

Howe Township
February 1, 2024

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, February 1, 2024. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Steve Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Luke Roman-Perry County Times and 9 residents.

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 January 4, 2024 Organization minutes and January 4, 2024 business meeting as presented; Smith/Burd. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented; Burd/Smith. Motion carried.

GENERAL GOOD AND WELFARE

Mark Book inquired about the 10-acre Exemption proposed ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Zoning Hearing Board open vacancy that needs filled has been posted on the website.

A public hearing will be held February 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hope Eternal Church for the Building Height text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to raise the building height in the commercial district from 30' to 60' and the On-Lot Sewage Permit Requirements addressing the 10-acre exemption issue.

Chairman Beaver completed the employee performance appraisals on January 30, 2024 for the Secretary/Treasurer and the 2 roadcrew employees. Supervisor Burd thanked these employees for their work for the township.

Supervisor Smith is registered for the PSATS Boat Camp in Boalsburg on February 3rd and 10th.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 24-05 appointing Fortenbaugh Accounting and Consulting Services to conduct the 2023 audit; Beaver/Burd. 2 residents were elected to 2 of the Auditor positions however the commitment was made to the CPA before this information was received Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Draft minutes of the January 15, 2024 meeting have been submitted. Supervisor Burd reviewed them with the Board. 2 new members Pat Ibaugh and Josh Hitz were seated.

JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Burd reported a meeting was held January 24, 2024. The annual membership fee of \$1,000 will remain the same for 2024. Their debt has been paid off. Bob Kratzer agreed to get enough credits for 2 more years to continue as the backup SEO. Pump out letters for Zone 2 will go out in March. The next meeting is April 24, 2024.

SOLICITOR REPORT

The EPREMA by-law changes need legal review and Solicitor Jones will attend their meeting February 27, 2024 to review the changes with their Board. An issue is how they will handle their audit.

ZONING REPORT

The CK COG did not issue any permits in January. Chairman Beaver is in the process of drafting a Road Cut application to post on the website, there is an ordinance. There is a project pending on Cramer Court for fiber optics.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No meeting was held in December. They met on January 22, 2024 to review and comment on the Building Height Text Amendment and the 10-acre Exemption for the on-lot sewage systems. They voted to disapprove the Ordinance Amendment regarding the 10-acre Exemption. They voted to approve the Building Height text amendment.

ROADMASTER

The inventory of the shop was completed January 25, 2024. Our insurance policy has been updated to include all the new equipment purchases. LTAP (Local Transportation Assistance Program) is holding a Traffic Calming class on March 13, 2024 that Roadmaster Beaver will attend. The LTAP report on the Church Rd speed humps was reviewed. They determined the speed humps do not meet PennDOT specifications. Roadmaster Beaver asked the other Board members to think about a possible alternative to the speed humps. The roadcrew cold patched portions of Acker Rd and did a great job.

OPEN FORUM

Mark Book asked what the status is on the Buffalo Crossing project. Theresa Moyer thanked the Board for installing the School Bus Stop Ahead signs on the Juniata Parkway.

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangoli
Secretary