

Howe Township
December 5, 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, December 5, 2024. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Steve Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Nancy Beaver, Theresa and Larry Moyer, Juanita Zeigler, Commissioner Brenda Watson, Commissioner Frank Campbell, Darla McNaughton, Randy Waggoner.

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 November 7, 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.

Randy Waggoner, Perry County Chief Tax Assessor provided an update on the county reassessment project. Most of the residential and agricultural data has been completed. Preliminary value mailers will be going out. Residents will have the opportunity to call regarding their new assessment. Between June 1st and June 30th an official value statement will be sent.

GENERAL GOOD AND WELFARE

None was offered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission open vacancy that needs filled has been posted on the website. The non-traffic citation for 91 Acker Rd was continued from November 26, 2024 until a later date by the District Magistrate.

Hailstone Economic submitted a proposal dated November 12, 2024 of \$20,000 for the rewrite of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and a standalone Stormwater Management Ordinance, HRG Inc submitted a proposal dated November 13, 2024 of \$19,700. A motion was made to accept HRG Inc's proposal dated November 13, 2024 for \$19,700 and to have Chairman Beaver sign the notice to proceed; Burd/Smith. Motion carried.

The Organization meeting will be held January 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hope Eternal UM Church. Chairman Beaver met with Andrew DiProspero, H.A. Thomson to review the PIRMA insurance renewal.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 24-07 setting the tax rate for Real Estate and Fire tax rate for 2025; Beaver/Smith. Motion carried. There was no increase in the rates from last year. A motion was made to adopt the 2025 budget for the General Fund with revenue of \$184,700 and expenses of \$184,700 and the Liquid Fuels Fund with revenue of \$52,382.77 and expenses of \$52,382.77; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried. A motion was made to adopt the Supervisors Compensation Ordinance 24-04 amending the Howe Township's Ordinances to Provide for Compensation of Supervisors in accordance with Act 60 of October 2, 2024 effective January 1, 2025; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Secretary Theresa Moyer reviewed the minutes of November 18, 2024. There will be no meeting in December, their organizational meeting will be January 20, 2025.

JUNIATA SEWAGE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Burd reported their organizational meeting will be held in January. He will get their fee schedule from Donna Wood and he will email it to Chairman Beaver to post on the website.

EPREMA (Eastern Perry Regional Emergency Management Agency)

Minutes from the October meeting were submitted. Tim Moench will check the containers at the township garage on how to proceed with cleaning them out. They will be meeting on the 4th Monday every other month in 2025.

ZONING REPORT

CK COG did not issue any permits for November.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no meeting in November. Buffalo Crossing Commons submitted a revised Land Development plan on December 2, 2024 for their meeting on December 23, 2024.

ROAD MASTER

A proposal was submitted from Gill Construction for indoor lighting and garage door openers at the truck garage for \$11,070. Chairman Beaver submitted a PIRMA Grant application for \$5,000 to apply to the project to be done in 2025. A motion was made to accept the proposal from Gill's Construction to do the work for \$11,070 to be done in 2025 so we can offset the cost with the grant; Burd/Smith. Motion carried.

Chairman Beaver received a proposal from Stephensen Equipment for a trade in of the 2017 Ford dump truck of \$42,500. The cost from Chambersburg Ford for a 2024 F550 demo dump truck minus the trade in value is \$92,000. A motion was made to move forward with the purchase of the 2024 Ford F550 customized truck from Stephensen Equipment and Chambersburg Ford for the net amount of \$92,000 taking in to account the trade in value they are giving us of \$42,500; Smith/Burd. Motion carried. They are both Co-Stars.

OPEN FORUM

Theresa Moyer inquired if the HTMA could take the red hallmark trailer and store it at the township garage. There was no objection from the Board as long as it doesn't interfere with day-to-day operations of the roadcrew. Supervisor Burd thanked the employees for the work they do and Steve Smith accepting the position of Supervisor.

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary