

**EATON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
April 5, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Eaton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman White on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Present were, Chairperson Kenny White, Supervisor/Roadmaster Paul Rowker and Supervisor Abe Kukuchka.

Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed in draft form. With no corrections needed, Chairman White made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Rowker.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Accepted as positive.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

One sewer permit was issued to Tunkhannock Automart for repairs. Resident Cindy Houser will be issued a permit for a trailer under the assisted living clause. One permit was rejected that would have added an apartment and garage to a private residence. Certified letters were sent to two residents; one for loose chickens on Dymond Terrace, and one for a property owned by Rabbit Hollow, LLC advertising for clean fill which is not allowable because it is in the floodplain. Automart and AutoZone are interested in pricing for tying into the public sewer. Supervisor White will call Jack Middleton. Resident at Eagle Lane will be notified that they are in violation of the property maintenance ordinance. The Shotwell sewer Component was also signed off. The draft of the new Ordinance was approved to be presented to the Joint Planning Commission.

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Residents Dave and Tammy Williams were present. Mr. Williams requested a ditch bordering his property to be cleaned out to allow for drainage of his land. The Supervisors will be assessing the issue to see if it will impact other properties negatively. Chairman White will also look at a pipe under the road that could be collapsed. Supervisor Rowker noted that the pipe would be replaced if it was, and will be involving the Soil Conservation representative, since Mr. Williams has not received a call back from that office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Coolbaugh reported on Seneca Park. A \$4000 grant was received for signs and posts. She noted that labor to place the signs can be paid for by the grant. She also was granted permission by the Supervisors to set up a Go Fund Me for the park and have fundraising events. The job johnnies donated by the County are in place. Trees taken down that were left behind were taken to a local lumberyard, processed and given to Tunkhannock Area High School to make new picnic tables for the park. The Dallas Conservation District requested releasing fish at the park in 3 weeks. Supervisors White and Rowker approved. Ms. Coolbaugh spoke to the Kiwanis, who offered money for park projects, and suggested a gas card for mowing. The next meeting for the park will be April 12th at 7 p.m. at the Township building. She then showed 3 signs that were made last year that she wished to be reimbursed for from donations, and gave further explanation on the accompanying invoice. The Supervisors approved payment. The first cleanup of the year will be by the prisoners on April 22. The next

public cleanup will be April 23rd, with a rain date of the 30th. Supervisor Kukuchka suggested bringing the big leaf blower to the park, followed by a controlled burn.

Cain Chamberlain from EMHR spoke on the opening of grants for this season. There will a total \$65000 available. He also noted that the current rate of volunteer labor at \$28 an hour, roadmaster time and equipment donation can all add up to quickly match the grant money.

Supervisor Rowker presented information on a mower for the park. A zero turn can be had for \$9,750. A grant for \$5000 was already received. Supervisor Kukuchka noted that the dividends from the insurance was \$3200, and the Supervisors agreed it would be well spent on the mower. The remainder will be paid for by further grants or the County.

Patti Whipple was appointed Auditor. Jack Crary was appointed alternate Zoning Hearing Board member.

Commissioner Ernie King gave an update on the Church Road property to be demolished. The deed has now been settled, and includes the entire garage. The deal is closing quickly. Supervisor Rowker noted that the barn will also have to come down in keeping with PEMA recommendations.

2022 road projects were discussed. Supervisor White suggested a Township wide ride through to assess. It was agreed to by the other Supervisors. Roads of note are Corby Lane, McMullian Lane, Shaffer Lane and Whites Lane. Supervisor Kukuchka also mentioned in front of the Beagle Club. Treasurer Patton also noted that the Township has not been audited by the state yet, but \$30,000 for the berms from last years paving project was not approved for liquid funds use, and as of now there is \$194,000 available for use.

On the Bridge Lights, Supervisor Kukuchka will be contacting the Borough.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 by Chairman White, seconded by Supervisor Rowker.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer D. Harvey
Eaton Township Secretary