

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 3, 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 eleven guests.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve amendment of the minutes from the February 6, 2019 Supervisors regular meeting as highlighted. (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 minutes from the March 6, 2019 Supervisor's regular meeting as written.

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

Guests:

Planning Commission Chairman Charles Axtman and Zoning Enforcement Officer Victor Marquardt attended the meeting to present to the Supervisors recommendations to amend the Township's Zoning Ordinance that the Planning Commission, along with the Zoning Officer, have compiled over the last two years. Supervisor Willard Murray stated that he would like time to review the recommendations in comparison to the Ordinance prior to beginning the amendment process. Will asked if it was considered to change the recommended Commercial to Agriculture instead of Rural Residential. He also asked if razing of a structure would require a zoning permit and would it change the assessment of a property. Vic answered that he has seen it both ways but a building permit would be required anyway and when a building permit is issued, information is forwarded to the Tax Assessment office. Will also has recognized areas of the Ordinance that he would like addressed that he did not see included in the recommendations.

Lake Randall from Mid-Penn Engineering attended the meeting to speak to the Supervisors regarding a sketch plan of the Warrior Run School Districts Parking Lot Land Development Project to familiarize them with the project before official submission. On behalf of the school district, Lake requested a waiver of the 25 day prior submittal requirement of the Township's SALDO to allow a 21 day submittal. A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the waiver request.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Brian expressed concerns regarding his property zoned as commercial. He feels his property is too small and would not sell it to anyone for commercial use and that it is not in his interest for his property zoned as commercial and prevents development in the Township.

Lee Bieber shared concern about Charles Axtman commenting on the sketch plan that was presented on behalf of the school district due to Charles being a member of the school board. Lee also expressed that a fence should be required for the detention pond presented in the sketch plan, his concern being a child could drown.

Township Reports

Supervisors

Supervisor Duane M. Blakeney reported that he would like to see an ordinance put in place to prevent residents from plowing their driveways out into and across the road and blocking the ditches with stones that prevent proper drainage and would like to see this place for next winter.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported on the various work done the past month which includes brush and tree trimming and filling of potholes and equipment maintenance. Will also stated that he would like to begin the spring roadwork season with repairs to Wolfe Blvd. and then Keefertown Road. He would like to set up a meeting with Wolfe Blvd. residents to discuss the proposed repairs and how it will affect their properties.

Solicitor

Treatment Plant Operator

Eric Moore of West Branch Regional Authority reported that the plants are operating well and there are no current issues.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/ Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger discussed with the Supervisors the alignments recommended by HRG for the Schell and Koch Road Project and what their preferred route would be. The Supervisors preferred the alignments in black, orange or yellow. A meeting with the property owners the preferred alignments would affect will be scheduled in the near future.

Lucinda also gave an update on the ongoing talks regarding potential regionalization of sewer to go MRSA. The next steps are Supervisor Board approvals to continue moving forward, a discussion with DEP regarding 537 planning format, a discussion with Dave Henning from Pennvest regarding funding possibility and discussion with our legislators for support in securing funding. Lewis Township and Delaware Township would need to jointly submit 537 planning as both municipalities would be involved in the regionalization route. A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve continuation of the regionalization talks and are in support of moving forward with the next steps.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Duane M. Blakeney gave an update on the transport truck and negotiations with Evangelical Hospital. A resolution has not been made yet and will know more at the next upcoming fire board meeting.

Lee Beiber asked if a unit would be stationed in Turbotville. Duane said that it is up for consideration and how it will be staffed.

Old Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to award the fuel bid to Scullin Oil. Diesel Fuel @ 2.057 and Regular Gasoline @ 1.807 with an additional .20 over rack price.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to authorize advertisement for bids for aggregate to be received by Noon and opened on May 1, 2019 and bid will be awarded at the Supervisors regular monthly meeting at 4:00 P.M.

New Business

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adopt Resolution **2019-2**: A Resolution to amend the Lewis Township Pension Plan, amending in-service distributions at age 62 while employed by the Township.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis Township and the Turbotville Carnival Committee Regarding Liability Responsibility in the Assistance in Placement of Signs for the Turbotville Community Carnival and adopt of Resolution **2019-3**: A Resolution to assist the Turbotville Carnival Committee in placement of their signs for the Turbotville Community Carnival within the State Highway Right of Way.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of bills for April 2019.

Public Comment

Lee Beiber stated that he would just wait and see what would be done with Wolfe Blvd.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary