

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 7, 2017

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 7:02 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those also present were Supervisors Duane M. Blakeney & Jay Douglas Bomberger, Solicitor Benjamin Landon, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and 21 guests.

Chairman Willard Murray announced that an Executive Session was held May 25, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. to discuss legal matters.

A motion was made by, Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to approve meeting minutes from the May 3, 2017 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the May 2017 Financial Reports.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Comments

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported on work done in preparation of tar and chipping on Plotts Road and Keefertown road and also of the road repairs due to the recent rain storms and stormwater damage.

Solicitor

Solicitor Benjamin Landon gave an update on the Applegate Bankruptcy case. Due to payment not being made to the Trustee the bankruptcy filing will soon be dismissed and the township can pursue collecting of past due sewer fees.

Treatment Plant Operator

Eric Moore from West Branch Sewer Authority attended the meeting. The operator will be looking into cost estimates for an influent pump as either backup or replacement. They will have that estimate for the next meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger reported the following:

1. 44 Second Notices were sent for those of Group 3 who failed to pump by December 31, 2016. The second notice deadline was May 31, 2017. There are 20 that did not respond. Third Notice? The Supervisors agreed to send the third notice.
2. Correspondence: The Supervisors are invited to a 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Montgomery House Library for an old fashioned ice cream social on June 25th from 2-5 P.M. to be held at the library.

3. Correspondence: Justin Blakeney requested on behalf of the boy scouts use of the township property for a flag retirement ceremony. A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the request.
4. DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Resolution to request grant in an amount based on the engineer's estimate. The grant would be 70% of the estimated cost and the township would be responsible for 30%. Also the resolution would authorize Willard Murray and Lucinda Bomberger to execute all documents and agreements related to the requested grant. A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt the Resolution to request grant funds to improve Warrior Run Blvd.

Old Business

Results of the bid opening for a used roller are as follows:

Bradco: \$69,000 & \$95,000

Cleveland: \$83,000

Weaver Equipment: \$39,500

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to purchase a roller from Weaver Equipment in the amount of \$39,500.00 and to be paid from the Equipment Fund.

The meeting was recessed for an executive session to discuss legal matters and reconvened at 7:27 P.M.

New Business

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to table approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis Township and Warrior Run School District for the purpose of detailing financial considerations associated with finalization and submission of the Act 537 Plan Amendment to DEP and selection and implementation of the Plant Upgrade as the selected alternative. Willard Murray abstained.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve payment of bills for June 2017.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to authorize the advertisement of the 537 Plan comment period upon receiving the approval letter from PA DEP regarding the Task Activity Report. Willard Murray abstained.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to authorize the Secretary to reschedule the July Supervisors meeting thirty (30) days from the advertisement of the 537 Plan comment period. Willard Murray abstained.

Public Comment

Jim Collins requested that an area on Wolfe Blvd. be repaired due to stormwater washout.

Tom Marshall inquired about publication of the 537 Plan comment period and why residents connected to the Lewis Township Sewer System were not notified by letter of the 537 planning.

Robert and Donald Reed shared concern about sewer rates increasing and also questioned if the township submitted the 537 plan and the school district did not build the new elementary school would the township still be on the required to the upgrade.

Fred Ripka also expressed concern of the sewer rates and how that id determined and shared concern about distrust of the school board and the decisions they are making.

Donna McNear inquired if the township had a website and would information be posted regarding the 537 plan.

Dr. Alan Hack commented on behalf of the school district regarding their time line of project planning and the decisions they making due to Plan Con and the expiration date they have to get their project in place.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary