

**NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**June 22, 2021            6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order by Chairman Mario Eckert**

Chairman Eckert called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Proof of publication was available for public inspection.

**Attendance**

Chairman, Mario Eckert	Police Lieutenant, Braxton Ditty
Vice-Chairman, Maxine Kauffman	Wastewater Services Coordinator, Brent Zeiders
Supervisor, Clair Wintermyer	Township Comptroller, Jane Deamer
Supervisor, Dave Kirkpatrick	Fire Chief, Gary Hatterer
Supervisor, Brandt Cook	Zoning Officer, Marcus Brandt
Engineer, Bill Rudy	
Solicitor, Doug Myers	

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Haugh, 355 River Rd: Mike thanked the board for working on the sound system so the residents can hear people talk at the meetings. He asked the board why people are not allowed to have roosters. Supervisor Wintermyer explained it is because of the noise. Mike asked why that is not allowed, but the noise from LKQ is. Mike brought up Save-rite, which was said this is in litigation and cannot be discussed. Mike said that Save-Rite is driving race cars around the property and has a junk yard in the back of the property. Supervisor Kirkpatrick told Mr. Haugh he needs to give this information to the Codes Enforcement Officer to investigate. Mike also brought up that the Junk Yards have not been inspected in years and the Ordinance is not being followed.

Mike Krone, 170 Bobby Jones: Mr. Krone said E.K. Services has been doing road work on his street and has spoken to them about where they park their vehicles and the time of day they start work. Keys are being left in the vehicles and left on narrow roads. He said he reached out to someone at E.K. services and the conversation was aggressive. Supervisor Wintermyer told Mr. Krone to leave his phone number with the Codes Enforcement Officer and they will go out and investigate. He said he contacted Suez Water and they said that he must work with E.K. Services. Mr. Krone also brought up the disorderly conduct Ordinance and a certain section about lewd words. This section contradicts a Supreme Court Ruling. Lieutenant Ditty spoke about this and helped clarify when a word can be criminalized and when it cannot. The board is giving the Ordinance to the Township Solicitor to review.

### **Minute Approval**

MOTION by Chairman Eckert to approve the meeting minutes from May 25, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **Police Department – Chief Lutz**

Police Lieutenant Ditty reviewed the monthly report that was submitted. He wanted to remind the public that National Night Out is August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021. There is a golf tournament on September 24 at Valley Green Golf Course. The tournament will support the Newberry Township TEAM organization. Lieutenant Ditty also wanted to remind the residents to lock their vehicles when unattended to decrease the chance of break ins. Speed data was collected on Valley Green Rd by the Police Department. The data showed an increase in traffic, but the average speed was 17mph. Lieutenant Ditty introduced Kelli Dabler to be hired as the Administrative Assistant for the Department. A resident asked Lieutenant Ditty if the equipment used to track speed data is accurate. Lieutenant said yes with the radar gives pretty accurate data.

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the hire of Kelli Dabler. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, carried unanimously.

### **Fire Department – Gary Hatterer**

Chief Hatterer stated he did not have anything to add to the Fire and EMS reports that were submitted. Supervisor Kirkpatrick said there was another training in the month and more scheduled in the future.

### **Solicitor – Andrew Miller**

Solicitor Doug Myers submitted a report to the board.

### **Engineering – Pennoni Associates**

Engineer Bill Rudy submitted a written report to the board.

### **EMA - Tom Alstead**

Tom Alstead submitted a written report to the board.

### **Highway- Scott Getgen**

Scott Getgen submitted a written report to the board. Scott added that there will be a traffic study done at Yocumtown and Red Mill on Friday.

### **Zoning Officer- Marcus Brandt**

Marcus Brandt submitted a written report to the board.

## **REPORTS cont.**

### **Sewer – Brent Zeiders**

Brent Zeiders submitted a written report.

### **Township Manager’s Report – Tony Miller**

Manager Tony Miller submitted a written report.

### **Treasurer’s Report – Jane Deamer**

No report was submitted.

### **Supervisor’s Report**

Supervisor Wintermyer asked for a motion to approve creating a committee to research a multi-use police building for the Township.

MOTION           by Chairman Eckert to approve a committee to reach a police building. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Kauffman, carried unanimously.

Supervisor Kirkpatrick said they are up to date with the hydrant locations. To date the Township has added 27 hydrants.

Chairman Eckert spoke about the allegations that Newberry Township Breaking News and the censorship that the page does. The Township has tried its best to stream the meetings to keep the residents inform, and sometimes there are glitches. A resident said that it would be helpful for the residents if they would post more on the Facebook page to keep residents more informed. It was also discussed to add close captioning to the streaming.

Vice-Chair Kauffman said Newberry Breaking News is one man’s opinion. The page said that Maxine Kauffman steals for her workplace. Vice-Chair Kauffman said she has worked for a law enforcement agency for 30 years and does not steal.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Chicken Ordinance/ Bill Rohweder**

Chairman Eckert said the board looked at the Ordinance and they are not changing the Ordinance and are not giving a variance.

MOTION           by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to not change the current Chicken Ordinance. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Kauffman, carried unanimously.

### **Zelenkofske Axelrod Proposal**

Chairman Eckert said this is regarding the American Rescue Act funds that the Township will be receiving. This agency will help the Township with spending the money by the due date and will ensure the Township is spending the money correctly.

## **OLD BUSINESS cont.**

MOTION by Chairman Eckert to approve using Zelenkofske Axelrod. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Kauffman, carried unanimously.

### **Little League Lease**

Chairman Eckert said the individuals do not wish to remain in the lease of the field.

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to terminate the lease with Red Land Little League. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Kauffman, carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Workshop meeting July 13, 2021**

MOTION by Supervisor Cook to cancel the July 13 workshop meeting. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Kauffman, carried unanimously.

### **Meeting Streaming**

Chairman Eckert asked for the Boards opinion on streaming the meetings going forward. Supervisor Kirkpatrick said he believes it is fine the way it is. Supervisor Kirkpatrick believes we should continue to stream the meetings.

MOTION by Chairman Eckert to continue to stream the meetings. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Kirkpatrick, carried unanimously.

### **Shelly Park security camera system upgrade**

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the installation of the security system at Shelley Park. The motion, seconded by Supervisor cook, carried unanimously.

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to pay the bills. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Kauffman, carried unanimously.

## **SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW**

**NONE**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:58pm and returned at 7:25pm. Chairman Eckert announced the board discussed personnel issues.

**Adjournment**

MOTION by Chairman Eckert, seconded by Supervisor Cook. Meeting adjourned at 7:26PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tony Miller, Secretary