Draft minutes from the September 18, 2023 meeting have been submitted. Supervisor Burd reviewed those minutes with the Board. Chairman Frank Campbell announced at that meeting his intention to resign from the Authority as of December 31, 2023. A letter of resignation needs to be sent to the Supervisors of his intention. Supervisor Burd thanked Theresa Moyer and Donna Wood for their work for the Authority.

SOLICITOR REPORT

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

ZONING REPORT

CK COG report for September: Sunoco (in review) for multiple signs on Bretz Court (paid in August) Dunkin and Sunoco (in review, paid fee in August) for a commercial building and Newport Solar Partners for a solar field array (in review).

Chairman Beaver will attend the General Partnership meeting on October 12, 2023 in Lewisburg.

ROAD MASTER

Rick Levan from PennDot called the Secretary and stated their objection to the speed humps on Church Rd because they were not installed correctly per their specifications and the township will lose the Liquid Fuel funding for that road if they are not removed or if situation is not corrected. A motion was made to keep the speed humps and fore go the funding for the safety of the residents; Burd/Beaver. Motion carried.

Line painting is scheduled with Alpha Space Control. The roads are being swept by the road crew this week. New brushes are needed for the sweeper. Road Master Beaver received a quote from Smith's Farm equipment for new brushes of \$1,595.92 to include labor. A motion was made to approve the repair estimate for the sweeper for an estimated cost of \$1,595.92 from Smith's Farm Equipment; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried. Supervisor Burd suggested getting wear items for the small equipment.

OPEN FORUM

There will be an Emergency Management training class presented by Rich Fultz at the 911 Center tentatively scheduled for December 19, 2023. Chairman Beaver will attend.

Juanita Zeigler asked what the Liquid Fuels money is used for. She also commented on the dangerous trees falling on the Parkway that is a state road.

Supervisor Burd requested that Luke Roman announce in the newspaper that Dunkin Donuts has broken ground.

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary

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