

Howe Township
August 15, 2024

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Hope Eternal UM Church at 2 Burd Rd, Newport at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2024. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Steve Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Engineer Matt Attig-HRG Inc, Nancy Beaver, Larry, and Theresa 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 July 2, 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

Theresa Moyer inquired how to get a hold of the Tax Collector Juanita Zeigler, regarding duplicate tax bills She was advised to call her on her cell phone or drop by her home.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission open vacancy that needs filled has been posted on the website. Code Enforcement Officer Jim Emery (CK COG) issued a non-traffic citation on August 13, 2024 for the Acker Rd vehicle situation due to the resident not responding by the end of July. The Acker Loop situation was investigated and closed. Chairman Beaver completed the forms for the update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan on July 19th., the next meeting is on August 29th in New Bloomfield. The destruction of old files will be completed by Nancy by August 31st.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Wagner, Tax Assessment Office notified the township that Vision Reassessment will start collecting data on businesses and tax-exempt properties beginning August 12th.

AutoZone is requesting final inspections to reduce their financial security bond of \$126,068.

The SALDO needs to be redone, the last update was in 2013. Chairman Beaver has 2 parties interested in the updating of the ordinance. Matt Attig was requested to have HRG submit a proposal also.

Chairman Beaver is on the steering committee of the America250 for Perry County. The date for the county celebration is April 19, 2026 at the Family Life Center.

Chairman Beaver is registered to attend the PSATS 3rd Quarter Virtual Town Hall on September 5th.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Draft Minutes of July 14, 2024 were submitted. Secretary Theresa Moyer reviewed them with the Board. A short contract between the Authority and the Township Public Works crew for the 811 Sewage Pipe Line Locators is being drafted by Solicitor Jones. Larry Moyer and Ron Crockett will be attending free training in Marysville on Sept. 24th. There is no forwarding address for 59 Red Hill Rd and the property is in disrepair. Theresa was asked to provide an update to Chairman Beaver of any changes.

JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE

The next meeting is August 28th at Jackson Township. Herbie Stoner reported that the Zone 2 inspections are trickling in.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Jones drafted the updated language to the Right-to-Know policy. A motion was made to adopt the Howe Township Right-to-Know policy drafted by Solicitor Jones effective immediately; Beaver/Smith. Motion carried. Chairman Beaver will have it posted on the website.

EPREMA (Eastern Perry Regional Emergency Management Agency)

Supervisor Burd provided the minutes from the June 24th meeting and reported they adopted the Evertel system. They are looking to purchase two 20' containers. Federal Surplus has them back in stock but are in Maryland. They have a preliminary budget for 2025 prepared and will vote on it at the August 27th meeting. Watts Township has agreed to pay their dues. Nancy needs an invoice and requested a copy from Donna Wood.

ZONING REPORT

Tom MacDonald of CK COG has been assigned as the new Zoning Officer for the township. He has almost 14 years with the CK COG Code Enforcement Department. He will be attending the Planning Commission meeting August 26th. The timeline as required in the SALDO and Zoning Ordinances for plan submissions will be followed to a T unless there is an exceptional very good reason. The Perry County comments for the Buffalo Crossing Land Development plan have been received and Nancy will send them to Engineer Matt Attig and Engineer Mike Hess and the rest of the Planning Commission members. The Newport Convenience Center/Sunoco is requesting a variance to erect a 70–80-foot sign. The owner was directed to contact CK COG to review the necessary process for a Zoning Hearing Board variance. The zoning review for Buffalo Crossing plan submittal will be done by CK COG. HRG will do the Engineer review. Permits for July were issued to Max and Carol Kauffman for an accessory garage addition and Lori Wright/Verizon for cell tower equipment alteration.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Buffalo Crossing Land Development plan was submitted for the August 26th meeting. A formal request extension letter has been received from Burget and Associates for the Burd Road Storage Units plan until November 2024, additional time is needed to address HRG Engineer review comments. A motion was made to accept the extension; Smith/Burd. Motion carried.

ROADMASTER

Tar and Chip is scheduled for August 16th by Russell Standard, including repairs to Acker Rd, seal coating Bretz Court, Acker Loop Rd, Hummingbird Lane and most of Acker Rd. Nancy will get the line painting on Alpha Space Control's list. Roadmaster Beaver reported on Tropical Storm Debby, a few trees were down, some cleanup to do, no major impact to the township and reported this back to Perry County EMA. The damage to Acker Rd has been covered by Nationwide Insurance and a check for \$9,270 has been received.

OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Burd suggested checking with the roadcrew if anything is needed for the shop for budget purposes.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary