

NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monthly Meeting

October 25th, 2022 6:02 p.m.

Call to Order by Chairman Dave Kirkpatrick

Chairman Kirkpatrick called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Proof of publication was available for public inspection. Chairman Kirkpatrick announced that there was an executive session held at 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters prior to the meeting.

Attendance

Chairman Dave Kirkpatrick

Vice-Chairman, Rob Harkins

Supervisor, Diane Shellenhamer

Supervisor, Maxine Kauffman

Supervisor, Clair Wintermyer

Township Manager, Tony Miller

Public Works Director, Scott Getgen

Township Comptroller, Jane Deamer

Solicitor, James Sanders

Zoning Officer, Marcus Brandt

Police Chief, Steve Lutz

Engineer, Bill Rudy

Sewer, Brent Zeiders

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julie Dibble, Newberrytown Church of God: Dibble read a passage from Philippians chapter four, and then said a prayer for the first responders and the community.

Mark Schaffer, FCI/Amphenol, Environmental Health and Safety: Schaffer expresses his concern for the safety of his employees as they exit/enter the parking lot of their facility on Old Trail Road. He explains that two of his employees have been involved in motor vehicle incidents and asks that the board will explore decreasing the danger in this area. Bill Rudy said that he would investigate this matter, and that this issue could be resolved with a townhome project near the area.

Jessica Harvey, Resident in Favor of Joining WSRC: Jessica explains that the rates for a class she was taking went up because Newberry Township did not decide to rejoin the West Shore Recreation Commission. She also explains that her neighbors want to enroll their children in classes but it's too costly and most classes are filled before they can sign up because they are not members of the commission.

Connie Flasher, 395 Eden Drive: Flasher expresses her concern for the deficit that the Township will be left in if the board were to approve the proposed budget for 2023. She asks the board to consider having a workshop meeting in November so that the residents can ask questions and express their concerns for the budget. She also questioned the budget proposed for the police department. Lieutenant Ditty and Chairman Kirkpatrick answered her questions regarding the police contract with the boroughs. Chief Lutz answered her questions about weaponry, ammunition, vehicles, and K9's.

Lieutenant Ditty, TEAM Presentation: Lieutenant Ditty explained that the objective TEAM is to lessen the burden on local government. He explained that TEAM qualifies as a 501C3 non – profit organization. He explained that the TEAM program stands for Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring. He explained that TEAM supports the K9's for the police department and pays half of the bill for training the K9's. TEAM reaches out to the local elementary schools to educate children about drugs and police departments. He also explained that TEAM is funded by donations from businesses and private residents. Lieutenant Ditty announced a corn hole fundraiser for the TEAM program.

Jane Harman, 205 Hemlock Lane: Harman asks the board if there is a projected date that the township would consider dropping the EMS building project if the township does not receive a grant for the building. Vice – Chair Harkins said that there was not. Harman requests that the number of miles on a vehicle be made public knowledge before they be disposed of. Harman also questions the budget for the different departments of the township.

MINUTE APPROVAL

- MOTION by Supervisor Shellenhamer to approve the September 27th, 2022, monthly meeting minutes. The motion, seconded by Vice – Chair Harkins, carried unanimously.
- MOTION by Supervisor Shellenhamer to approve the October 12th, 2022, workshop meeting minutes. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman, carried unanimously

LAND DEVELOPMENT/SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW

Lexington Estates, Final Subdivision Plan

Timothy Mellot, Mellot Engineering: Mellot explained the plans for the final subdivision taking Bill Rudy's notes on the plan in consideration.

- MOTION by Vice – Supervisor Shellenhamer to approve the Lexington Estates final subdivision plan with the engineer's notes. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously.

Dale Frye and Barbara Sipe, Final Subdivision Plan

- MOTION by Vice – Chair to waive the requirement of a site context map for submission of the Frye and Sipe final subdivision plan. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously.
- MOTION by Vice – Supervisor Shellenhamer to approve the Frye and Sipe final subdivision plan with the engineer's notes. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman, carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Public Safety – Chief Lutz

Chief Lutz reviewed the report he submitted to the board. Chief Lutz announces that next Friday will be Halloween and suggests that residents keep their porch lights on, and asks drivers to be extra careful to watch for children.

Solicitor – James Sanders

Solicitor James Sanders submitted a report to the board.

Engineering – Pennoni Associates

Bill Rudy submitted a written report to the board.

Highway- Scott Getgen

Scott Getgen submitted a written report to the board.

Zoning Officer- Marcus Brandt

Marcus Brandt submitted a written report to the board.

Sewer – Brent Zeiders

Brent Zeiders submitted a written report.

Township Manager's Report – Tony Miller

Manager Tony Miller submitted a written report.

REPORTS cont.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Deamer

Jane Deamer submitted a written report to the board.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Shellenhamer announced that the fire commission will continue and that residents should keep an eye out for updates.

Chairman Kirkpatrick gave an update about new fire hydrants in Newberry Township.

OLD BUSINESS

West Shore Recreation Commission Discussion

There was discussion about moving funds from the recreation fund to the general fund, Comptroller Jane Deamer stated that no funds can be moved from recreation and they're required to stay in the recreation fund. Supervisor Shellenhamer expresses her support to rejoining the West Shore Recreation Commission based on the number of residents that were in favor of rejoining the recreation commission.

MOTION by Supervisor Shellenhamer to rejoin the West Shore Recreation Commission. This motion, with no second, the motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

Suez (Veolia) Bond Release. Bond 3000803 in the amounts of \$40,050 and \$3,000.

MOTION By Vice – Chairman Harkins to release the bonds on Suez (Veolia) Water for the amount of \$40,050 and \$3,000. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously.

Klugh Animal Control Services Contract

Tony Miller explained the price differences from the 2022 Klugh Animal Control Services contract and the proposed 2023 contract.

MOTION By Supervisor Wintermyer to approve the contract with Klugh Animal Control Services. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

Propane Supplier Bid Results 2023

Newberry Township received three submissions for the propane supplier bid. The lowest bidder was Central Penn Propane at the rate of \$1.499/per gallon.

MOTION By Supervisor Shellenhamer to award Central Penn Propane the propane contract as the lowest bidder. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously.

Susquehanna Lions Club Sign Approval

Richard Brenner, Lions Club: Brenner requests permission to add Newberry Township's name to their sign being placed in the township.

MOTION By Vice – Chairman Harkins to allow the Susquehanna Lions Club to add Newberry Township's name to their sign being placed within the township.

NEW BUSINESS cont.

2023 Budget. Discussion and Approval to Advertise

MOTION By Supervisor Kauffman to advertise the proposed budget for 2023. This motion, seconded by Vice – Chairman Harkins, carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay.

Chairman Kirkpatrick announced that the proposed budget would be available for public inspection and Newberry Township's website.

Traffic Violation Ordinance 421

MOTION By Supervisor Shellenhamer to approve traffic violation ordinance 421. This motion, seconded by Vice – Chair Harkins, carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022 – 21 PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund for Grant Submission

MOTION By Vice – Chair Harkins to approve resolution 2022 – 21. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman, carried unanimously.

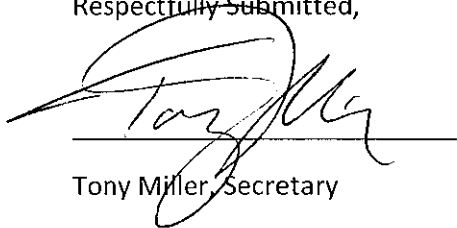
PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Supervisor Shellenhamer to pay the bills. The motion, seconded by Vice – Chairman, carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION by Supervisor Kauffman, to adjourn the October 25th, 2022 monthly meeting. The motion, seconded by Vice – Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tony Miller, Secretary