

NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
December 14, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order by Chairman Mario Eckert

Chairman Eckert called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Proof of publication was available for public inspection. Chairman Eckert announced that the board had an executive session at 5:30pm before the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Attendance

Chairman, Mario Eckert
Vice-Chair, Maxine Kauffman
Supervisor, Dave Kirkpatrick
Supervisor, Brandt Cook
Supervisor, Clair Wintermyer
Township Manager, Tony Miller
Public Works Director, Scott Getgen

Wastewater Services Coordinator, Brent Zeiders
Township Comptroller, Jane Deamer
Solicitor, James Sanders
Zoning Officer, Marcus Brandt
Police Chief, Steve Lutz
Engineer, Bill Rudy

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Minute Approval

MOTION by Supervisor Cook to approve the November 23 monthly meeting minutes and the November 30 BOS Workshop minutes. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Kirkpatrick, carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT/SUBDIVISION REVIEW

Red Mill Crossing

Ben Heise discussed the plans for Red Mill Crossing. Street improvements will be done on the roads. Sidewalks are going to be deferred until the Township decides they would like them installed.

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the waivers for Red Mill Crossing. The motion, seconded by Chairman Eckert, carried unanimously.

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the deferment of the sidewalks. The motion, seconded by Chairman Eckert, carried unanimously.

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the plan for Red Mill Crossing with the conditions of the engineers' comments. The motion, seconded by Chairman Eckert, carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Lutz

Chief Lutz reviewed the report he submitted to the board. Chief Lutz said December 16, Lieutenant Ditty will graduate from the FBI National academy.

EMS- Mark Knaub

Mark Knaub reviewed the report he submitted.

Fire Departments – Chiefs Mark Sanders, Gary Hatterer, Rudy Huggins

Chief Hatterer reviewed the report he submitted. Chief Hatterer said the Fire Department had a Christmas dinner that EMS and Police also attended. Chief Sanders reviewed the report he submitted. Chief Huggins reviewed the report he submitted. All three Chiefs discussed the dates of their Santa run.

Solicitor – James Sanders

Solicitor James Sanders submitted a report to the board.

Engineering – Pennoni Associates

Bill Rudy submitted a written report to the board. Supervisor Wintermyer asked about permit status for the Yocumtown Rd and Red Mill Rd interse

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.

Township Manager's Report – Tony Miller

Manager Tony Miller submitted a written report. Tony said the Township was awarded a grant for Terry Dolan park in the amount of \$218,000.00

Treasurer's Report – Jane Deamer

Jane Deamer submitted a written report to the board.

Supervisor's Report

Vice Chair gave certificates from PSATS to Mario Eckert and Brandt Cook for serving as Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Matter- Sgt. Breski

Police Sergeant Breski due to injury is unable to return to work. It is recommended to give Sergeant Breski an honorable discharge.

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the honorable discharge of Sergeant Breski. The motion, seconded by Vice Chair Kauffman, carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-20/2022 Tax Millage Rates

Discussion started about the fire tax. Chairman Eckert wants to hold on implementing the fire tax because he does not want to raise taxes. Supervisor Kirkpatrick discussed the cost to run a Fire Department and that is a lot of fundraising that must be done. Vice Chair Kauffman brought up selling the Sewer utility and use that money to put towards the Fire Department. Each Fire Chief spoke about the lack of funds each department has and why the fire tax is a good thing. The money can sit until needed to the departments. Solicitor Sanders discussed the CARES money and how it is allowed to be used. Tony Miller said that some of the CARES money can be given to the Fire Departments if they can prove they lost revenue due to COVID. Rob Harkins spoke about why he is in favor of the fire tax. Debra Popp asked if the Public Safety position is paid and where the money is coming from. The supervisors said the money is coming from the General Fund.

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the Solicitor to draw up a Resolution to take \$75,000 CARES Act money for the Fire Departments. The motion, seconded by Vice Chair Kauffman, carried unanimously.

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve Resolution 2021-20. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay.

Resolution 2021-21/ 2022 Budget

Debra Popp asked where the Money Market and Hydrant Funds were in the budget. Comptroller Jane Deamer responded and said that the money is labeled under the General Fund per our CPAs recommendation.

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the budget. The motion, seconded by Chairman Eckert, carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay.

Resolution 2021-22/ 2022 Meeting Dates

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve Resolution 2021-22. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-23/ Appointment of Wanda Sue Ostrander as Zoning Heard Board Alternate

MOTION by Vice Chair Kauffman to approve Resolution 2021-23. The motion, seconded by Chairman Eckert, carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS cont.

Resolution 2021-24/PennDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement

MOTION by Chairman Eckert to approve Resolution 2021-24. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously.

Approval to advertise Multi-Use Emergency Services Building Sewer Extension Project

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the advertising of the sewer extension project. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously.

Approve Hiring of Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator

MOTION by Supervisor Cook to approve the hiring of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Vice Chair Kauffman to pay the bills. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Kirkpatrick, carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick, seconded by Chairman Eckert. Meeting adjourned at 7:09PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Miller, Secretary