

Madison Township
MINUTES

Date: July 9, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Community Center

The stated meeting of the Madison Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Rhonda Stitz at 7:00 p.m. Also attending the meeting were Supervisors Larry Hartzell and Mark Shellenberger.

Guests in Attendance:

Chuck Stitz, , Nancy Welliver, Bob Mc Williams, Red Swartz

Recognition of Guests:

The minutes of the regular meeting held May14,2024, were accepted, and approved. The Treasurer's Report that includes the check register and the Profit and Loss Reports were accepted and approved.

Motion by Mark Shellenberger, 2nd by Larry Hartzell Motion Carried

Motion: To accept minutes and financial reports

Motion by Mark Shellenberger, 2nd Rhonda Stitz Motion Carried

Motion: To authorize payment of bills as presented

Reports:

Police - attached

Municipal Authority – nothing to report

Planning Commission – nothing to report.

Road Master – Grading, cold patch, removing fallen trees, 1800' of dust oil applied, preparing roads for tar & chip, mowing, 550 repaired.

Ad for PT & FT help in Press Enterprise & Indeed

Old Business:

Community Center Grant

Rhonda presented a proposal from our engineer, JHA. Jha will prepare bid specs and oversee the project in accordance with the grant requirements, local laws that impact the project and any applicable codes. The estimated fee for JHA's services is \$18,200. A \$8200 retainer is required up front.

Discussion followed concerning the likelihood of completing window replacement and siding for the \$150,000 grant amount plus matching funds. To meet the grant requirements, we will have to pay prevailing wage. There will be additional costs including administration, advertising, signs & workplace postings and independent audit fees.

The supervisors are in agreement that they are uncomfortable with the grant. Mark stated that we definitely need to look at prioritizing what is needed for the building.

Motion by Mark Shellenberger, 2nd by Larry Hartzell

Motion: Table JHA Proposal until August meeting

Solar Ordinance

Per request, our solicitor's legal firm sent us a sample solar regulation ordinance that Rob Davidson prepared for neighboring townships in Montour County. If the supervisors want to adapt this ordinance, Rob Davidson will need to make modifications for it to be adapted as a stand alone ordinance. Rhonda stated that she feels this is a good ordinance. It sets forth rules to regulate commercial solar farms, protecting neighboring properties and the township without putting unnecessary regulations on the property owner.

Discussion followed. Bob McWilliams is opposed to this ordinance and any ordinance that regulates how someone can use their land. Bob feels one ordinance leads to another.

Motion by Rhonda Stitz, 2nd by Larry Hartzell

Motion: To instruct solicitor to modify the sample solar ordinance they provided us into a stand alone ordinance.

Rhonda & Larry are in favor, Mark is opposed.

New Business:

Correspondence:

For the Good of the Community:

Time of Adjournment: at 7:40 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn by Rhonda Stitz, 2nd by Larry Hartzell
- Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bernard
Secretary-Treasurer