

BRADY TOWNSHIP
141 West Liberty Road
Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
May 18, 2023

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Robert McConnell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a 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. There was no response.

Public Participation

- David Walker: said it's ridiculous how long we have been waiting for KLH. Michelle Thompson said she contacted them after the last meeting. They were waiting on the township to get the plumbing lines marked. That has since been taken care of. Robert McConnell will have Michelle request a completion date from KLH.
- Patty DeCaria: thanked the supervisors and Solicitor Smith for all that they do as public servants.
- Noel Mitchell: asked about the audit results. Darlene Covert answered everything was fine with it (audit). It was approved last month.
- Pam Osche: Said she reviewed the 2023 budget and was pleased to see that approximately \$85,000 was budgeted out of the ARPA funds for the building plus funds for heating and cooling. She pointed out that construction costs, salaries and road repairs aren't going to decrease in the future so at some point taxes might need to be raised even if no further funds are spent on the building. She suggests the Board plan the work in phases, get done what can be done now and plan for the rest. She said waiting longer doesn't help and questioned what other revenue is there if we don't rent the building or raise taxes.
- Bill Osche: said he is available to meet with KLH. He suggested the building be open on clean-up day so people can walk through and see it. He said clean-up day is a good thing, nobody has an excuse not to clean up. He offered to finish the schoolhouse restroom if the township buys the material. Robert McConnell said they will get together with him and call KLH next week.
- Tim Snyder: questioned why the engineer fees were so high for his sub-division. He initially paid \$200.00 and wasn't expecting to owe another \$419.00. There isn't a land use change or driveway or septic; basically, just changing the names on the deed. He questioned why an engineer was needed for something that simple. Solicitor Smith explained the differences between lot line revisions and minor/major subdivisions. He reviewed Mr. Snyder's plan and said the hourly rate is reasonable, however it shouldn't have taken four hours. Solicitor Smith explained the responsibility of the engineer to confirm the plan to the Township's sub-division ordinance. He further stated the township would be at risk not sending them to an engineer. It is believed the amount of time spent on this was partially due to KLH not being familiar with the ordinance as prior to Solicitor Smith, plans weren't sent to the engineer.
 - Robert McConnell made a motion to accept the original \$200.00 payment by Tim Snyder with Brady Township taking care of the difference, second by Darlene Covert. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Snyder sub-division: Donald Staiger made a motion to approve the Snyder sub-division, second by Darlene Covert. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval:

- Darlene Covert made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.
- Donald Staiger made a motion to approve the April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, second by Darlene Covert. All in favor motion carried.
- Donald Staiger made a motion to approve the timesheets 4/09/2023 to 4/22/2023 and 4/23/2023 to 5/06/2023 second by Darlene Covert. All in favor, motion carried.
- Donald Staiger made a motion to approve the May 18, 2023 Treasurer's Report, second by Darlene Covert. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports

- Sewage Enforcement Officer, Doug Duncan conducted an interim and final inspection for Plummer.
- Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Richardson issued the following permits: Store Express level 2 alternations, 204 Gypsy Lane above ground pool with deck, roof over existing patio for Tighe at the campground.

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- Roadmaster, Robert McConnell reported Don started mowing, they patched some potholes and fixed a large hole on Country Lane. Darlene Covert and Donald Staiger met with the County regarding community service workers. There is no cost to the Township. There was discussion regarding possible projects which included cleaning the ditches. Robert McConnell also reported someone cleaned out all the stone that was used to fix a ditch on Turk Road. Solicitor Smith recommends sending a letter to the person that was seen there.
 - Darlene Covert made a motion to use the community service workers, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor motion, carried.

Old Business

- New building: discussed under public comment.
- Insurance: no progress has been made. Michelle Thompson requested a quote last week from C.W. Howard.
- Auditor position: nobody is interested. Darlene Covert will work on finding someone.
- Update sewage ordinance: will set up a meeting with Doug Duncan
- Tri-County contract: The secretary presented additional options from Tri-County, Waste Management and Serafine.
 - Donald Staiger made a motion to renew the Tri-County contract, second by Darlene Covert. All in favor, motion carried.

Darlene Covert said the paper retriever will be dropped off when they have one available.

New Business

- Revise fee schedule: Solicitor Smith explained the settlement agreement with the campgrounds does not match the current fee schedule. It should be \$2,000.00 for campgrounds over 200 lots and \$1,000.00 for less than 200 lots. Both have a yearly permit application fee of \$100.00.
 - Robert McConnell made a motion to revise the fee schedule to comply with the settlement agreement, second by Darlene Covert. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Darlene Covert made a motion to approve the solicitor sending a letter to Moraine Camplands and Lake Arthur Family Campground, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.
- Advertise 2023 equipment operator contract: Darlene Covert made a motion to advertise the 2023 equipment operator contract effective for up to one year, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.
- Darlene Covert made a motion to pay the bills, second by Robert McConnell. All in favor, motion carried. Solicitor Smith recommends moving the paying of bills to the beginning of the agenda so if a meeting couldn't be completed the bills would already be approved.
 - Darlene Covert made a motion to move the paying of bills to underneath the treasurer's report, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.

Solicitor Comments

- Solicitor Smith said anyone being paid to work for the township should be on worker's compensation coverage. Both Robert McConnell and Donald Staiger are covered as they are road crew employees, however Darlene Covert is not.
 - Robert McConnell made a motion to make Darlene Covert a working supervisor, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion carried.

Prior to adjournment, addition to Roadmaster report

- There was discussion regarding driveway culverts and who is responsible for cleaning them.

Adjournment

- Darlene Covert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor motion carried.

Submitted by,
Michelle Thompson, Secretary