

BRADY TOWNSHIP
141 West Liberty Road
Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
April 18 2023 7:00 PM

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Robert McConnell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Roll Call

- Supervisors Robert McConnell, Donald Staiger and Darlene Covert were present along with Secretary Michelle Thompson and Solicitor Thomas Smith.

The Chairman requested that anyone recording the meeting to make it known at this time. Cindy Rudish announced she is recording.

Public Participation

- Pam Osche said she appreciates those that step-up to do the job of an elected official; it's a thankless job. The building on the hill isn't new, it's been there for at least 6 years and it sits there like an "albatross". In her opinion, waste lies in spending the money on something not utilized. She expressed concern with the occupancy limit of the current building, the lack of space for voting and having to close the office so elections can be held. She said completing the building should be a top priority for now and the future. Selling the schoolhouse could help defer the cost of completing the building.
- Dave Shirey thanked them for cleaning out his culvert.
- Cindy Rudish asked how much was budgeted for the new building and if Don got the message about the branch. She said her culvert is full on both ends, water is going on the road. Don responded that he was out many times during the windstorm, but the branch had already been cut. They will dig out the culvert.

Approval:

- Donald Staiger made a motion to add the Tri-County contract and to discuss hiring of two part time employees to the agenda, second by Robert McConnell. Darlene Covert voted no. Motion carried.
- Donald Staiger made a motion to approve the March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, second by Darlene Covert. All in favor motion carried.
- Donald Staiger made a motion to approve the timesheets 3/12/2023 to 3/25/2023 and 3/26/2023 to 4/08/2023 second by Darlene Covert. All in favor, motion carried.
- Darlene Covert made a motion to approve the April 18, 2023 Treasurer's Report, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports

- Sewage Enforcement Officer, No activity. Doug Duncan recommends the township review/update the sewage ordinance. Solicitor Smith recommends the Board meet with Doug first and then formally review at next month's meeting. Darlene Covert made a motion to table, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.
- Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Richardson issued a permit for Kramer for a deck at Moraine Camplands. He also issued a notice of violation at Maple Manor. He did not find anyone living in a shed or evidence that anyone was living there at any time. Robert McConnell added that Jeff investigated a claim of a fence at Moraine Camplands on someone's property. There was discussion regarding the annual unpaid campground fees.
 - Darlene Covert made a motion to have Solicitor Smith review the ordinance, lawsuit and draft a letter to the campgrounds, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.
- Roadmaster, Robert McConnell reported a culvert was installed on Covert Rd and Carrera Rd, a washout was fixed on Turk Rd and they did a couple loads of cold patch. A quote from Holbein was reviewed, but no action was taken. There was discussion regarding the possibility of using community service workers. Darlene Covert said the Township is not responsible for the workers. The County is responsible for them and also provides supervision. Donald Staiger agreed to meet with them. Robert McConnell said the Township decided years ago not to use the community service workers; he was not interested in meeting with them.
 - Darlene Covert made a motion to schedule a meeting with the County regarding the community service workers, second by Donald Staiger. Robert McConnell voted no. Motion carried.
- Hiring two part time employees (per vote to be added to the agenda) There was discussion to hire two part time road crew employees for work as needed. This would be for labor such as running the backhoe, shoveling cold patch and plowing snow.

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- Darlene Covert made a motion to hire Keith Whipkey and Chad DeCaria as part time road crew as needed for \$20.00/hour, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

- New building: waiting for plans from engineers. Michelle Thompson will request an update from KLH. The Board discussed whether a report on funds spent so far on the building would be completed. It was decided not to go back, no report will be done as it's over and done with.
 - Darlene Covert made a motion not do the report, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.
- Insurance: no new information
- Alternate engineer: Darlene Covert made a motion to remove from the agenda, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

- Advertise 2023 equipment operator contract: Robert McConnell explained in previous years, the Township advertised for a yearly contract. He said it eliminates the need for getting phone quotes if you hire by the year. Michelle Thompson suggested they give the new hires a chance as it could save money.
 - Darlene Covert made a motion to remove the 2023 equipment operator contract from the agenda, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.
- Review/Discuss noise and/or ATV ordinance: Solicitor Smith explained the options for a noise ordinance versus an ATV ordinance. He presented two sample ordinances for review. He did not recommend the noise ordinance for this case. The residents agreed, the police don't come out for the ATV complaints so why spend the money on an ordinance.
 - Darlene Covert made a motion to remove this from the agenda, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss paper retriever and clean-up day:
 - Darlene Covert made a motion to move forward with the paper retriever, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.

They will not have anyone at clean-up day to take electronics or tires. Michelle Thompson shared information from Staples regarding their free "take back tech" recycling program.
- Auditor: Jeff Lindsey can't be an auditor as he's not a registered voter.
 - Darlene Covert made a motion to table the vacant auditor position until next month, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2022 audit: The Board reviewed the audit. There were no issues.
 - Darlene Covert made a motion to accept the 2022 municipal audit, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.
- Tri-County contract: (per vote to be added to the agenda) Michelle Thompson presented Tri-County's renewal contract along with some of their other options such as 95-gallon cart. The Board discussed researching other haulers.
 - Darlene Covert made a motion to table and research other options, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.
- Darlene Covert made a motion to pay the bills, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.

Solicitor Comments

- No further comment

Adjournment

- Donald Staiger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM, second by Darlene Covert. All in favor motion carried.

Submitted by,

Michelle Thompson
Secretary

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