

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 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 nine guests.

Guest Jean Williamson, Board President of the Montgomery House Library, attended the meeting to give an update on library services, annual fund drive and Raise the Region and also the endeavors of the Libraries in Northumberland County Organization to reach out to the Northumberland County Commissioners to solicit support for libraries within the county. Lynda Schlegel Culver is also lobbying for more state funding for libraries or change in the rules for qualification.

Chairman Willard Murray announced that an executive session occurred prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2019 Supervisor's regular meeting as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the February 2019 Financial Reports as presented.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Brian Stackhouse questioned a comment recorded in the February minutes made by Willard Murray that there would not be changes made to the zoning map in the area of state route 54 where Brian lives. It was clarified that this was correct.

Township Reports

Supervisors

Duane M. Blakeney reported on the various work done the past month including filling of potholes and snow removal.

Ricky Dyer shared that he did a ride along with Will and Duane throughout the Township to get familiarized with the Township and roads. Rick said he was pleased with the condition of the roads in comparison to when he first moved to the Township and thanked the Township employees for their good work.

Roadmaster

Willard Murray reported that this month the focus will be tree branch trimming at Beaver Run Road and Comley Road, Gauger Road and Water Company Road. Also, will be gearing up for spring weather and projects.

Solicitor

Solicitor Jonathan Dewald reported that the LAGUDA proceedings were approved by DCED for the Interim Financing for the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/ Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger reported the following:

- 2019 Local Service Tax Forms were sent to all Employers and Self Employed.
- The Salt Contract for 2019-2020 was submitted for 100 Tons
- Septic Pumping Notices for 2019 were sent February 15, 2019, 141 1st Notices due 12/31/19 and 48 Second Notices due 5/31/19(Failed to Pump by 12/31/18)
- The State Liquid Fuels allocation was to be deposited on March 1, 2019 in the amount of \$175,293.69 and Road Turnback of \$3,800.00. There will be a delay in deposit due to the necessary bank account information needing to be changed. The change had been requested at the time of change in depository in August of 2018. The account information had not been changed.
- Auditor Vernon Brennan performed the audit for the 2018 state liquid fuels funds on March 6, 2019.

Treatment Plant Operator

Eric Moore from West Branch Regional Authority shared that the plants are running well. Eric also shared that there had been question about license category in relation to the small flow treatment plant and inquired with DEP. DEP amended the Township's permit for the Five Points Small Flow plant to reflect that it was not required for a licensed operator to operate that type of plant.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Duane M. Blakeney shared that the ambulance situation is not resolved yet. There was discussion at the last fire board meeting regarding an ambulance stationed at the Turbtoville location. There was talk of maybe a part time staff placed there. They will discuss this further in the future. There are issues with the transport truck stationed at Evangelical community Hospital. The Fire Board Solicitor is looking into this matter. The Tack 9 truck will be kept at the Turbotville location and has been equipped for automobile accidents.

Old Business

Secretary Lucinda R Bomberger shared that Charles Axtman, Planning Commission Chairman and Victor Marquardt , Zoning Enforcement Officer, will attend the April 3, 2019 meeting to present the recommendations for Zoning Ordinance Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment. The Secretary will meet with Charlie and Vic and Solicitor Jon Dewald later in March to prepare for this presentation.

New Business

A motion was made by Rick Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize advertisement of bids for aggregate and fuel to receive sealed bids no later than Noon on April 3, 2019, to be opened at Noon and awarded at the Supervisors regular monthly meeting on April 3, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the request for road closure made by the Turbotville Elementary School PTA for a 5K event to be held May 11, 2019. Roads requested to be closed are Snyder and Schuyler.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Turbotville Carnival Committee and the adoption of a resolution for the Township to assist in placing signs in the state right of ways of state routes 54 and 44. There was concern expressed about potential liability issues. Solicitor Jon Dewald will contact Tammy Wolfe of the carnival committee to discuss the option of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and Committee

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to authorize payment of bills for March 2019.

Public Comment

Brian Stackhouse inquired of options landowners have to get zoning changed for their property. Solicitor Jon Dewald explained that final decisions have not been made at this time, only recommendations. There will be opportunity to make requests for consideration by the Supervisors. Brian also asked what the acreage requirements were for coverage on a commercial property.

Ronald Rovenolt asked if anything could be done about the drainage issue along Welliver Road. Will answered that due to all the rains this past year, it has not been able to drain and work will not be done to remedy the issue until it dries out.

Ronald also shared that Mr Nicholas approached him about sharing his son's name with the State Police and threatened that he would go after anyone who did. Will told Ronald not to be too concerned about Mr. Nicholas's comments.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary/Treasurer