

Howe Township
May 2, 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, May 2, 2024. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Steve Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Roger Watson-Navtech, Joe Burget-Burget & Associates, Nancy Beaver, Theresa, and Larry Moyer.

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 of April 4, 2024 as presented; Burd/ Smith. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL GOOD AND WELFARE

Nothing was offered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission open vacancies that needs filled has been posted on the website.

A road cut permit application and supporting information from Brightspeed Telecommunications for Cramer Court is pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Burget of Burget & Associates presented a sketch plan for a property on Burd Road for storage units proposed by his client. The property is zoned Commercial. Chairman Beaver recommended he reach out to the Zoning Officer Mackenzie Stover for a determination if it would be an allowed use. He was advised also to contact Solicitor Jones regarding the ROW issue and Engineer Mike Hess to discuss the project. Roger Watson of Navtech brought up to the Board a possible land development plan for a developer for his property on W. Shortcut Rd. Mr. Watson was advised to send a copy electronically to Zoning Officer Mackenzie Stover and Engineer Mike Hess.

Chairman Beaver reported on the PSATS convention and thanked the Board for authorizing him to attend. He also reported on HB1632-Workers Compensation unfunded mandate pending that would expand coverage for post-traumatic stress injury for first responders. He wrote letters opposing the bill to Representative Perry Stambaugh and Senator Rothman due to the effect it would have on all townships. The vote has been delayed by the house.

Chairman Beaver has been appointed to the steering committee for America250 for Perry County and they are taking the first step to determine the extent of Perry County's participation.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Draft minutes of the April 15, 2024 meeting have been submitted. Supervisor Burd was unable to attend and requested Secretary Theresa Moyer give a summary of those minutes.

JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Burd reported on the April 24, 2024 meeting. Zone 1 pump-outs were completed with 100% participation. Due to the Perry County GIS mapping update the zones will not remain the same as in the past. Zone 2 cards are going out and 2 pump-outs have been completed already. The next meeting is June 26th at Fayette Township.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Jones will be tying-up any loose ends, if any, on the EPREMA documents.

EPREMA (Eastern Perry Regional Emergency Management Agency)

Supervisor Burd reported on the April 30, 2024 meeting at Liverpool Township. They have adopted their 2024 budget. Treasurer Donna Wood will be bonded through Bratton Insurance. Chairman Beaver advised that they should have their own insurance portfolio as an entity. The next meeting is May 28th at Buffalo Township.

ZONING REPORT

The CK COG report is pending for April.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The May 20th meeting is posted but they do not have any business to conduct. Engineer Mike Hess and Chairman Beaver had a video conference with Access Development Corporation regarding the Buffalo Crossing property.

ROADMASTER

The sealed bids for tar & chipping for 25,000 +/- square yards were opened. Russell Standard bid \$2.13 per sq. yd for a total of \$53,250. Midland Asphalt bid \$3.03 per sq. yd for a total of \$75,750. A motion was made to accept Russell Standard's bid of \$53,250; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

A motion was made to authorize Road Master Beaver to engage The "U" Company for mowing of the township roads, price to be negotiated up to a reasonable amount; Burd/Smith. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Burd stated the Dunkin Donuts is open. There is a grand opening May 30th.

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangoli
Secretary