

NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

Call to order by Chairman Harkins at 6:00 pm

An Executive Session was held tonight at 5:30 to discuss personnel issues related to the Police and an ongoing litigation case. There was an Executive Session held November 18th at 6:00 pm to discuss paid fire truck driver positions. There was also an Executive Session held October 24th at 5:00 pm to discuss Police contract negotiations.

Attendance

Chairman, Rob Harkins
Vice-Chairman, Diane Shellenhamer
Supervisor, Dave Kirkpatrick
Supervisor, Aaron Schwartz
Township Manager, Tony Miller
Asst. Manager, Jamal Abodalo
Engineer, Bill Rudy
Public Works Director, Scott Getgen
Sewer, Brent Zeiders
Police Chief, Steve Lutz
Codes and Zoning, Jeremy Eutzy

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Gasswint – Red Land Senior Center – Stated a week ago they were notified Wyndamere Heights Evangelical Church is no longer in negotiations with them and the Church was terminating negotiations. Mr. Gasswint stated Red Land Senior Center is asking the Northern York County Community for help in finding a new location for rent, purchase or charitable partnership. The Red Land Senior Center will continue to operate all services and programs at their current location at 736 Wyndamere Road, Lewisberry PA until a new suitable location can be found. They are not expecting any interruption in providing services.

Jane Harman – Resident, 205 Hemlock Lane – Stated there was an item added to the agenda on Monday and asked why that was done. Chairman Harkins stated that items are not put onto the agenda last minute to slide something by. Ms. Harman also was concerned with an increase in taxes and interested in where things can be cut so that it does not happen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the minutes from October 22, 2024, seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the workshop minutes from November 6, 2024, seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

LAND DEVELOPMENT/ SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW

Mike Zimmerman Subdivision

Layne Clark from Gordon Brown & Associates, Inc. representing the Mike Zimmerman Subdivision stated all the comments that he had received since August 29th have been addressed. The Plans have been notarized and signed by the surveyor. Mike Zimmerman is going to pay the park and rec fee of \$1,600.00. The site distances have been met. There has been a revision that the house will be removed within 6 months after the review of the Plan.

Engineer, Bill Rudy, reviewed his memo from October 30th. There are three waivers that approved stating he was fine with them. The Planning Commission had recommended granting the waivers in a 5-0 vote.

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve all three waivers, the stormwater management plan, the context map and the delineation map, seconded by Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the Subdivision Plan pending the Engineer's comments, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

Richard and Diane Fox Subdivision

Joe Burgett from Burgett & Associates, Inc. representing the Diane and Richard Fox Subdivision. Mr. Burgett stated the Fox's have approximately 160 acres of land. Their intention is to subdivide off the existing home, barn and pond which is approximately 10 ½ acres and sell that parcel. Their plans are to retain the remaining acreage. Mr. Burgett reviewed the rest of the Plan. There are five waivers which were all recommended approval.

Engineer, Bill Rudy, stated Mr. Burgett's explanation of his comment letter was accurate. Mr. Rudy did note that the Planning Commission did recommend granting the waivers.

MOTION By Chairman Harkins to approve all five waivers for the subdivision of Richard and Diane Fox, seconded by Supervisor Kirkpatrick, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

MOTION By Chairman Harkins to approve the Subdivision Plan pending the Engineer's comments, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

Frederick and Emily Craft Subdivision

Frederick and Emily Craft were not present at the meeting. Solicitor Sanders asked if a waiver was signed by them.

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve table the Frederick and Emily Craft Subdivision Plan pending the Engineer's comments, seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

REPORTS

Public Safety – Chief Lutz

Chief Lutz reminded the public that there is a burn ban in effect and to refrain from burning anything outside. Newberrytown Fire Department has bingo on November 22nd and December 6th. They also have pit bike raffle tickets for sale ending December 19th. Goldsboro Fire Department has bingo on November 29th. York Haven Fire Department has raffle tickets for a KitchenAid and Mixer/Bake Set which ends when the tickets sell out.

Police Department – Chief Lutz

The Police Department handled 1,148 calls for the month of October.

Solicitor – James Sanders

James Sanders submitted a report to the board.

Engineering –Pennonni Associates

Bill Rudy submitted a report to the board.

Highway –Scott Getgen

Scott Getgen submitted a report to the board.

Zoning – Jeremy Eutzy

Jeremy Eutzy submitted a report to the board.

Sewer – Brent Zeiders

Brent Zeiders submitted a report to the board.

Township Manager – Tony Miller

Tony Miller submitted a report to the board.

Treasurer – Jane Deamer

Jane Deamer submitted a report to the board.

Supervisor's Report

Vice Chairman Shellenhamer stated the Veterans Day Memorial was a success. On November 27th there will be a Christmas holiday event held when the tree will be strung with lights. The event will take place between 5 and 8 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-36 Plan Revision for New Land Development, Frederick and Emily Craft

MOTION By Vice Chairman Shellenhamer to approve Resolution 2024-36 plan revision for land development, Frederick and Emily Craft, seconded by Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Engineer, Bill Rudy, stated this is in relation to the Plan that was tabled. He feels it is acceptable to move forward on this so that it may be submitted to DEP. This is for the on-lot septic for the property.

Approve Hiring New Police Officer at Contracted Starting Salary Tentative Start Date December 9, 2024

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve hiring new police officer at contracted starting salary tentative start date December 9, 2024, seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION The start date was changed to December 4, 2024.

Approve Advertisement of Draft 2025 Budget

MOTION By Chairman Harkins to approve advertisement of draft 2025 budget as amended line item, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Treasurer, Jane Deamer, stated she feels comfortable that the earned income tax can be raised that would be collected next year to 1.6 million. Currently it is 1.5 million and there will be a large distribution of \$200,000 will be coming in December between Cumberland County and York Adams Tax Bureau.

Approve Pennoni Associates, Inc. Rate Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve Pennoni Associates Inc. rate schedule for fiscal year 2025, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

Approve Ordinance 430 Blue Ridge Cable Franchise Agreement

MOTION By Supervisor Schwartz to approve Ordinance 430 Blue Ridge Cable Franchise Agreement, seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

Approve 2025 Snow Removal Bids

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve 2025 snow removal bids, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Manager Miller stated that Public Works Director, Scott Getchen would like to accept the three bidders that the township received. Scott added that he is hoping that it will cut down on some of the overtime at the highway department.

Discuss/Approve Addendum to MOU for NTPD Patrolman's Association, Academy Act 120 Hire Expiration Date March 31, 2025

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve addendum to MOU for NTPD Patrolman's Association, Academy Act 120 Hire expiration dated March 31, 24, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Supervisor Kirkpatrick explained that this is just an extension of time.

Approve Amendment of Ordinance 380 Attachment 4, Political Signs to 8 Weeks Prior to Election Day

MOTION By Supervisor Schwartz to approve Police Association to purchase Sgt. Farren's firearm, seconded by Supervisor Kirkpatrick, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

Approve to Advertise Zoning Ordinance Change for Political Signs to 8 Weeks Prior to Election Day Chapter 380, Attachment 4

MOTION By Supervisor Schwartz to approve to advertise Zoning Ordinance change for political signs to 8 weeks prior to election day, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

Approve Resolution 2024-37 LSA Grant for Police Radios. Amount Revised

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve Resolution 2024-37 LSA Grant for police and fire radios amount revised, seconded by Vice Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

Approve Resolution 2024-38 Professional Driver/Operator Program as Detailed in Corresponding MOU

MOTION By Vice Chairman Shellenhamer to approve Resolution 2024-38 professional driver/operator program as detailed in corresponding MOU, seconded by Supervisor Kirkpatrick, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION By Vice Chairman Shellenhamer to pay the bills, seconded by Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Supervisor Kirkpatrick to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION None

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Miller, Secretary

