

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
EXETER TWP., WYOMING COUNTY

JANUARY 3, 2022

The Board of Supervisors, Exeter Twp. Wyoming Cty. Held their meeting for the month of January on January 3, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:28 pm by the Chairman, David Thorpe. Roll Call: David Thorpe-present; Richard Fitzsimmons-present; Timothy Pierce-present. Others in attendance were Nancie Hopkins, Andrew Hopkins and those listed on the attendance list. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Richard made note of the following to be included in last months minutes – the tree for the park was donated by Bennies Nursery, Veto Barziloski. A motion was made by Richard and seconded by Tim to approve the minutes of of the previous meeting with the changes. Roll Call: David-yes; Richard-yes; Tim-yes. Motion passed.

The Chairman asked for the Treasurers Report. Ending Balances are as follows: General Checking-\$84,734.54; Capital Improvement Fund - \$105,077.95; Park Checking -\$3,882.91; Credit Card Acct.-\$1,607.94; Impact Acct. \$47,132.85; Senior Water Acct.-\$1,060.10; Recovery Acct. - \$33,226.33; State Fund - \$147,461.69. A motion was made by David and seconded by Richard to accept the Treasurers report. Roll Call: David-yes; Richard-yes; Tim-yes. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked for the bills to be paid. Falls Trail Deli - \$576.11; Staples \$96.64; Five Star Equipment - \$3170.00; Hilltop Quarry - \$857.02; Penelec-\$24.44; Comcast \$571.91; Boxertec \$760.00; Citizens Voice \$75.00; Bradco Supply \$1,199.74; Andrew Hopkins \$22.50; Mile Hill Auto \$17.98; Davis Gregory and Kyle \$1,412.45, PSATS \$338.00. A motion was made by Richard and seconded by Tim to pay the bills as presented. Roll Call: David-yes; Richard-yes; Tim- yes. Motion carried.

ROAD REPORT: the ditch on Kings Rd. has been cleaned out and repaired. Falls Twp. regraded it and we put in R4 rip rap to prevent erosion . Exeter Twp., Luzerne Cty. Came and swept the road to clean it of dirt and debris. Thanks to both townships for their help. Hickory Rd. needs to be cut back when we get our equipment repaired. Emergency pot hole repairs on Old State Rd. by the Senior Housing was done.

BUILDING AND ZONING: Ron Jackson read his report.

SEO: no report. Nancie was instructed to send Steven a letter that the supervisors would like to at least have an email each month stating that no activity if that was the case.

PARK: Garbage was removed and the broken toy will be looked at.

ACTIVE ADULT CENTER: All the light bulbs on the first floor have been replaced. We will keep the extras and replace the ones in the basement as needed. Andrew changed the batteries in the thermostats and that seems to have taken care of the heat issue. Richard thanked him for taking care of this.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The lights in the garage have been upgraded. Andrew is going to look into pricing for a new building and salt shed. DEP did the inspection on the O’Fier lot and everything is OK. We should be receiving an approval letter. He also stated that we should not put anything in that area but keep it out of the flood zone area.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: Tom Grau inquired if it would be possible for him to use one of the FEMA properties off of Susquehanna Beach Rd. to pitch a tent in the summer months. Ron Jackson will look into what we are allowed to do with these properties and let us know at February’s meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: A resignation was received from Stephen Swartz. Assessment notices, DEP on the Geary Pit, PSATS information on the convention, information on salt sheds.

OLD BUSINESS: the cutoff date for applications for the secretarial/treasurers position is Jan. 24, 2022. Reilly Assoc. feels we should be receiving our permit for the water system in a few weeks. Concerning the repairs on the equipment: the flail mower needs repairs that should be about \$1,600. Medico estimates the repairs to our backhoe at about \$15,000. The John Deere tractor needs engine work done plus other repairs need to be done. We have not done any major repairs on this tractor since we purchased it and it is estimated that it will cost about \$10,000.00 to do everything. It should then last us another 10-15 years. The budget would include sand blasting the rims so they don’t rust away. It would basically be a brand new tractor when all the repairs are made. Ronco is building us a new plate for the bucket at cost. Nancie reported that we could use state funds to repair the equipment. There was much discussion and it is felt that perhaps the backhoe should be fixed and then sold and to just rent one when we need it. A motion was made by David and seconded by Tim to approve \$5000 to \$10,000 to repair the John Deere. A motion was made by David and seconded by Richard to spend up to \$1800.00 on the flail mower and a motion was made David and seconded by Richard to table the repair of the backhoe until next meeting to see if it would be possible to sell it without repairing it. Roll Call on the previous motions: David-yes; Richard-yes; Tim-yes. Motions passed. We need to look for a grant writer. The chicken coop issue has been resolved and permit issued.

NEW BUSINESS: There was discussion on the purchase of a blower to clean the roads and ditches. Bradco has them for about \$6508.00 with a one year warranty. This will be tabled until the next meeting. Dustin Robinson has found a tree company that will take the trees across from Polak’s house down. They will charge \$3500 to remove the 3 trees. A motion was made by David and seconded by Richard to have this done. Roll Call: David-yes; Richard-yes; Tim-yes. Motion carried. Dustin will make the arrangements. The supervisors want to thank Dustin for his work as Supervisor. Andrew will be out of town Jan. 31 through February 3. Dustin will fill in for him and Tim will also help.

ADJOURNMENT: with no other business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.

Respectfully submitted:

