

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 5, 2016

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 7:00 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those also present were Supervisor Duane M. Blakeney, Solicitor Benjamin Landon, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and 12 guests.

An executive session was held at the open of the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Chairman Willard Murray announced that an executive session was held on September 17, 2016 to discuss legal and personnel matters.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve meeting minutes from the September 7, 2016 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the September 2016 Financial Reports.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Comments

Township Reports

Supervisors

Supervisor Duane M. Blakeney commented on an issue regarding a property on Miller Road that has fencing in the township right of way. It was determined that the zoning officer should be contacted to look into this issue.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported on the construction completed this past month. Road work will continue this next month on Schmidt and Miller Road.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger commented on the progress of preparing the budget for 2017 and hopes to provide it to the Supervisors by mid-October for their review before the November meeting. PennDOT gave notification of the estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2017 in the amount of \$160,098.77. Also reported that pension audit requirements have been completed.

Planning Commission

The planning commission met in September to review a Land Development Plan submitted by Ryan Ossant of Turbotville Landscape Supply. The Land Development Plan will be on the agenda for the Supervisor's approval in November.

Old Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to table Resolution **2016-16** until the November meeting.

There was brief discussion regarding an amendment of the Township's zoning ordinance. There are minor changes to be made. The Planning Commission should review and give recommendations of any changes they feel should be made. The township would look to amend the ordinance January –April of 2017.

New Business

At 7:25 P.M., Willard Murray turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Duane M. Blakeney. For the first two items of new business Supervisor Jay Douglas Bomberger, who was unable to present at the meeting, participated in the meeting via telephone.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Warrior Run School District regarding an update of the township's 537 Plan to determine the low cost alternative to a potential regionalization. Willard Murray abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to approve an agreement between the township and Willard Murray regarding withdrawal of funds from the Met Life Pension in Murray's name until retirement due to funds contributed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Pension State Aid). The purpose of this agreement is to bring the Township in compliance with the Non-Uniformed Pension Audit for years 2012-2015. Willard Murray abstained from the vote. Willard Murray will make a decision as to whether he will agree to not withdraw funds until his retirement.

At 7:32 P.M. the meeting was turned back over to Chairman Willard Murray.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to terminate service by Victor Derr as the township's wastewater treatment operator effective October 5, 2016.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to appoint West Branch Regional Authority to provide wastewater treatment and engineering services effective October 6, 2016. Eric Moore, P.E. attended the meeting on behalf of W.B.R.A. and provided an agreement for the Supervisors to review and consider.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve payment of bills for October 2016.

Public Comment

Douglas Potter asked what the hourly rate would be for W.B.R.A. in comparison to the township's budget. He also asked a question regarding the agreement between the township and Will Murray. Karen Ulmer commented about the change in treatment plant operation and felt it was a good decision based on level of professionalism.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary