

NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monthly Meeting

August 23rd, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order by Vice – Chairman Rob Harkins

Vice – Chairman Harkins called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Proof of publication was available for public inspection. Vice – Chairman Harkins announced that there was an executive session held at 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and professional services for the new building. Vice – Chairman Harkins announced that Chairman Kirkpatrick was unable to make it to this month's meeting.

Attendance

Vice-Chairman, 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	Sewer, Brent Zeiders

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Eyer, Team Haven: Eyer led the public in a prayer to commence the meeting with a spirit of unity.

Joel Giovannetti, New Hope Ministries: Giovannetti explained that New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that helps families and children who struggle financially. Giovannetti explains that there are several residents within Newberry Township that New Hope Ministries supports and asks if the board would consider donating partial ARCA 2021 funds to help support the residents of Newberry Township who are involved with New Hope Ministries.

Joel Washok, Penn Waste: Washok explains that Penn Waste has had a staff shortage within their driver and customer service departments but explains that they have plans to improve customer service. He explained that Penn Waste has hired new staff that should be trained by the end of August. Penn Waste has also shifted supervisors to increase the effectiveness of their service. There was discussion of contract renewal.

Jane Harman, 205 Hemlock Lane: Harman gives a summary of all minutes that mention the price history of the MESB, and questions why the price of the building continues to rise. Tony Miller explains that there are different phases, and that's why Harman is seeing different prices for the multi – use emergency services building. There was discussion about grants and expenses.

Connie Flasher, 395 Eden Drive: Flasher asks for more details to be included in meeting minutes, and for details regarding the expenses of the MESB. She suggests that if the public does get taxed, that it be through a special need's taxation. Flasher asked what amount was rewarded for the Care Act. Tony Miller said that \$1,666,528.00. Supervisor Wintermyer tell Flasher that if she ever has questions, she can always call and ask him or the Township Administrative Office. Flasher asked if the township would consider creating a fund that only be used for the MESB. Vice – Chairman Harkins stated that all transactions are accounted for and have been documented. There was discussion on EMS services.

Brian Rehbein, 928 Pleasant Drive: Rehbein explained that the EMS services from UPMC were free for the township, but if a resident were to fall ill and need ambulance service the resident would be responsible for the charges. Chief Hatterer confirmed his statement.

Joe Shoemaker, 1840 Potts Hill Road (Letter read by Tony Miller): Shoemaker requested that the board considers reducing the speed limit on Pott Hills Road near her driveway, so that leaving her home will be safer. Tony Miller states that Potts Hill Road is a state road, and the request would need to go to PennDOT.

PUBLIC COMMENTS cont.

Katrina Hockonbroch, 975 River Road (Letter read by Tony Miller): Hockonbroch requested that signs be placed near her home to reduce the speed limit due to the special needs of her child. The board decided to do a traffic study on River Road. Vice – Chairman Harkins said that the topic will be discussed again in the next meeting.

MINUTE APPROVAL

MOTION by Supervisor Shellenhamer to approve the July 26th, 2022, monthly meeting minutes. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman, carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT/SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW

Southern Crossings, Sewer EDU Transfer Agreement, Justin Kuhn

Justin Kuhn, Integrated Development Partners: Kuhn requests the board of Newberry Township to consider selling the EDUs in the Beinhour development to PA American Water (Fairview Township), due to water plains that would cause a difficulty to connect the developments homes to public sewer in Newberry Township.

MOTION by Supervisor Kauffman to approve the exploration of selling the EDUs in Southern Crossing's development to PA American Water. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Public Safety – Chief Lutz

Chief Lutz reviewed the report he submitted to the board. Chief Lutz thanked the community and the staff at the township for the support at National Night Out. Chief announced that the police department would not be hosting a golf tournament this year, however they will be hosting a cornhole tournament on November 5th, 2022 at the Valley Run Farm. Chief Lutz also informed the public that Governor Wolf endorsed Christopher Fetters as Newberry Township's EMA coordinator. Chief Lutz promoted the grill raffle and sub sale that York Haven fire department is hosting.

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.

REPORTS cont.

Township Manager's Report – Tony Miller

Manager Tony Miller submitted a written report. Mr. Miller reports that a traffic study was done on Conley Lane and Yocumtown Road, due to an issue that was discussed in the previous month's meeting. He also informs the public that there will no longer be sewer post cards, but sewer bills (letter sized) delivered to residents with public sewer.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Deamer

Jane Deamer submitted a written report to the board.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Wintermyer informs the public that he was approached by the VFW so that signs can be placed on Pines Road.

David Lash, VFW: Lash would like to have a study done for a VFW sign, and to have a committee put together to help the VFW. He states that he would like to see a VFW sign and a community placed on Pines Road.

Supervisor Shellenhamer mentioned that the strategic fire department meeting will be held on September 15th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. and is open to the public for anyone to join. She also explained that Newberry Township is holding an Art Contest to create a berry as Newberry Townships new mascot. Supervisor Shellenhamer explains that she met with an HOA to answer questions that the residents had and encourage the public to invite supervisors to the HOA meetings so that they can help answer questions that residents might have. She also told the public that the township is asking for the public to reach out if they would like to participate in the WSRC.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 419, Bank Note Capital Debt. \$4M

Jens Damgaard, Eckert Seamans: Damgaard explains that ordinance 419 determines and approves the terms under which incurring \$4M of debt would hold. Supervisor Shellenhamer explains that to have the \$4M grant approved, ordinance 419 must be approved. There was discussion about yearly loan payments.

LINE VOTE Supervisor Wintermyer (AYE)
 Vice – Chairman Harkins (AYE)
 Supervisor Kauffman (AYE)
 Supervisor Shellenhamer (AYE)

With zero nays, Ordinance 419 passed.

Approve Ordinance 420, Fire Prevention Chapter 214 (E – Code)

There was discussion about whether residential housing would be required to have the address numbers painted clearly for the fire department, and where the public can purchase Knox Boxes. The public can purchase the Knox Boxes from their local fire departments.

MOTION by Supervisor Shellenhamer to approve Ordinance 420, Fire prevention Chapter 214 E – Code. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman, carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Audit Presentation, Zelenkofske and Axelrod

Zelenkofske gave a presentation and summary of the 2021 Audit for Newberry Township.

MOTION By Vice – Chairman Harkins to advertise the 2021 Audit Presentation. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

Bond Reduction for Woods Phase 3 to \$199,805.53 per the Recommendation of the Engineer

MOTION By Supervisor Wintermyer to reduce the bond for the Woods phase 3 to \$199,805.53. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman, carried unanimously.

Revised Public Meeting Policy

Tony Miller explained the changes made to the meeting policy. The changes centered around the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, and taxpayers/residents adding items to the agenda.

MOTION By Supervisor Shellenhamer to raise parking tickets to \$35.00. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman carried unanimously.

Approve Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plans \$413,984, \$99,093 Non - Uniformed

MOTION By Supervisor Shellenhamer to approve the minimum municipal obligation for pension plans to \$413,984, and \$99,093 for non – uniform. This motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Adjournment

MOTION by Supervisor Shellenhamer, to adjourn the July August 23rd, 2022 monthly meeting. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tony Miller, Secretary