

NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
March 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order by Chairman Rob Harkins at 6:04 p.m.

An Executive session was held at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the Pension Plan and Administration personnel positions.

Attendance

Chairman Rob Harkins
Vice-Chairman, Diane Shellenhamer
Supervisor, Clair Wintermyer
Solicitor, Doug Myers
Supervisor, Maxine Kauffman
Township Manager, Tony Miller
Engineer, Bill Rudy
Public Works Director, Scott Getgen
Sewer, Brent Zeiders
Police Chief, Steve Lutz

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Gasswint, Resident thanked the board for replacing the mirror on Taylor Road & Deardorff Drive. He spoke about the direction of the Red Land Senior Center. The Senior center wants to take over ownership of the Church that they are currently in. They are looking for help to keep up the costs of the church. The difference between rent and maintaining the building is 22k. The Church is willing to sell the church to the Red Land Senior Center for one dollar.

Marie Dunston, Resident of 540 Garriston Road, extends an invitation to all to come visit the Senior Center. Yard and Bake sale will be on June 10, 2023. Supervisor Wintermyer says we will put it on our sign. Chairman Harkins said he wanted to bring a large rock to the Center to prevent their sign from being knocked down. Bob Gasswint, added that they used to do bake sales when they did their chicken BBQ. During and since COVID their bake sale and chicken BBQ is drive through. Bob Gasswint appreciates the donation the Township gives. Manager Miller stated this year we gave \$12,000.00.

Sherilyn Kanyuck, resident complained about the speeding of motorcycles on Pleasant View. She also asked how she could get receipts from people that did work for her. She complained about people burning while it is too windy. She said the police came to her house early in the morning and banged loudly on her door asking if she was the owner of a pony and donkey. She doesn't want police banging on her door. Chairman Harkins asked would she not want the police to come to her door if it were her horse. She said her phone number is posted at the end of her driveway. She went on to complain about the noisy motorcycles and how she does not appreciate almost being creamed multiple times. Supervisor Kirkpatrick said there is nothing they can do if the motorcycles are licensed.

Larry Kauffman, Resident 85 Cedar Hill Dr. endorses what Robert with Red Land Senior Center is doing. Larry is looking for a place for his senior center. The need for senior centers is growing all the time.

Jane Harman, Resident attended the chicken BBQ at the Red Land Senior Center. She said it was delicious and would be marking her calendar for all upcoming BBQs. She went on to say how the Senior Centers are a wonderful asset. Her mother utilizes one. Jane brought up the land the Township has. She would like to see a park with walking paths. Chairman Harkins said that Yocumtown Church of God is going to put in a walking path. Supervisor Kaufmann added that the new Red Mill apartments will have a walking path. Supervisor Kirkpatrick asked that Resident Harman approach the WSSD and have them put in a walking path when the new Townhouses go up.

MINUTE APPROVAL

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the meeting minutes from February 28, 2023, seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT/SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW

Nothing to report.

REPORTS

Public Safety ~ Chief Lutz

Chief Lutz introduced the Chief of EMS to come up and give the public safety report. 112 incidents. 5 calls missed because they were committed to other calls. The membership is optional to the Township Residence. The Chief of EMS went on to give a broad overview of the membership. Applications were brought with him to be handed out because some residents have not received the application. Supervisor Kirkpatrick and Vice Chairman Shellenhamer would like to see the EMS membership information put on the Newberry Township website.

Chief Lutz asked if the Fire Departments are having any fund raisers. For the month of February 1147 calls were handled. Chief Lutz apologized for the knocking on Mrs. Cheryl Door. He explained they were trying to corral the horse for over 30 minutes. April 21, 2023, the Newberry Township is up for its accreditation assessment. This is a big accomplishment. Shellenhamer commended the PD for getting an individual off the street that was causing issues at the WSSD.

Manager Miller explained the previous week was a productive week for receiving grants. Chief Lutz received a state grant from the PA Commission on Crime. This gives funding for replacing police equipment as well as funding for mental health care for Officers. The next grant was a Federal grant from FEMA that provides money for a multitude of things. Chief Lutz explained this is a grant for the retention and recruitment of FD. Miller two LSA state grants were received for audio visual equipment for the new building. Miller LSA grant for enhanced police security. Multiple cars and included. CL Apex virtual training. Police officers can train in real world situations using this. Miller recapped 800k received in Grants. 3 or 4 were received from the first grant writer.

Supervisor Kauffman went on to share a compliment that a resident Barbara Gunnet of 3405 Old Trail Road gave. Resident had a medical incident. Officer Taylor called her work, locked up her house, and took care of her dog after she left the ambulance. She felt Officer Taylor went over and beyond his call of duty. She was very grateful.

Solicitor – James Sanders

Solicitor James Sanders submitted a report to the board.

Engineering – Pennoni Associates

Bill Rudy submitted a written report to the board. Bill Rudy has a Chapter 94 report under that is due by month end and needs Chairman Harkins signature.

Highway- Scott Getgen

Scott Getgen submitted a written report to the board.

Zoning Officer- Vacant

Manager Miller, nothing to add.

Sewer – Brent Zeiders

Brent Zeiders submitted a written report.

Township Manager’s Report – Tony Miller

Manager Miller submitted a written report. He added that three trucks for the Highway Department are on their way. Two trucks will be delivered in April and one in May. The process of destroying the old trucks will start thereafter. Chairman Harkins asked about the financing. Manager Miller is still exploring options that include the voucher program.

Treasurer’s Report – Jane Deamer

Jane Deamer submitted a written report to the board.

Supervisor’s Report

Chairman Harkins shared an update on the new EMS Building. Footers are in. Next week will be concrete, the following week framing will start. An Overage of 8k for rock in the trench and some rock in the water line. Future parking area and paving has been eliminated for savings on the project.

OLD BUSINESS

New Hope Ministries donation to Capital Campaign

DISCUSSION Chairman Harkins, Supervisor Wintermyer and Manager Miller visited the facility. Chairman Harkins explained they do background checks on people before they hand out money to them. Conversation between the Supervisors if a specific amount was asked for. Manager Miller explained they did not ask for a certain amount. They are looking to buy a new freezer. Chairman Harkins is in favor of giving \$15,000.00. Jane Harman, Resident, would like to know if they cater to individuals out of our area. The Supervisors elaborated more on what they do. Teaching people to cook, giving groceries, helping people to find a job. Supervisor Kirkpatrick and Supervisor Kauffman agreed that we should not donate more than what we donated to the Senior Center. Jane Harman, the resident, asked where the money would come from. Is there a slush fund? Manager Miller explained where the money would come from. Discussion among the Supervisors on the dollar amount we should give.

MOTION by Chairman Harkins to give 12,000 to New Hope Ministries seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

AGREEMENTS Goldsboro, York Haven, and Newberry FD for Fire Protection.

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to sign the agreements between Newberry Volunteer Fire Department, Goldsboro Fire Department and Susquehanna Fire Department, seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Kirkpatrick elaborated this is our contract to provide fire protection within the Township.

Approve Line Painting Bid 2023

MOTION by Chairman Harkins to approve the line painting bid for 2023, seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Manager Miller explained that this is our yearly line painting bit. Lower Windsor lead the bid result. D E Gemmill as usual is the lowest bidder

Dave Parsons asked the total amount of the bid. Manager Miller responded that all 5 municipalities are totaled together. Supervisor Kirkpatrick says our Township portion will be around 25k.

Manager Miller then added that the second bidder Alpha Space came in at 287k versus Gemmill at 239K.

Manager Miller did investigate and came back with a price of \$34289.69 for our portion of line painting.

Approve Payment of Invoice for Lobar \$157,951.55

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the paying of the invoice, seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Supervisor Wintermyer questioned the paving. How many yards and or square footage? Chairman Harkins and Supervisor Kirkpatrick both replied we are going with 4". Chairman Harkins explained the dollar amount is the original figure and will go down. Supervisor Kirkpatrick confirmed. Supervisor Wintermyer questioned how many garage doors. He thinks the price is steep. Supervisor Kirkpatrick explained these doors are roll-up doors. Chairman Harkins, Supervisor Kirkpatrick explained the price will come down since we are not getting roll up door. Chairman Harkins will confirm with Lobar at next meeting.

Approve Road Bid Program.

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the road program bids, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Bill Rudy, we received two bids, and the lowest bid was for \$399,269.000. Scott Getgen, Public Works Director went into detail of all the roads that are included in the program. Supervisor Kauffman asked about Ridgeview and Public Works Director explained it will be done in the next year or two and that the storm sewer needs to be replaced. Chairman Harkins asked if the public is aware that we received more liquid fuels than expected. Manager Miller confirmed this is correct. Bill Rudy spoke that this project will be paid out of Liquid Fuels

Approve Advertisement of Old Trail Sewer Extension Project

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to advertise for the extension of the Old Trail Sewer Extension, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Bill Rudy explained the sewer extension will go from Sipe Road to the new EMS building. The project will cost around half a million dollars. Vice Chairman Shellenhamer asked if the funds is coming out of sewer. Bill Rudy confirmed.

Discuss possible Towing Ordinance

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick for our attorney to start a draft to adopt a towing ordinance seconded by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Supervisor Kirkpatrick, we are looking to adopt a towing ordinance so that all towing companies charge the same. We will mirror what Fairview Township has in place. Towing fees will be set and will have to be posted in the office of the towing company. Yearly a new resolution will be adopted to adjust towing fees.

Jane Harman Resident, asked why are we setting a fee? Supervisor Kirkpatrick said we are setting a top fee, so residents are all charged equally. Supervisor Wintermyer, this is only for cars that are towed by the Newberry Township Police Department. This does not include if your vehicle breaks down and must be towed.

James with CH Recovery says prices are already posted. Supervisor Kirkpatrick says we as a board do not know that. James, CH Recovery also asked why he was removed from the Newberry Township tow list. Supervisors Kirkpatrick, Supervisor Wintermyer and Chief Lutz say they cannot find his office. James responded that there are signs and asked if all towing companies must have a secure storage facility. Supervisor Wintermyer asked him to clear up the signage to make sure there is no misunderstanding where the office is.

Approve hiring Wastewater Plant Operator Gary Albright @ \$22.00 per hour.

MOTION by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer to approve Gary Albright at the Wastewater plant, seconded by Supervisor Kauffman, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Supervisor Kauffman asked if this is a competitive wage? Manager Miller, yes, he accepted this wage and was pleased. He went on to comment that we had a Wastewater plant employee resign.

Approve hiring Codes and Zoning Office Jeremy Eutz

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to hire, Vice Chairman Supervisor Kauffman, carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION Supervisor Kirkpatrick let the public know that our last Codes and Zoning Officer accepted a job at Lower Allen.

Manager Miller said after an extensive search and phone interviews he believes this is the candidate. He also asked for a motion to appoint Jeremy Eutz as the new Codes and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

MOTION by Vice Chairman Shellenhamer to appoint Jeremy Eutz as the new Codes and Zoning Enforcement Officer, seconded by Supervisor Kirkpatrick, carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to pay the bills, seconded by Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Harkins, carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Miller, Secretary