

NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
April 26th, 2022 6:05 p.m.

Call to Order by Chairman Dave Kirkpatrick

Chairman Kirkpatrick called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Proof of publication was available for public inspection. Chairman Kirkpatrick announced that the board had an executive session on April 19th to discuss personnel issues. Chairman Kirkpatrick announced that there was also an executive session held prior to the monthly meeting to discuss litigation.

Attendance

Chairman, Dave Kirkpatrick	Wastewater Services Coordinator, Brent Zeiders
Vice-Chair, Rob Harkins	Township Comptroller, Jane Deamer
Supervisor, Diane Shellenhamer	Solicitor, James Sanders
Supervisor, Maxine Kauffman	Zoning Officer, Marcus Brandt
Supervisor, Clair Wintermyer	Police Chief, Steve Lutz
Township Manager, Tony Miller	Engineer, Bill Rudy
Public Works Director, Scott Getgen	

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Eyer, Have Hope Ministries, inc.: Mr. Eyer led a prayer at the beginning of the meeting.

Donna Reeves, 158 Horseshoe Avenue: Ms. Reeves requested a meeting with the supervisors on behalf of Have Hope Ministries, Inc. to discuss the townships support toward the opening of one of their stores within Newberry Township.

Bob Gaswint, President of the Redland Senior Center: Mr. Gaswint expressed his appreciation toward the township for continued support for each of their events. He also announced that the senior center is opening a community center, and that Redland Senior Center would continue to attend monthly meetings with updates from the senior center.

Steve Toomey, 160 Cragmoor: Toomey expressed his concern about the townships website not being frequently updated; in regard to public notices. He was also concerned about three checks that were sent to the highway administrator, Scott Getgen. Chairman Kirkpatrick explained that those checks were written to Getgen for the rental of his equipment.

Paul Deal, 1315 Erney Road: Deal requested a variance on his two-acre property, so that he can subdivide it into two-one-acre properties. Chairman Kirkpatrick informed Deal that he could make his requests to the zoning board and would also need to speak with Marcus Brandt during the townships business hours.

Michael Alexander, 20 Si Rode Lane: Alexander questioned the condition of Si Rode Lane, due to the many potholes on the road. Alexander requests a permanent solution to the potholes. Chairman Kirkpatrick said that they would send Scott to look at the road and that he would speak with Bill Rudy.

Minute Approval

MOTION by Vice-Chairman Harkins to approve the March 22nd, 2022, monthly meeting minutes. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT/SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW

Justin Kuhn, Integrated Consulting: Development Sketch Plan

Justin Kuhn from Integrated Consulting submitted a development sketch plan for the supervisors to review, Kuhn stated that he had already sent his plans to Fairview Township because the development will land on both townships. Chairman Kirkpatrick said that the board would discuss and review the plans for a few weeks.

REPORTS

Public Safety – Chief Lutz

Chief Lutz reviewed the report he submitted to the board. Chief Lutz wanted to remind those at the meeting that the police departments non-profit team is still selling autism patches. He also said that on Sunday, May 8th of 2022 there will be an event where parents can bring their children. He also reminded members of the township that there's a tool called "Neighbors" by ring that the police can use as an investigative tool.

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. Supervisor Wintermyer asked Getgen if there had been any work done on Paddletown road, Getgen stated that the approval from Tiffany was still pending.

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.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Deamer

Jane Deamer submitted a written report to the board.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Wintermyer asked if there was any contact with Starbucks regarding the stop sign issue, this issue was discussed in the previous month's meeting. Chairman Kirkpatrick explained that he spoke to the contractors sweeping the streets, and they said that they would speak to Starbucks.

Chairman Kirkpatrick mentioned that there was a meeting for strategic fire planning, and that there is now twenty-eight people in the committee. He mentioned that the meetings are going well.

Old BUSINESS

Yocumtown and Red Mill intersection

Chairman Kirkpatrick mentioned that he spoke with PennDot, and they seem to be in favor of adding a stop sign on Yocumtown road. Kirkpatrick also spoke with the water company because they must do a repaving for a half lane, due the work that they did on the water lines in 2021. There was discussion about the blinking lights.

MOTION by Supervisor Wintermyer to send a letter to PennDot to get a stop sign with a four-way stop and blinking lights placed at the intersection of Yocumtown and Red Mill. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman, carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership in Capital Region Council of Government

MOTION by Supervisor Kauffman to join the Capital Region Council of Government. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

York County Cable Consortium/Multi-Municipality Cable Franchise

Chairman Kirkpatrick asked James Sanders, the townships solicitor, to explain the possible agreement with York County's Consortium. Sanders explains that by using the consortium and not renewing an agreement with Comcast the township will save money, and benefit from the consortium over time. There was discussion about the fee.

MOTION by Supervisor Kauffman to table the decision to enter an agreement with York County Cable Consortium until the board receives further information regarding the longevity of the agreement. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously.

Chief Lutz Recommendation for Sergeant Farren to enter DROP July 1st, 2022

Chairman Kirkpatrick asked township manager – Tony Miller to explain the DROP program. Mr. Miller explained that once police officers have reached 25 years of service, they can enter a DROP program for the continuation of their service for four extra years and can be released at any time. There was discussion about the Sergeants pension plan.

MOTION by Supervisor Kauffman to continue with Chief Lutz's recommendation to enter Sergeant Farren into the DROP program. The motion, seconded by Vice – Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously.

Action On Personnel Matter

MOTION by Vice-Chairman Harkins to continue forward with Chief Lutz's recommendation for the termination of Officer Douglas Klinefelter effective immediately, by midnight. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

Wage Adjustment of Office Administrative Assistant due to additional Sewer responsibilities

There was discussion concerning the amount of the wage adjustment. The new wage will be \$22.50.

MOTION by Supervisor Wintermyer to adjust the wage of the office administrative assistant due to additional sewer responsibilities. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS cont.

Draft Ordinance 417: Truck Restrictions on Culhane Road

MOTION by Supervisor Wintermyer to advertise the writing of draft ordinance 417, referring to truck restrictions on Culhane Road. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman, carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022 – 13 Amended: Revised Amount for Grant

There was discussion that the total dollar amount needed to be amended in resolution 2022 – 13.

MOTION by Vice – Chairman Harkins to amend Resolution 2022 – 13. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

Approve Transfer of \$82,417.48 from Police Reserve Fund to General Fund to Pay for Truck and Car

MOTION by Supervisor Wintermyer to approve the transfer of \$82,417.48 from the police reserve fund to the general fund for the purchase of a truck and car. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman, carried unanimously.

Release Suez Bond #30114892 in the Amount of \$100,866.67

MOTION by Supervisor Kauffman to approve the releasing Suez bond #30114892 in the amount of \$100,866.67 based on the recommendation of Bill Rudy and Scott Getgen. The motion, seconded by Vice – Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously.

Approve Pennoni to Advertise Bid for Dolan Park Rehab Work Phase One

There was discussion to approve bid advertisement for Dolan Park Ballfield rehab project. The township received \$218,00.00 towards this work.

MOTION by Supervisor Kauffman to approve Pennoni to advertise a bid for Dolan Park rehab work on phase one. The motion, seconded by Vice – Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Supervisor Kauffman to pay the bills. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION by Supervisor Wintermyer seconded by Supervisor Shellenhamer. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tony Miller, Secretary