

Lewis Township Supervisors
Re-organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2021

The Lewis Township Reorganizational Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Willard Murray at 4:00 P.M. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to the Covid-19 outbreak and gathering restrictions. Those also present were Supervisors Ricky Dyer, Thomas Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and four guests.

Nominations were sought for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed by Roll Call vote to nominate/elect Willard Murray as Chairman. The meeting was then turned over to the newly elected Chairman.

A motion was made by Thomas Marshall to nominate Ricky Dyer as Vice-Chairman of the Board, seconded by Willard Murray and passed.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to appoint Lucinda R. Bomberger as Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment on Reorganizational Agenda Items

Brian Stackhouse asked about the purpose of a reorganizational meeting. Solicitor Dewald responded that it is required by the Second Class Township Code. Brian also inquired about Ricky Dyer's term and when his term ends. Rick's term will end December 31, 2021. Brian asked why the wages were not set for the employed Supervisors. Those wages are determined by the Township Auditors.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to compensate the Secretary/Treasurer fulltime \$17.14/hour/ 40 hours/week, 3% increase from \$16.64, Participation in Township Pension Plan: 10%/Gross Wages, 3 Weeks Paid Vacation, 3 Sick_Personal Days, 12 Paid Holidays.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to hire the following employees as equipment operators as needed or up to 24 Hours/Week:

George Albertson
Ronald Knopp
Robert Robbins
Duane M. Blakeney
Martin Bobb

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to compensate the part time employees a \$0.25 increase and is as follows:

George Albertson: \$13.95/hour to \$14.20/hour

Robert Robbins: \$13.95/hour to \$14.20/hour
Ronald Knopp: \$17.04/hour to \$17.29/hour
Duane M. Blakeney: \$16.17 to \$16.42/hour
Martin Bobb: \$15.00/Hour to \$15.25/Hour

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to hire Willard Murray as Roadmaster fulltime forty hours/week and Ricky Dyer part time as needed or up to 24 hours/week.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve and appoint the following:

- ❖ **Solicitor** **MPVH: Jonathan Dewald**
- ❖ **Municipal Engineer** **R.K. Webster Engineering**
- ❖ **Vacancy Board Chairman** **Karen Ulmer**
- ❖ **Zoning Enforcement Officer** **Victor Marquardt/Code Inspections**
- ❖ **Building Code Enforcement** **Code Inspections, Inc.**
- ❖ **Sewage Enforcement Officer** **James Sanders**
 - A. **2021 Fee Schedule submitted by James Sanders**
- ❖ **Alt. Sewage Enforcement Officer** **Kenneth Young**
- ❖ **Depositories** **Muncy Bank & Trust/ Woodlands Bank**
- ❖ **Check Signers** **Lucinda R. Bomberger, Willard Murray & Ricky Dyer**
- ❖ **Delinquent Tax Collector** **Statewide Tax Recovery/ Tax Claims Bureau**
- ❖ **Delegates to PSATS Convention** **Supervisors, Secretary**
- ❖ **NCTCC Delegate** **Lucinda R. Bomberger**
- ❖ **Lewis Township Planning Commission Members:**
 - 1. **Douglas Potter: Term Ending 12/31/23**
 - 2. **Bruce Zettlemyer: Term Ending 12/31/23**
 - 3. **Recording Secretary: Lucinda R. Bomberger**
- ❖ **Lewis Township Zoning Hearing Board Members:**
 - 1. **Carl Forman: Term Ending 12/31/23**
 - 2. **Solicitor: Attorney Preston L. Davis**

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve and advertise the following meeting schedule for township business:

- A. **Supervisor's 2021 Regular Monthly Meetings:** February - December First Wednesday of the month at 4:00 P.M.
- B. **Planning Commission 2020 Meetings:** January – October on fourth Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M., Thursday November 11, 2021 and Thursday December 9, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. **Zoning Hearings:** Third Thursday's at 7:00 P.M.

The reorganizational portion of the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 P.M. and the Supervisors regular monthly meeting was opened.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2020 Supervisors regular monthly meeting as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the December 2020 Financial Reports.

Public Comment

Brian Stackhouse inquired if any movement has been made on the Zoning Ordinance. The draft zoning ordinance will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at their January meeting.

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported on work this month including snow removal, ditch work resuming upon a thaw and shop work.

Solicitor

Solicitor Jonathan Dewald requested an executive session following adjournment to discuss a legal matter.

Secretary/ Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger reported on the following:

- Update on Recycling: The last day to recycle was December 28, 2020. Milton Borough was interested in three of our containers. Our representative from DEP is preparing the transfer paperwork. The containers were pulled today and delivered to Milton Borough. There are two remaining that will be sold on Municibid. Supervisor Murray added that the two blue recycling containers will be used for scrap metal storage.
- On December 8, 2020, Erin Threet, HRG, and I attended a PennVest pre-planning meeting to go over the application process and required documents to be submitted along with the application. Plans are to submit an application for the February 3, 2021 round. We are hoping to have the NPDES Permit approved to meet that that application deadline.
- Correspondence: Northumberland County Commissioners has offered the Township \$2,000 of non-CRBG funds to assist in any way due the burdens of 2020 pandemic.
- Correspondence: Letter submitted by Harris Menges regarding the Warrior Run School District and the stormwater run off from their parking lot. He has not heard from the school district as far as their solution to the issue. Supervisor Murray has spoke to school board President Douglas Whitmoyer and they are working on a solution and that he will set up a meeting with Mr. Whitmoyer and Superintendent Hack
- Currently scheduling the 2020 Audit
- Requested authorization to set up in house emails for the Supervisors and Secretary to communicate more efficiently and share documents for review. A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize set up of Township emails.

Fire Board Representative

Fire Board Representative Ricky Dyer shared the fire report submitted by Fire Chief Douglas Funk.

Old Business

Zoning Ordinance: The Draft Ordinance will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at their January meeting.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to adopt Ordinance 2021-1, a Local Government Unit Debt Act Ordinance to provide interim financing for sewer regionalization with Milton Regional Sewer Authority.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adopt Resolution 2021-2, a Resolution to authorize the Township to submit a financial assistance application to Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority, PennVest, for construction of a low pressure and gravity sewer system with submersible pump station for the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve payment of bills for January 2021.

Public Comment

Brian Stackhouse inquired about a letter or petition from the small residential owners along the State Route 54 Corridor that do not want that area zoned commercial as it is a residential area. The Supervisors agreed that it would be a good idea and show interest in that of more than one resident.

Willard Murray mentioned that now that the bridge on Hill Road has been repaired, he would like to take down the no winter maintenance signs down to allow those residents another way to travel and move those signs to Water Company Road. An ordinance is not required for this.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 3, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 4:00 P.M. via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Outbreak and State Guidelines regarding gatherings and social distancing. Those also present were Supervisors Thomas J Marshall and Ricky Dyer, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and three guests.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2021 Supervisors Re-organizational/ Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the January 2021 Financial Reports.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Brian Stackhouse shared that he had attended the Planning Commission January 28, 2021 to again request consideration of the commercial zoning district and inquiring what the driving force was to zone the State Route 54 Corridor Commercial when it is really fit for residential. Brian has a petition with 48 names, from the blinker light and Susquehanna Trail and along State Route 54 where currently zoned commercial and that all 48 are not in favor of the commercial zoning. Brian also spoke to Northumberland County Planning Director, Justin Skavery and also Lynda Schlegel Culver. Representative Culver told Brian that she is only aware of economic growth interest at Exit 5, not along the 54 corridor.

Brian questioned which entity made the final decision in the end, the Planning Commission or the Supervisors. The Solicitor suggested to Brian to read statute 53PS10607. The Planning Commission will be discussing the commercial zoning district at their February meeting. Supervisor Murray stated that the recommendation made by the Planning Commission will be considered.

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that the road crew has been working on equipment repairs and preparation for snow removal and have been active in snow removal as we have had a few significant snow storms this past month.

Solicitor

Solicitor Jonathon Dewald requested an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss and legal matter.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger reported the following:

- ✚ The Pennvest Application was submitted on February 2, 2021 for the Schell_Koch Road Sanitary Sewer Project. There were a few technical deficiencies regarding the NPDES permit application. Erin Threet was confident that those minor issues will be corrected and submitted back to PADEP by February 8, 2021 as requested.
- ✚ The 2020 Audit is in process. There are some final items that will be forwarded to the CPA to complete the audit now that they have all been obtained.
- ✚ The Township does not have an emergency response plan for the treatment plant. This is an item of interest on the Pennvest Application. Lucinda will be working to put a plan together.
- ✚ Lucinda asked Supervisor Murray about the amount of salt he wanted to be submitted for the 2021-2022 salt contract. He answered 80 Ton and also wanted 2 loads of salt ordered the next day.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Ricky Dyer shared the January 2021 Fire Report submitted by Fire Chief Douglas Funk. Ricky also shared that the new ambulance is in use.

Supervisor Murray had to leave and turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Ricky Dyer.

New Business

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the Derr Subdivision conditionally on the Engineer's review, not including Item #7 addressing SALDO Article 3.3.D.12 regarding financial surety. The Supervisors also require a shared driveway maintenance agreement as recommended by the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the Sensenig Add-On Subdivision.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to conditionally approve the following regarding the Sensenig Stormwater Plan:

- The Stormwater Maintenance and Operations Agreement based on the changes recommended by the Township Solicitor.
- The Plan based on the Township Engineer's review.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to grant a thirty (30) day extension for the Renewal Processing Land Development Plan. This project is still waiting for NPDES Permit Approval from PADEP. This will be revisited at the Supervisors March meeting.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to conditionally approve the Fitzgibbon/Hill Lot Addition based on the review and comment of the Northumberland County Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adopt Resolution 2021-3, a Resolution providing compensation for the Lewis Township Tax Collector for the term 2022-2025, compensation being 3.25% of all taxes collected, \$15/ tax certification, \$2/Duplicate and \$25 check return fee.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize payment of bills for February 2021.

Public Comment

No Comments

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 PM and no vote will be taken after the executive session to discuss a legal matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 3, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 4:00 P.M. via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Outbreak and State Guidelines regarding gatherings and social distancing. Those also present were Supervisors Thomas J Marshall and Ricky Dyer, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and three guests.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the February 2021 Financial Reports.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Brian Stackhouse asked what newspaper the bids for Aggregate, Fuel, & Heating Oil were advertised in. The Secretary answered: The Standard Journal.

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that the roadcrew has been busy with snow removal and equipment repair.

Treatment Plant Operator

Michael & Jason Koch submitted a report. The Plants are operating well. They brought to the Township's attention an issue with the well pump at the Main Plant and it has been repaired. The air bag had been water-logged. It was pumped out and is working properly again.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary /Treasurer Lucinda R Bomberger shared the news that the Township had received 537 Planning Approval for Regionalization from DEP. HRG is currently working on Preliminary Design and will be holding a meeting later in March with Delaware Township and the residents that would potentially connect along Vincent Avenue. When preliminary design is completed, we can then move on to the permitting phase.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission did not have a meeting in February due to not having a quorum.

Old Business

The Supervisors revisited an action taken at last months meeting regarding an extension of time request for Renewal Processing Land Development. The Northumberland County Conservation District will be reviewing the NPDES Application submittal in the next 2 weeks. The Supervisors agreed that an additional extension of time was appropriate. A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to grant an additional forty (40) days.

New Business

An extension of time of ninety (90) days was requested for the Mark Derr Subdivision due to PA Dep requiring additional testing for the sewage planning and having to wait out the winter weather to be able to perform the testing needed. A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to grant the ninety (90) day extension to complete the required testing and approval process.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to adopt Ordinance Amendment_2021-4: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-1 by providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the note authorized by Ordinance 2021-1 and providing for the authorized signatures and authorizing execution, sale & delivery thereof.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to table Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis Township and Barbara Kyle regarding the responsibilities and installation of a sewer lateral and providing a time of completion. Thomas J Marshall abstained.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize the Township Engineer to update the Easement Agreement and Exhibit for Barbara Kyle to reflect the lateral on the west side of wooded area towards the existing home on Lot 10 which is free of wooded trees.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize advertisement for bids for Fuel, Heating Oil and Aggregate.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize advertisement of bid for tar and chip project along with Delaware Township. The Tar and Chip bids will be opened and read April 29, 2021 at Delaware Township at 1:00 PM.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize payments of bills for March 2021.

Public Comment

No Comments

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 7, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Vice- Chairman Ricky Dyer at 4:00 P.M. Those also present in person were Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and twelve guests. Supervisor Thomas J Marshall and Solicitor Jonathan Dewald via Zoom.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the March 2021 Financial Reports.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Brian Stackhouse shared that he had attended the March Planning Commission meeting and spoke to him about visiting all the property owners on State Route 54. The Planning Commission expressed that they are a recommending body and that the Supervisors make the final decision regarding zoning, Brian asked that Tom and Rick take into consideration the small residential properties along Route 54 vs zoning it commercial.

Rick Dyer asked the Solicitor if it was okay to wait to make any changes to the zoning ordinance until an impact study currently underway regarding the Central Susquehanna Valley Throughway Project is completed and report issued in August of 2021. Tom agreed that we should wait to see the report in case of anything the state may determine.

There was some concern raised about what changes could occur due to the report. Rick stated the Township had not received any recommendations from the Planning Commission yet. Lucinda shared that the Planning Commission had taken action on a few recommendations regarding the zoning map but have not formally submitted those recommendations yet due to further discussion on some other elements of the ordinance.

Lee Bieber asked why dual zoning could not be considered along 54, zoning both residential and commercial. It is done in other Townships.

Guests:

Joe and Donna Miller, residents of the Township on Beaver Run Road attended the meeting to request that something be done to that portion of the road as it used to be hard top and now is bad shape and dusty and people drive fast and stir up dust. The Millers asked what the future plan for the road is and also thanked the Township for filling in potholes. Supervisor Dyer responded that he could not promise when work would be done but would be out on the list for consideration.

Township Reports

Supervisors

Supervisor Dyer reported road work done this past month on behalf of the Roadmaster. The focus has been on cleaning ditches and filling potholes.

Solicitor

Solicitor Dewald shared that the settlement with John Sensenig was in order regarding not having a permit for a project and that the fine and fees that the Township incurred were to paid. The Township has the document for approval and signature. The Secretary mentioned that a check in the amount of the fine and fees has been received.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the settlement agreement between the Township and John Sensenig.

Treatment Plant Operator

Operator Michael Koch attended the meeting and reported that plant is running well. The only issue at the moment is some bulking which could be due to weather change, lower DO, the recent high school shut down and possible cleaners that were used. The 5 Points plant is also doing well. The holding tanks will be cleaned out this spring.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R Bomberger shared information with the Supervisors regarding the American Rescue Plan funds that the Township will receive in the amount of \$186,860.00. The Township will receive half in June of this year and the other half in 2022. There are very specific guidelines as to how the funds may be used and further guidance is coming from the Treasury and Commonwealth. The Secretary will forward information as it is received.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Ricky Dyer shared the March Fire Report submitted by the Fire Chief Douglas Funk. The Department has been very busy with calls this past month.

Old Business

In regards to the Renewal Processing Land Development, The NPDES permit had been approved. There was a communication issue between DEP and the Conservation District. The permit will need signed off on by the Conservation District and will be able to be acted on at the Supervisors May meeting.

Supervisor Willard Murray came into the meeting at 4:33 P.M.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis Township and Barbara Kyle regarding the responsibilities and installation of a sewer lateral and providing a time of completion of the work. Thomas J Marshall abstained.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to award New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. the 2021 aggregate bid. Hanson Aggregates was the low bidder. The motion to award NES&L, Co. was based on Supervisor/Roadmaster Willard Murray's recommendation to not accept Hanson's bid due to being an irresponsible bidder and not standing behind their product and the Township has had issues with their material, specifically red DSA.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer, and passed to award Button Oil for the Fuel and Heating Oil Bid.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of invoice #392 submitted by TBS Trucking in the amount of \$46,061.10, to be paid from the Lewis Township State Fund.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed and authorize payment of bills for April 2021.

Public Comment

Barry Page questioned why the Township hacked off his pine trees along Wertman School Road. He said that one of our employees fit the description he was given as to who did it, Bill Robbins. He said this occurred last Tuesday or Wednesday. Barry mentioned that this had happened in the past as well. Rick assured him that it was not the Township. The Township has not done that type of work this spring and that they were in a totally different are of the Township working that week. Barry did not believe this and said he would be filing a report with the State Police.

Douglas Potter asked if you have to disclose the reason to Hanson Aggregates for not being awarded a bid as they were the low bidder for aggregate. The Solicitor answered no, as long as the reason is noted in the meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 5, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 4:00 P.M. Those also present in person were Supervisors Ricky Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and eleven (11) guests. Supervisor Thomas J Marshall via Zoom.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the April 2021 Financial Reports.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Douglas Potter questioned the Supervisors again as to why the highest bidder was awarded the aggregate bid at the last meeting and asked that the Supervisors please reconsider their decision as it was a significant difference in cost, that of a mill of tax for the Township. Supervisor Murray explained their decision based on the difference in quality of stone making it worth the higher price in the end in how the roads hold up.

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that work has been done extensively in the Muncy Hills, cleaning ditches, installing cross pipes, placing 2A subbase and #3 stone. Finishing up work on Dimm Road.

Solicitor

Solicitor Jonathan Dewald shared that there was an executive session held prior to the meeting to discuss litigation. He also recommended to the Supervisors regarding the Zoning Ordinance under Old Business that they commission the Planning Commission to prepare a Zoning Ordinance, text and map.

Treatment Plant Operator

Operator Michael Koch shared that the plants are operating fairly well with a few minor issues of bulking in the clarifier and food grease build up. Will shared that the push mower has been fixed and he will take it down to the plant this week.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R Bomberger shared that the Township received an offer from Pennvest in the amount of \$1,002,000.00 in loan for the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project. Years 1-5 at 1% Interest and Years 6-20 at 1.743% Interest. There will be a series of 6 meetings between the offer and settlement and the first meeting will be sometime in the next week or so.

The State Liquid Fuels Audit is underway for 2020.

Planning Commission

Lucinda Bomberger shared that the Planning Commission met on April 22, 2021. The P.C. continued to discuss solar farming and how this would fit in the Township's Zoning Ordinance vs having a stand alone Ordinance.

Lucinda also shared with the P.C. about a recommendation from Tracey Vernon who is currently preparing an impact study pertaining to the CSVT Project. Tracey thought that Township's current commercially zoned are was in good position but also understood the political climate and the importance of hearing the residents thoughts as well. Tracey recommended that the are the P.C. had recently decided to recommend changing to Rural Residential if they would consider changing it to a Village Center Zoning District that would allow both residential and small business opportunities. The Planning Commission was very open to this recommendation and would like to explore this further with the zoning officer.

The P.C. wanted to reach out to Zoning Officer Victor Marquardt for guidance on both the solar farming and Village Center zoning. Vic would like to come to the next meeting to discuss these issues. The Supervisors are okay with this.

Other action taken at the P.C. meeting was tabling the Renewal Processing Land Development due to the NPDES permit not officially issued.

Charles Axtman was at the meeting to present a project that had been presented to the P.C. at their April meeting seeking guidance from the P.C. as to whether the project would require Land Development. Charlie submitted a sketch plan to the Supervisors and gave an overview of the project. The project is a Pick Your Own Flowers business. There would be a pergola constructed. The Supervisors would like the sketch plan to be forwarded to the Township Engineer for a determination if it would require Land Development.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Ricky Dyer shared Chief Funk's monthly report and that the Fireman's Carnival will be held in Watsontown June 14 – 19, 2021.

Old Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to request that the Lewis Township Planning Commission prepare an Ordinance text and map for consideration by the Supervisors.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to grant another 30 days for the Renewal Processing Land Development.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to award Russel Standard Corporation the base bid for tar and chipping in the amount of \$41,714.29. Roads included in this project are Beaver Run Road from 54 to Risser Grain, Keefertown Road from Plotts to Whitmoyer and Trent.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize payment of invoice #7519662 and invoice # 7521841 submitted by New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co in the total amount of \$6,544.40, to be paid from the Lewis Township State Fund.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of bills for the May 2021.

Public Comment

Brian Stackhouse asked Ricky Dyer if the Fire Department has ever considered holding monthly breakfasts or dinners to raise funds for the department. Brian mentioned that other fire departments are doing this and the department has a nice facility to hold them. Rick said that they have had a few chicken BBQ's but he would ask at the next meeting if it is something they would be interested in doing.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 2, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 4:00 P.M. Those also present in person were Supervisors Ricky Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and nine (9) guests. Supervisor Thomas J Marshall via Zoom.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J. Marshall and passed to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the May 2021 Financial Reports.

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that work done in the hills, ditch cleaning and applying of 2A subbase, is finished for now while preparations are made to roads that are to be tar & chipped this summer.

Lee Bieber asked what the plans were for Welliver Road as what was done earlier that day seemed rough and worse than what it was before. Someone has spun their tires in the material that had been put down and left ruts. Will said that the Township will not tar and chip this portion of the road due to the couple of trucks that have been leaving black tire marks on the road.

Treatment Plant Operator

The operator was not in attendance of the meeting however submitted a written report. An item of concern again this month was a presence of grease in the system. Will asked to look into how many times a year the school district is required to pump their grease trap. Also, it was decided that it would be a good idea to send a letter to all residents connected to the sewer system reminding them not to put grease down the drain and into the system.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R Bomberger reported the following:

1. Solicitor Dewald and myself participated in the 1st call of 4 Pennvest Settlement calls on June 1, 2021. Items covered in the call were an overview of the Pennvest Offer, Settlement Check list and items required for Settlement, Settlement Time Line and Scheduling of Settlement Date.

Target Settlement Timeline:

Final Easements Needed: Whitmoyer and WRSD_June-July

Advertisement of Bids: Mid-Late July

Bid Opening: August 19, 2021

Notice of Intent/Award Bid: September 1, 2021 BOS Meeting

Adoption of Debt Act Ordinance for Pennvest Loan: September 1, 2021 BOS Meeting

LGUDA Proceedings: September 1-Mid October

Adoption of Rate Resolution: September or October BOS Meeting

2nd Settlement Call: September 7, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

3rd Settlement Call: Settlement Check List Items Due: October 19, 2021

4th Settlement Call: Settlement Date: November 9, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.

Notice to Proceed to Contractors: December BOS Meeting

Construction to Begin: Spring 2022

2. The Lewis Township Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on June 16, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M. to hear comments on a proposed new zoning ordinance.
3. In an email from PSATS June 2, 2021, DCED recommends that Townships apply for the American Rescue Plan Funds within 5 days as DCED has thirty days to disburse the funds to municipalities. The updated amount for Lewis Township is \$197,824.82. The Township would receive \$98,912.41 in June 2021 and \$98,912.41 in June 2022.
4. Authorization to sign the License Agreement from RailPros for the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project electronically through DocuSign. *A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to give authorization.*
5. Authorization for Chairman Willard Murray and myself, Secretary, to sign all documents related to the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project. *A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to give authorization.*

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Brian Stackhouse asked what the study being done regarding the CSVT project was for or to determine and who was doing the study. Lucinda explained the purpose of the study being to look at the zoning and comprehensive planning of the upper Northumberland County municipalities that could be impacted by economic development due to the CSVT Project. The study will provide recommendations based on conversations with each municipality and needs identified.

Brian also asked about the proposal submitted by McNerney, Page, Vanderlin and Hall and what the amount not to exceed 30 billable hours or an amount of \$5,250. Solicitor Dewald gave an explanation that this amount would be billed as needed but will not exceed the amount of hours or estimated cost for the work outlined in the proposal.

Old Business

Zoning Ordinance: Solicitor Dewald gave an update on the status of the Zoning Ordinance. The previously adopted 2019 version of the Zoning Ordinance will be proposed as new ordinance with some minor clerical changes. The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on June 16, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to receive public comment and may give recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to adopt as a new ordinance, The Supervisors would then consider the recommendation and move forward in the adoption process.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to grant conditional approval of the Renewal Processing Land Development based on outstanding comments of the Engineer's review being satisfied and all agreements, Improvement Guarantee, Stormwater and Maintenance and Stormwater Drainage Easement, are executed and recorded.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to grant an additional ninety (90) day extension for the Mark Derr Final Subdivision for additional sewage facilities testing and planning and E&S review by the Northumberland County Conservation District.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve a proposal submitted by HRG, Inc. for services regarding Pennvest Settlement Process to Close Out for the Schell & Koch Road Sewer Project not to exceed the amount of \$47,000.00.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve a proposal submitted MPVH for Legal Services regarding the Pennvest Settlement Process to Close Out for the Schell & Koch Road Sewer Project in an amount not to exceed 30 billable hours and no more than \$5,250.00.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a proposal submitted by HRG, Inc. for services regarding financial assistance for Pennvest Application Process for the Regionalization Sewer Project in the lump sum amount of \$12,500.00.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to release the annual contribution of \$3,500.00 to the Montgomery House Warrior Run Area Public Library.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of bills for June 2021.

Public Comment

Brian Stackhouse asked if any further action was taken regarding the discussion of the aggregate bid and asked again why the decision was originally made to award the higher bidder. Will answered that no further action has been taken. Reasons for awarding the higher bidder were due to the quality of the aggregate received from Hanson Aggregates such as DSA not meeting required state specifications and clumps of clay in 2A subbase. Aggregate from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. is a better quality and gives a better base and holds better longer term.

Lee Bieber asked why you can't refuse a load. Rick answered that they are not always at the building as the stone is delivered.

Brian Stackhouse asked why you can't address it when you do see it. This had been done in the past. Douglas Potter said that he spoke to Brent Shaffer from Hanson Aggregates and that Brent said if he would have known that this was happening he would have taken care of it and that all material coming from the Milton facility is certified material.

Lee Bieber commented on the condition of Milheim and Schuyler Roads. They are like washboards. Lee also asked when the Township would go back to having meetings at 7:00 P.M.

Brain Stackhouse asked about the process of handling a zoning violation. Solicitor Dewald said the zoning officer issues a notice of violation. Thirty (30) days are given to come into compliance. After 30 days the Solicitor can file a civil suit against the property owner.

Brian Stackhouse asked about the U Pick It project and whether they needed Land Development. The engineer's review stated that it would need minor Land Development due to the pergola being a non-building structure according to the ordinance. It is the understanding that property owner changed its plans to only do a patio vs. a pergola.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 7, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 4:02 P.M. Those also present in person were Supervisors Ricky Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and five (5) guests. Supervisor Thomas J Marshall via Zoom.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the June 2021 Financial Reports.

Township Reports

Supervisors

Thomas J Marshall shared that there was concern amongst residents on Trent Road and Pleasant View Estates about pot holes and if they would be filled before tar and chipping. Will said that they would. Tom also asked if the Township would clean out the ditch around his driveway pipes and also the ditch by Hunter's property.

Roadmaster

Road Master Willard Murray reported that they have been working on preparing roads that will be tar and chipped early August. They will go back through and fill potholes and regrade.

Treatment Plant Operator

Operator Michael Koch reported the plants are operating fairly well. The grease and bulking issues have gone down considerably now that school is out for the summer. Kappe Associates will be coming July 8 to reset the UV system. The solids from the sand beds are in need of disposing. Lucinda will arrange for a dumpster to be brought in.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda Bomberger gave an update on the American Rescue Plan Funds. The funds were deposited into the General Fund on June 29, 2021 in the amount of \$98,912.41. The funds may be in an interest-bearing account. The interest earned would be required to be used for the same purposes as the fund requirements. The U.S. Treasury is taking comments on their initial rule until July 16, 2021 and will be issuing a final rule sometime after that. A resolution will be need to be adopted outlining how the funds are being used and submitted to the Department of Community and Economic Development. Lucinda recommended opening a separate interest-bearing account for the ARP Funds at Muncy Bank & Trust and asked for authorization to do so.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize opening the account for the ARP Funds at Muncy Bank & Trust.

Planning Commission

Lucinda Bomberger gave an overview of the Planning Commission meetings in June. The Planning Commission recommended the adoption of the proposed new Zoning Ordinance to the Lewis Township Supervisors at their special meeting held June 16, 2021. Comments were received prior to the action taken. The comments were mostly in regards to the Township's comprehensive plan.

At the June 24th meeting the P.C. continued discussion on uses related to Village Zoning District for future consideration.

Old Business

A motion was made Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to begin the process of adopting a new Zoning Ordinance as proposed and recommended by the Lewis Township Planning Commission, authorizing the advertisement of a public hearing to be held August 24, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to hear comments from the public. The Supervisors plan to adopt the ordinance at their regular monthly meeting in September.

New Business

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize advertisement of bids for the Schell and Koch Road Sewer project.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize advertisement of an amendment to Ordinance 2019-10 in order to provide for additional road and weight limits. The addition would be Warrior Run Blvd. at a 10 Ton weight limit.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize payment of the following invoices to New Enterprise Stone & Lime, Co. from the Lewis Township State Fund:

Invoice # 7555347: \$6,593.31 (Anti-skid)

Invoice # 7553425: \$12,053.20 (Anti-skid)

Total: \$18,646.51

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize payment of bills for the month of July 2021.

Public Comment

Brian Stackhouse made the Supervisors aware that his neighbor David Yoder was to move his sign back to the proper set backs as per his conversation with Zoning Officer, Victor Marquardt. Mr. Yoder has not yet moved his sign and inquired how long he has to do so.

Duane Blakeney asked if the Planning Commission had discussed solar farming as this is becoming more popular. Lucinda Bomberger stated that the Planning Commission had considered how solar farming would fit in the zoning ordinance as well as having a stand-alone ordinance. Solicitor Dewald recommended that a stand-alone ordinance would be best. Jon will prepare a draft ordinance for the August meeting.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 P.M. to convene into executive session to discuss a legal matter with no action to be taken.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 4, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 4:00 P.M. Those also present in person were Supervisors Ricky Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and eleven (11) guests. Supervisor Thomas J Marshall via Zoom.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the July 2021 Financial Reports.

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that the roadcrew has been working in the Muncy hills cleaning ditches and preparing for tar and chipping.

Treatment Plant Operator

The board reviewed the report submitted by Operators Michael Koch and Jason Koch. Upon concern of the circuit board to the UV Disinfection System only having one unit operational, a motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve Kappe Associates to replace the circuit board for \$2,000.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda Bomberger gave an update of the sewer Projects.

Schell/Koch Sewer Project: securing remaining easements needed with WRSD and Whitmoyer Cattle, LLC and will then go out to bid for this project.

MRSA Regionalization: The Pennvest application was to be submitted today, August 4, 2021. The Pennvest Board will meet in October to consider applications and provide an offer.

Planning Commission

Lucinda shared that the Planning Commission met on July 22, 2021 and had a productive meeting. The P.C. created a draft table of all zoning districts and uses and then determined what uses fit a Village Center Zoning District.

Also, the P.C. reviewed the Lapp Subdivision and conditionally approved the plan based on owner signature, driveway permit review and cartway and road widths being added. Lucinda pointed out that Note 1 on the plan addresses all permitting to be taken care of by future owner of the Lot created and that road widths were not added due to the varying widths throughout the road.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Superintendent Alan Hack: Ordinance 2021-5 and L.T. and WRSD Easement

Brian Stackhouse: Medicare Advantage Plan

Kyle Whitmoyer: Ordinance 2021-5 and L.T. Whitmoyer Cattle, LLC Easement

Jay Heater: Ordinance 2021-5

Old Business

Solicitor Jon Dewald gave an update on the process of the proposed zoning ordinance. A public hearing will be held Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. and has been duly advertised and the Township Secretary has posted the notice in 10 places within the Township. The Supervisors will consider adoption of the ordinance at their September 1, 2021 meeting.

Solicitor Jon Dewald provided a draft solar farming ordinance for the Supervisors to review and provide comment. The Supervisors may consider moving forward with the process to adopt the ordinance at their September meeting.

Public Comment: Lee Bieber asked if a property had to be a farm. His property has eight acres.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to table the acceptance of the tree proposal submitted by Seth Tanner.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the David Lapp Final Minor Subdivision.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to table the adoption of Ordinance 2021-5, an amendment of Ordinance 2019-10 (weight limits and bonding ordinance), until the September 2021 meeting.

Public Comment

Doug Whitmoyer, WRSD Board President asked what is the definition of local delivery. Mr. Whitmoyer felt that the Supervisors should not have waited until construction started to decide to put a wait limit on Warrior Run Blvd or bond the road, that there should be no financial ties. Mr. Whitmoyer asked why this wasn't taken care of before the district went out to bid for the project so that it could have maybe been taken care of that time.

Jay Heater, a non-resident of the Township, also asked for the definition of a local delivery, how the bridge can support more weight than 10 Ton, how will the ordinance will be enforced, how will construction deliveries be made. Jay also felt that Township was making a bad decision waiting until after construction started to enforce a 10 T weight limit and bonding.

Alan Hack asked if any wear and tear has been noticed on Warrior Run Blvd. after all the cement trucks came in. Will answered no he hasn't. Alan said the steel beams will be delivered in the next few weeks. If damage would be caused to the road, what would the Township use to compare condition of the road. The study was done in April 2021 and the Township would use the condition at that time to compare. Also, Alan noted that he had a phone call that 2 dump trucks were seen utilizing Warrior Run Blvd out to route 54. He had looked into this and the trucks were empty at the time and asked to please give him a call if trucks are seen in the future.

Douglas Potter asked if there currently was a weight limit on Warrior Run Blvd. and if the Township changes it to 10 Ton will the steel truck be in violation.

Kyle Whitmoyer stated that he is often working in the fields along Warrior Run Blvd and he has not seen any construction vehicles accessing Warrior Run Blvd from State Route 54.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve Permit # 2021-1, a permit to exceed Lewis Township weight limits, issued to Kenneth Kiger. Murray Road from Clifford Hoffman's to Saymens. Clifford said that most of the logging will be done this fall. Logging will not be done February – May of 2022.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to add a Medicare Advantage Plan to the Township Health Care through PSATS Health Insurance Cooperative Trust.

Public Comment:

Brian Stackhouse asked if there would be a savings to the Township by adding Medicare Advantage Plan to the Township's Healthcare.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize advertisement of sale of assets on Municibid also authorizing the Chairman to list the assets to be sold.

Public Comment:

Doug Potter asked what assets would be sold. Answer: Recycling Containers and older equipment.

Doug Whitmoyer mentioned to be careful that some items may bring more money through scrap metal recycling and will the final bid amounts be approved at a public meeting.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a permanent easement between Lewis Township and Warrior Run School District (Schell & Koch Road Sewer Project) based on legal and engineer review and satisfaction.

Public Comment:

Alan Hack shared that Lucinda answered his question when she updated on the Easements, that Erin Threet, HRG, would be sending an updated easement exhibit based on his request and that he would provide questions and comments promptly after receiving.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve a permanent easement between Lewis Township and Whitmoyer Cattle, LLC (Schell & Koch Road Sewer Project) based on legal and engineer review and satisfaction.

Public Comment:

Doug Whitmoyer asked if the access road could be a temporary easement vs. permanent. Doug also was concerned about the gas lines, first not shown on the map, and was not agreeing with Erin's calculations. Erin is also to be sending an updated easement drawing showing the gas lines as requested.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of bill for August 2021.

Public Comment

Jay Heater, non-resident of the Township reiterated his previous comments made earlier in the meeting.

Lee Bieber asked if they could grade an area of Keefertown Road so that come winter time he is not stuck in the ditch.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 P.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 1, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 4:00 P.M. Those also present in person were Supervisors Ricky Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and eight (8) guests. Supervisor Thomas J Marshall via telephone.

Chairman Willard Murray announced that the Supervisors engaged in an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss legal matters.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to amend the September 1, 2021 meeting agenda to include the approval of an excess weight limit permit to Larue Shaner to access Murray Road. This was added to New Business, Item B.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to amend the meeting minutes from the July 7, 2021 Supervisors regular monthly meeting to correct the date of the public hearing that was to be held August 24, 2021 instead of what was recorded as August 25, 2021.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to table the August 2021 Financial Reports until the October 2021 meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda items

No comments

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that the roadcrew cleaned ditches on Horseshoe Bend Road, tar and chipping and cleaning out the shop.

Treatment Plant Operator

Chairman Willard Murray read the report provided by our Operators, Jason and Michael Koch. The operators asked for authorization to use Opsco Company for pump repair and maintenance. A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to grant authorization.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger gave an update on the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project. Due to going out to bid a month later than planned, the settlement calls were rescheduled for October 14, 2021 and December 21, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Bid opening will be September 29, 2021.

An update was also given for the regionalization project. Due to opportunity for the potential of points rewarded for economic development, letters of support were solicited, received and uploaded to the Pennvest application. Also, discussions are being held as to whether this project qualifies as a white knight scenario.

The Secretary provided an invitation and agenda for a briefing on the CSVT Impact study to take place virtually on September 13, 2021 from 4-5:00 P.M.

Copies of the 2020 Audit were provided to the Supervisors.

Old Business

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the tree proposal submitted by Seth Tanner, Living on the Edge Woodworks, with the condition that he cleans up afterward.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to table to the adoption of Ordinance 2021-5, an amendment of Ordinance 2019-10 (weight limits and bonding ordinance), until the October 2021 meeting.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize advertisement of the Amendment of Ordinance 2019-10 in order to provide for additional roads and weight limits (Warrior Run Blvd./10 Ton Weight Limit) for consideration at the October 2021 meeting.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to adopt Ordinance 2021-6, the Official Zoning Ordinance of Lewis Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to refer the draft solar farming ordinance that Solicitor Dewald provided to the Supervisors to the Planning Commission for review and to provide comments and recommendations for the Supervisors October 2021 meeting.

New Business

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve engagement of auditing services with Herring, Roll & Solomon for fiscal year 2021 for Township and Tax Collection Accounts.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve an excess weight limit permit, Permit # 2021-2, to Larue Shaner for access to Murray Road with the conditions of installing a construction access of 125 feet for wet circumstances and the financial security to be established by the Township's engineer.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize payment of bills for the month of September 2021.

Public Comment

Brain Stackhouse asked about solar farming and how it is determined if a permit is needed. The question then came up as last time as to what constitutes a solar farm.

Brian also asked if there was a priority for the Planning Commission to complete recommendations for amending the zoning map due to the report that there was not a planning commission meeting in August due to no business.

Eric Staman asked if there would be another public hearing if the zoning ordinance is amended.

Duane Blakeney stated that he felt it was time to reach out to County Commissioners again regarding the closed bridge on Hill Road. It seems to him if the County has money for ATV parks, that there should be money to replace bridges.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 6, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Ricky Dyer at 4:02 P.M. Those also present in person were Supervisor Thomas J Marshall via telephone, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and twelve (12) guests.

Vice - Chairman Ricky Dyer announced that the Supervisors engaged in an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to amend the October 6, 2021 meeting agenda to include the approval of an invoice from American Rock Salt Company, LLC to letter H of the agenda and also a Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis Township and Warrior Run School District as letter J, both under New Business.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the August 2021 Financial Reports.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the September 2021 Financial Reports.

Public Comment on Agenda items

No comments

Township Reports

Supervisors

Vice-Chairman Ricky Dyer announced that the Township received a letter of resignation of Township Supervisor and retirement of Township Roadmaster submitted by Willard Murray effective October 1, 2021. A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to accept the resignation and retirement of Willard Murray from his positions as Supervisor and Roadmaster.

The Supervisors will accept letters of interest from residents of the Township who desire to fulfill the vacancy for the remainder of the term by submitting a letter to the Township Secretary by Wednesday, October 20, 2021. The Supervisors will hold interviews with all those interested and will appoint a Supervisor at their November meeting.

Ricky Dyer also reported that ditches have been cleaned and pipe replaced on Gold Road, equipment repair and winter prep under way and also intend to do more ditch cleaning and pipe installation.

Tom Marshall requested that pot holes on 1st ad 2nd Street in Pleasant View Estates be taken care of and also wanted to know the status of the on-lot systems on WR Blvd and Trent Road. The Secretary will follow up with Jim Sanders.

Treatment Plant Operator

Operator Jason Koch commented that the plants are operating fairly well with a few issues of hydraulic loading from the school district and heavy rains lately.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger reported the following:

1. State Pension Aid was deposited into the General Fund on September 28, 2021 in the amount of \$8,072.14. The State Aid Funds will be transferred to the Township's Pension through AXA Equitable on October 12, 2021.
2. As Chief Administrative Officer of the Township's Pension Plan, the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2022 was prepared and signed for the Pension file in the amount of \$86,280.00. (Estimated payroll for 2022)
3. State Fire Relief Aid was deposited into the General Fund on September 21, 2021 in the amount of \$9,842.41. A check will be sent to Warrior Run Area Fire Department in that same amount on October 7, 2021.

Planning Commission

Recording Secretary Lucinda R Bomberger shared that the Planning Commission had a meeting Tuesday October 5, 2021 due to not having a quorum for their September 23, 2021 meeting. The Planning Commission reviewed the draft Solar Energy Ordinance as requested by the Supervisors and have prepared comments and recommendations and plan to review and finalize at their next meeting. The Planning Commission also briefly talked touched on the Village Center Zoning and will continue discussion next meeting. The Wenger Group Land Development was also reviewed and it was recommended that conditional approval be given contingent on satisfaction of the Township Engineer's review and recommended waiving comments 5 b & c regarding the financial security.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Ricky Dyer shared Chief Funk's Fire Report for the month of September 2021. Rick also shared that the Fire Department is requesting the all the municipalities in the cooperative adopt an ordinance that would allow for billing, fines and enforcement of a nuisance automatic fire alarms. The Township will give consideration upon researching the state code.

Old Business

No action was taken on Old Business items

New Business

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to adopt Ordinance 2021-7, a Local Government Unit Debt Act Ordinance to provide financing the PennVest for the Schell & Koch Road Sewer Project in a loan amount of \$1,002,000.00.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve a Debt Statement and Borrowing Base Certificate upon receipt of the Township and review of the Township Secretary and Chairman of the Board.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize award of the following contracts to the apparent low bidders for the Schell & Koch Road Sewer Project contingent on the following items:

- Coordination with PennVest regarding Project funding/timing;
- Satisfactory HRG review of the bids received for the conformance with Project Documents;
- And receipt of properly executed bonds, agreements and proof of insurance from the apparent low bidders.

Contract 21-1: General Construction: DOLI Construction Corporation in the amount of \$292,333.00

Contract 2021-2: Electrical Controls and Building: Tra Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$66,500.00

Contract 21-3: Sewer Mains Construction: PACT ONE, LLC in the amount of \$843,148.00

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the temporary construction easement between Lewis Township and the Estate of Nellie Fulmer for the Schell & Koch Road Sewer Project.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the Wenger Group Land Development conditional on the satisfaction of Township Engineer's review comments and final legal and engineer review.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize payment of the following invoices to be paid from the Lewis Township State Fund:

Invoice # 1013617: \$54,454.92_Russel Standard Corp.

Invoice # 0677828: \$1,733.18_American Rock Salt Company, LLC

Invoice # 0677751: \$1,743.80_American Rock Salt Company, LLC

Invoice # 0678153: \$1,770.00_American Rock Salt Company, LLC

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve a 2 Year Penn Power Service Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Trent Road Pump Station and Five Points Small Flow Plant for Period 10/1/2021 – 9/30/2023 in the amount of \$1,289.00/Year.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis Township and Warrior Run School District regarding

direction of construction traffic, signage and road restoration related to the district's construction project and use of Warrior Run Blvd.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize payment of bill for the month of October 2021.

Public Comment

Douglas Potter commented that he felt the Township should advertise the Supervisor Vacancy in a local paper so residents may be informed that Township is taking letters of interest other than those in attendance of the meeting. Solicitor Dewald said that it is not required that the Township do so. Supervisor Ricky Dyer asked if the Secretary would post it on the Township website. Lucinda said that she would.

Douglas Potter also commented that the all bidders and results should be recorded in the minutes for the Schell & Koch Road Sewer Project.

Brian Stackhouse asked if the Township has looked into Comcast for phone and internet service. Comcast has a good offer right now.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 3, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Ricky Dyer at 4:00 P.M. Those also present in person were Supervisor Thomas J Marshall via telephone, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and twelve (6) guests.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall , seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the October 2021 Financial Reports.

Public Comment on Agenda items

No comments

Township Reports

Supervisors

Ricky Dyer shared interviews were held November 1, 2021 with the three residents who had submitted letters of interest in the Supervisor position. Supervisor Marshall, Solicitor Dewald and Secretary Lucinda Bomberger were also present during the interviews.

Ricky Dyer made a motion to appoint Brain Stackhouse for remainder of Willard Murray's term as Supervisor, Thomas J Marshall seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Supervisor Thomas J Marshall asked if pot holes could be filled on E 1st St in Pleasant View Estates. Rick said that he has had the road crew out filling pot holes and that they have used six ton of cold patch the past week. Rick will have the road crew out in Pleasant View Estates either the next day or the following week.

Rick also reported that inventory was taken of drain pipe available at the building and also spending time organizing in the shop.

Solicitor

Solicitor Jonathan Dewald gave an update on the LGUDA filing and other documents needed for Pennvest Closing for the Schell & Koch Road Project.

Treatment Plant Operator

The operator was not in attendance of the meeting. Rick Dyer shared that the plants are operating well and hat there are no violations. There was an issue with meter calibration and has been resolved.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R Bomberger shared an update regarding the Regionalization Sewer Project. A funding offer from Pennvest was received in the amount of \$2,862,000.00, \$2,022,447.00 in grant and \$839,553.00 in loan at 1% interest for 20 years. This in addition to other grants received for this project make it 80% funded and doable. The regionalization committee will be meeting on November 15, 2021 to discuss next steps and a few outstanding issues related to the MOU between the Township, Delaware Township and Milton Regional Sewer Authority such as enforcement of mandatory connections, rates and rate districts and board seat. Lucinda shared she was confident that these issues will be resolved. Duane Blakeney asked if Lewis Township will have a seat on the MRSA Board. Lucinda answered yes, that it is part of the MOU.

Lucinda also shared correspondence from a resident on Wolfe Blvd. who requested that the Township post speed limit signs due to people driving too fast and that the road is very narrow and doesn't allow for easy passage for two vehicles. Duane Blakeney seemed to think that Wolfe Blvd. had a speed limit posted but that maybe the signs were no longer there. Rick will look into it.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission submitted a letter with their recommendations for the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance that they reviewed as requested by the Supervisors.

Old Business

Solicitor Jonathon Dewald suggested that that the Comprehensive Plan would be able to be taken off the agenda until the CSVT Impact Study would be received and desire to do implement a regional comprehensive plan is formally recommended.

Solicitor Jonathon Dewald will incorporate the Planning Commission's recommendations into the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance and send for the Supervisors to review. Thomas J Marshall asked how the cost of inflation is determined for bonding renewal. Solicitor Dewald answered that the Township would seek a recommendation from the Township Engineer that would be a benchmark for the financial security.

New Business

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adopt Resolution 2021-8, a resolution declaring the intent and authorization of the disposition of public records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize advertisement of the proposed, Alternative 1, 2022 budget that reflects no tax increase for adoption at the December 2021 Supervisors regular monthly meeting.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize payment of bills for the month of November 2021.

Public Comment

Brian Stackhouse thanked the Supervisors for the opportunity to do what he can for the Township in the role as Supervisor. Supervisor Marshall thanked Brian for his interest in the Township.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucinda R Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 1, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Ricky Dyer at 4:00 P.M. Those also present in person were Supervisor Thomas J Marshall via telephone, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and ten (10) guests.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the November 2021 Financial Reports.

Public Comment on Agenda items

Douglas Potter asked if all the bids for the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project were reflected in the minutes and not just the low bidder. Solicitor Dewald answered that action items are reflected in the minutes. The bid tabulation would be public record. Lucinda Bomberger said the bid awards would have been reflected in the October 2021 Minutes.

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Ricky Dyer shared that the road crew has been filling pothole, taking care of building and equipment repairs, snow and ice removal and cleaning and organizing the shop.

Treatment Plant Operator

Operators Jason and Michael Koch were in attendance and shared that the plants are in compliance. In their report they mentioned that the hot water heater could be replaced but they felt that it could be just turned off because hot water is not used there. The water softener that recently was hooked up seems to be doing its job and should help with odor and calcium buildup.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R Bomberger shared that the January Reorganizational/Regular Monthly Meeting will be held Monday, January 3, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. and the Township Auditor's meeting will be held Tuesday January 4, 2022.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Ricky Dyer shared the October 2021 report from Chief Funk. Rick also shared the fire department is looking for recruits. It is difficult right now to find anyone to help make the load lighter.

Old Business

Secretary Lucinda R Bomberger shared that Solicitor Dewald has incorporated the Planning Commission's recommendations to the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance and the it was forwarded to the Supervisors for review. Lucinda also shared comments from the Zoning Officer with Solicitor Dewald. He will include those also and send a draft for January's meeting.

New Business

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to affirm the 2022 Tax Levy with no tax increase:

General Purpose:	12 mill
Fire Protection:	2 mill
Equipment	2 mill
Per Capita	\$5.00
LST	\$52.00
Earned Income Tax:	½ of 1%
Realty Transfer Tax:	½ of 1%

Terms:

2% Discount	March/April
Face	May/June
10% Penalty	July/December

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to adopt the 2022 Budget. A balance budget of:

General Fund: \$613,250.00
State Fund: \$162,300.00
Wastewater Operation: \$134,000.00

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to adopt Resolution 2021-9, a resolution to increase the monthly sewer rate to \$95/EDU/Month effective January 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adopt Resolution 2021-10, a resolution for reimbursement of project costs for the Schell & Koch Road Sewer Project.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve a proposal submitted by Greg Bausineaur for RPR Services for the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project. \$58.00/Hour, 20-25 Hours/Week, on Township Payroll, rate could change based on increase of cost of fuel.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve an amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis Township, Delaware Township and Milton Regional Sewer Authority to allow for MRSA to provide Delaware Township as a separate rate district and to waive mandatory connections in Delaware Township.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve a proposal submitted by HRG, Inc. for engineering services for the MRSA Regionalization Project for Final Design in the amount \$120,230.00.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a proposal submitted by HRG, Inc. for the MRSA Regionalization Project for financial services for Pennvest settlement through closeout in the amount \$28,500.00.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adopt Resolution 2021-11, a resolution providing an extension of time to record the Hoover Subdivision approved July 1, 2020, extending the time ninety (90) days from December 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to hire Daniel Smith as a road employee at \$15.00/Hour as needed or seasonal for up to 24 Hours/Week.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize payment of bills for the month of December 2021.

Public Comment

Douglas Potter asked about the Proposal for RPR Services and if that had to be prevailing wage. No Douglas Potter asked how many miles of road the Township maintains. 40

Duane Blakeney inquired if anything could be done about farmers during the wet season plugging and backing up drains. Solicitor Dewald would check if the Stormwater Ordinance would provide for any enforcement.

Martin Bobb inquired about the Hoover Subdivision, what had been previously subdivided for and the new subdivision. Previously to provide a lot for Elvin Hoover and currently to subdivide off the 10 acres across the road. Martin asked if that was still zoned commercial. Yes. He heard a bed and breakfast may go there. Lucinda had last heard a butcher shop.

Angela Ulmer asked how many part time employees there were that work on roads. 5 including the new hire.

Angela Ulmer asked what Tom Marshall does for the Township. He is a Supervisor and carries out Supervisor duties. He is not employed by the Township.

Douglas Potter asked when the vacancy board comes into play. If the Supervisors fail to appoint a Supervisor within 30 days of acceptance of a resignation.

Ronald Clark asked if the Supervisors would consider establishing a speed limit for Wolfe Blvd. and erect signs to help minimize the danger of speeding motorists and the road being narrow in places and

walkers and horses and buggies that travel that road. The Supervisors will consider for their January 2022 meeting.

Karen Hertzler, Lewis Township Library Representative, from the Montgomery House Library attended the meeting to give an update on library activities and thanked the Township for their annual contribution.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary