

Lewis Township Supervisors
Organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2016

The Lewis Township Organizational/Regular Monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 7:02 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those present were Supervisors Willard Murray, Jay Douglas Bomberger, Duane M. Blakeney, Solicitor Ben Landon, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and four guests.

All offices were vacated. A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to appoint Willard Murray as temporary Chairman and a motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to appoint Lucinda R. Bomberger as temporary secretary. Jay Douglas Bomberger abstained from the vote.

A motion was made to nominate Willard Murray as Chairman of the Board by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed.

The meeting was turned over to new Chairman Willard Murray.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger to nominate Duane M. Blakeney as Vice-Chairman of the Board, seconded by Willard Murray and passed.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray to appoint Lucinda R. Bomberger as Secretary/Treasurer. Jay Douglas Bomberger abstained.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray to compensate the Secretary/Treasurer \$15.00/hour, Participation in Township Pension Plan: 10%/Gross Wages, 2 Weeks Paid Vacation, 3 Sick_Personal Days, 8 Paid Holidays. Jay Douglas Bomberger abstained.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to hire on an as needed basis the following employees:

George Albertson
Ronald Knopp
Robert Robbins
Harold Welliver
Allen Robbins

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to compensate the part time as needed employees the following:

George Albertson: \$13.00/hour

Robert Robbins: \$13.00/hour

Harold Welliver: \$13.00/hour

Allen Robbins: \$13.00/hour

Ronald Knopp: \$16.00/hour

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to hire all Supervisors as equipment operators, Duane & Doug on an as needed basis and to appoint Willard Murray as Roadmaster fulltime.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to appoint the following township officials:

- ❖ Solicitor Ben Landon (MPVH)
- ❖ Municipal Engineer Pysher & Associates and Other As Needed
- ❖ Vacancy Board Chairman Karen Ulmer
- ❖ Zoning Enforcement Officer Angela Snyder/Code Inspections
- ❖ Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer Samantha Berger/Code Inspections
- ❖ Sewage Enforcement Officer James Sanders
 - A. 2015 Fee Schedule submitted by James Sanders
- ❖ Alt. Sewage Enforcement Officer Kenneth Young
- ❖ Treasurer's Bond \$500,000.00
- ❖ Depositories Turbotville National Bank/ Woodlands Bank
- ❖ Delinquent Tax Collector Statewide Tax Recovery/ Tax Claims Bureau
- ❖ Delegates to PSATS Convention Supervisors and Secretary
- ❖ NCTCC Delegates: William Michael, Gary Truckenmiller, Mark Burrows, Heather Burke, Dixie Bower (Duane expressed interest in having a delegate from Lewis Township attend in the future)
- ❖ Lewis Township Planning Commission Members:
 1. Charles Axtman: Term Ending 12/31/18
 2. Calvin Bush, Alternate: Term Ending 12/31/18
 3. Recording Secretary: Lucinda R. Bomberger
- ❖ Lewis Township Zoning Hearing Board Members:
 1. David Dershem: Term Ending 12/31/18
 2. Ronald Knopp, Alternate: Term Ending 12/31/18
 3. Solicitor: Attorney Preston L. Davis

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve advertisement of the following meetings for 2016:

- ❖ **Supervisor's Regular Monthly Meetings:** First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Supervisors Work Sessions:**
- ❖ **Planning Commission Meetings:** January – October on fourth Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 16 and Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Zoning Hearings:** Third Thursday's at 7:00 P.M.

Supervisors Regular Meeting

Bid Opening

The Supervisors opened one bid received for the purchase of a grader. The bid was submitted by Bradco. A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to accept Bradco's proposal of \$113,000.00 for the purchase of a grader. General Fund money will be used to purchase the grader.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney as passed to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2015 Supervisors regular monthly meeting and the December 23, 2015 Special Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to approve the December 2015 Financial Reports as presented.

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that the road crew did repair on Plotts road this past month. The goal for January, as long as the weather cooperates, they will be doing work on Wertman School Road and Warrior Run Blvd.

Solicitor

Solicitor Benjamin Landon reported on the status of the Yannacone vs. Lewis Township case. A court date should be scheduled in the near future.

Treatment Plant Operator

Plant Operator Victor Derr shared with the Supervisors the outcome of the DEP inspection of the plants. There were only a few minor issues. A main concern of the inspection was due to increased flow coming into the plant on certain days. Vic explained that recent testing has shown that drainage from the school districts roof is coming into the plant and that they are to be taking care of that issue. Vic also reported that a good amount of grease is still coming into the plant. Will asked when the school last had their grease trap cleaned. Vic will look into this. The secretary was asked to send a letter to the school regarding the status of the roof drainage and what their plan and timeline is to repair it.

Vic will be getting a quote from Watsontown VOC for yearly generator service to compare to Penn Power.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger reported that approval was granted to use PennDOT's dotGrants and will be soon registering.

Lucinda also discussed unpaid engineer fees. Instruction was given to send letters to Enos Byler, John Vargo, Randall Hull and John Sensenig giving thirty days to pay the engineer fees and finance charges or those invoices will be turned over to the District Magistrate for collection.

Old Business

There was discussion about the status of Hanson Aggregates and their response to the issue with the DSA used on Old State Road. Brent Shaeffer contacted Duane Blakeney and nothing has changed in the status of restitution. The Supervisors discussed at length their disappointment in the product that comes from Hanson's quarry and the service or lack of service and cooperation. Due to their experiences with Hanson, they would be apprehensive in accepting any bids that they would submit at the time of solicitation.

New Business

Township Auditors Tammy Wolfe and Andrea Brouse handed in their resignations on Monday January 4, 2016 due to lack of accounts to be audited. Supervisor Duane M. Blakeney was very disappointed in the manner of which the resignation was handled and felt it was very unprofessional. The Supervisors will be seeking to appoint auditors and their next regular meeting in February to meet the thirty day requirement. An Auditors meeting will then be scheduled and advertised as required.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve payment of bill for the month of January, specifying Invoice # 6254253 from New Enterprise Stone and Lime be paid from the State Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of \$5,388.16.

Public Comment

Question about letter needing to be sent to PennDOT regarding the township not excepting bids from a particular quarry.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary