

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 6, 2019

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 4:00 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those also present were Supervisors Duane M. Blakeney and Ricky Dyer, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and six guests.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2019 Supervisors Re-organizational/ Regular Monthly Meeting and January 16, 2019 Supervisor's Special Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the January 2019 Financial Reports as presented.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No Comments

Township Reports

Supervisors

Supervisor Duane M. Blakeney requested that a meeting be scheduled with Northumberland County's Engineer Chuck Hopta to touch base on the status of the bridge repairs on Hill Road. The Secretary will schedule this meeting at the earliest availability of the County Engineer.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported the various road work that has been done over the past month and includes snow removal, equipment repairs, filling pot holes and preparing equipment for the upcoming roadwork season. Work has been started preparing for the Keefertown Road project and will begin as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

Solicitor

Solicitor Jonathan Dewald updated the Supervisors on the LAGUDA process regarding interim financing. Jon spoke to the DCED representative. We are waiting for the proofs of publication for the ordinance amendment for final submittal and approval. The Secretary reported that she spoke to the Standard Journal and they are backed up to December 20, 2018 for proofs of publication and they will try to get them to us as soon as possible.

Treatment Plant Operator

Eric Moore was not able to attend the meeting but asked the Secretary inquire about the batteries for the generators and whether the Township was still planning to replace them. Will said that he would take care of it. Also, wiring for one of the blowers is shot and needs replaced. Eric wanted authorization to take care of this wiring and authorization was granted.

The Secretary shared that she and Eric discussed annual electrical maintenance at the plants and felt it was a good idea to obtain quotes for this work due to problems with the electrician last year and the Supervisors agreed.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger shared about the various reports filed the past month in her written report highlighting that the audit had begun on January 15, 2019 and that the recycling tonnage reported to Northumberland County Recycling was 134.62 T. Since on the subject of recycling Will inquired as to when the next recycling grant round would be. He is interested in converting tow containers to be able to handle overflow that occurs. The secretary said that there had been a grant round open in December 2018 and that there is usually one open in June. Also, the Supervisors would like to invite Anthony Township to participate along with us and Watsontown Borough, Turbotville Borough and Delaware Township to share the cost of hauling.

The Secretary also confirmed the salt tonnage for the 2019-2020 salt contract through Costars of 100 Ton.

Fire Board Representative

Fire Board Representative Duane M. Blakeney that Truck 9 should be in service and has been equipped to be used in the event of accidents and have obtained jaws of life. Duane also reported that a second full time ambulance will be staffed beginning March 1, 2019. There will be a paid crew during the day and volunteers for the remaining hours to start. The Supervisors instructed Duane to share the Township's concern of response time to the Turbotville and Muncy Hills areas and would like to see an ambulance unit stationed at the Turbotville Fire House.

Old Business

In regards to the Zoning Ordinance Amendment, the Secretary shared that the Planning Commission continued taking a look at the zoning districts, particularly the commercial and industrial districts to make sure they provided for permitted uses that could potentially promote business growth in the Township. Also, the zoning officer had some items he felt should be provided for as well and will be emailing those recommendations and then the Township will be able to move forward with the amendment process.

Brian Stackhouse inquired if any of the amendments would affect his property. Will said that the Township is not proposing changes to the area as far as zoning district change. The Ordinance itself will have minor amendments throughout. Brian also wanted to know how he would be informed of the public hearing. The Secretary said that it will be advertised in the newspaper, posted in ten locations within the Township and places where Township residents will see it and will be posted on the Township's website in calendar and community bulletin board.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a Waiver Request regarding the Marie B. Welliver Estate Subdivision Plan requesting to waive the Township's SALDO requirement to place contour lines on the plan due to it being add-on lots and not for development.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the Marie B. Welliver Estate Final Subdivision Plan.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and Pennsylvania American Water regarding the future provision of sewer service to State Route 54 Corridor. There was question about the MOU and how it would affect that area. Also, there was question about Turbotville going to MRSA. This MOU is a result of the PAWC's acquisition of the Turbotville Borough's wastewater system. The Township previously had an agreement with the Borough to accept wastewater from the 54 area. PAWC requested that the agreement be terminated as terms of the sale. This MOU is to satisfy PADEP and 537 Planning.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to acknowledge and authorize the Township's Agricultural Security Area Committee to proceed with the seven year review process.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of the following invoices to American Rock Salt Company LLC from the Lewis Township State Fund:

Invoice # 0588784: \$1,720.09

Invoice # 0589663: \$1,875.74

Total: \$3,595.83

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to authorize payment of bills for February 2019.

Public Comment

Douglas Potter inquired about the status of looking into an emergency generator and security cameras as discussed in the past. Will answered that the Township is currently seeking quotes for an emergency generator as well as desiring to make the building more secure. The Township is looking into these costs to see what the Township can afford to implement and or budget for. Mr. Potter also requested spouting to be placed around the entrance areas. Will hopes to take care of the spouting this year. Mr. Potter shared that he had asked the secretary about ordinances and if the Township was good about policing them. He said that he was relieved that the Township is good about policing ordinances.

Mr. Potter also shared that he thought it would be a good idea to have someone come in to help sort and organize all the Township's Ordinances. The Secretary stated that this was on her goal list to do in the future and would be a big undertaking. Solicitor Dewald said he would provide contact information of an organization that Watsontown Borough recently hired for this purpose.

Brian Stackhouse asked the Supervisors how the 4:00 PM meeting time change came about. Brian shared his concern that the residents who work day shift would not be able to attend and the meetings are to benefit the public. Lee Bieber shared the same concern and there were a few business owners that wanted to attend but could not due to the time change. Will Murray explained that the change was due to the ability to appoint a delegate to the Northumberland County Tax Collection Committee. The committee meeting were the same day and time as the Township meeting. Willard Murray said that we are giving it try this year at 4:00 PM.

Brian Stackhouse also inquired about a former business, Just Vittles, and what new business was going there and if they are properly permitted. The word was that Zook's bought it and would put in a restaurant. Will said he had not inquired if a permit was obtained.

Lee Bieber also asked if something could be done about Wolfe Blvd. especially in front of his house. Willard Murray hopes to be able to take care of Wolfe Blvd. this year. Lee also inquired what size building required a permit. Charles Axtman had put up a building and questioned the size and if he was required to obtain a permit. Willard Murray said that anything over 10 x 10 would need a permit and that it would be looked into.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary