

**Lewis Township Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
March 2, 2022**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ricky Dyer at 4:00 P.M. Those also present were Vice-Chairman Brian Stackhouse, Supervisor Thomas J Marshall via telephone, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R Bomberger, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and thirteen (13) guests.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Brian Stackhouse and passed to amend the agenda to include a Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement with Ronal Tanner under new business as letter E.

**Guest**

JA Babay, Librarian of the Montgomery House Warrior Run Area Public Library, attended the meeting to share about new programs happening at the library, financial status due to the Pandemic and a list of maintenance projects that she was asking the area municipalities to help with in kind to help offset costs for the library.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**

No Comments

A motion was made by Brian Stackhouse, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2022 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

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

**Township Reports**

***Roadmaster***

Roadmaster Ricky Dyer gave an update on work done this past month that includes snow and ice removal, shop organization, equipment maintenance and tree trimming.

Rick shared a concern with the condition of Old State Road from County Line Road to the bridge with heavy loaded trucks traveling on the road to weigh station at the Wenger Group. Rick met with our Municipal Services Representative to determine the best way to take care of this road and had received some estimates. Full Depth Reclamation was the most recommend method to construct the road. Also, Rick recommended to the Board putting a weight limit on the road that would require a traffic study and amendment to the Township's weight limit ordinance.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Brian Stackhouse and passed to authorize the Township Engineer to do the traffic study required to implement a weight limit on Old State Road.

Tom mentioned that Trent Road has become a speedway since the road had been reconstructed last summer and expresses concern about a local farmer accessing his fields from Trent Road with heavy

loads and also had concern of manure falling out of the spreader onto to the roads as well due to being too full. Rick said that he would talk to the farmer about it.

### ***Treatment Plant Operator***

Operator Michael Koch asked if the Township would bring in sand next week to replenish the sand beds after they are cleaned off. Rick said that they would next week, maybe on Tuesday.

Operator Michael Koch and Jason Koch handed in their resignations giving their ninety (90) day notice due to operational issues and concerns regarding their operational licenses.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to accept Michael Koch and Jason Koch's resignations.

Lee Beiber asked why the school district is building an elementary school if the plant is currently having issues and the school would bring in additional flow. Lucinda answered that the district would not be able to connect their elementary school until the regionalization project is complete.

Lee also mentioned that it is unfortunate that the Township hadn't regionalized in the past when Northern Neighbors had regionalized.

### ***Secretary/Treasurer***

Lucinda Bomberger shared an update on the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project. Construction is to begin Friday, March 4, 2022. Most of the stakes have been placed for the resident's lateral and pre construction videos have been taken.

The Township's State Liquid Fuels Funds were deposited in the state account in the amount of \$159,049.75 and Turnback in the amount of \$3,800.00.

Lucinda also shared correspondence regarding:

- Notice of William Hoffman's submission of a Chapter 105 Water Obstructions and Encroachment General Permit 1 and General Permit 3 for bank rehabilitation.
- Notice of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's submission of General Permit 1 and 3 for the Warrior Run Hagenbuch Stream Restoration.

### ***Zoning***

Ricky Dyer shared the January Permit Activity Report. Rick asked if Lucinda would check with the Zoning Officer regarding the fuel tanks at Renewal Processing and also regarding the expiration of a permit for Whitmoyer Cattle, LLC's building for manure storage. Duane Blakeney thought that Mr. Whitmoyer out geo down In lieu of a building.

### ***Planning Commission***

There was no meeting held in February due to no plans submitted.

Brian Stackhouse asked where the P.C. was at with the Zoning Ordinance. Lucinda answered the Planning Commission had submitted their recommendations in January and that the Supervisors can move forward if they are ready to start the process to adopt a new zoning ordinance. Solicitor Jonathon Dewald recommended including the solar system energy ordinance to provide some consistency and enforcement. The Supervisors agreed and were in agreement to move forward.

The Supervisors directed the Solicitor to prepare the proposed Ordinance for the next meeting to then begin the process of adoption of a new zoning ordinance.

### ***Fire Board Representative***

Representative Ricky Dyer shared Chief Funk's January Fire Report. The department is looking into a few equipment purchases and are looking for volunteers.

### **Old Business**

No Old Business

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Brian Stackhouse and passed to approve the funds disbursement request from the Small Water & Sewer Grant in the amount of \$5,573.00 for administrative, legal & engineering costs.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Brian Stackhouse and passed to approve the funds disbursement request from Pennvest in the amount of \$25,070.15 for Legal/Engineering.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to adopt Resolution 2022-1, a resolution to request a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for costs associated with the Schell & Koch Road Sewer Project such as Grinder Pumps and Resurfacing of Schell Road. This Resolution also authorizes the Chairman and Secretary to sign all documents related to the grant.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Brian Stackhouse and passed to authorize solicitation of bids for aggregate and fuel along with Delaware Township.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approved a Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement with Ronald Tanner for a pump station related to the sewer regionalization project.

A motion was made by Brain Stackhouse, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to pay bills for the month of March 2022.

### **Public Comment**

Douglas Potter asked if the road at the top of Hockley Hill Road was Water Company Road. Rick answered that it is Hill Road. Mr. Potter wondered if the Township would write the County Commissioners a letter about opening the bridge that is closed on Hill Road. Lucinda did not think that is was necessary at this time to do so since there has been communication with the County and that the County currently has a grant application submitted for that bridge replacement. There has also been a lot of resident communication shared with the Commissioners and publicity regarding the issues with emergency services.

Mr. Potter also asked what would happen if the Township would not be able to find a treatment plant operator if there is concern of losing a license over a known issue at the plant. Who would want to do it? The Township talked about reaching out to MRSA and a few others.

Duane Blakeney mentioned there was a wrestling tournament at the school that past Sunday and was over capacity and may have caused a lot of extra flow to the plant.

Ronald Cochran shared his concerns with the condition of Old State Road and how the road was maintained over the winter. Ron shared pictures with the Supervisors to show the damage done with a snow plow and also shared concern about the heavy truck travel on the road.

Mr Cochran requested that at the very least if money is an issue to fix the road from County Line to the bridge vs doing the Road from Beaver Run Road to County Line.

Karen Ulmer also shared concern of the condition of Old State Road. Her concern is the resurfacing of the red DSA that had failed years ago and creating the dust that sticks to and stains everything. Karen too requested that the Township please do what they can to fix the road and appreciated the Township's willingness to remedy the situation and listen to their concerns.

Lee Bieber mentioned about Milheim and Schuyler Roads being like wash boards after they were redone several years ago and are still like that even after being tar and chipped.

Lee also asked what the Township's policy was going to be for filling pot holes. He shared that he would prefer if the pot holes would be leveled instead of there being a bump after they were done filling them and talked about the method that he has seen in the past of how the potholes have been filled.

John Kessler asked what the process or policy was to be on the Fire Board and expressed interest in being on the fire board. Lucinda answered that according to the Department's by-laws it would be 1 resident and 1 Supervisor from the Township that would sit on the fire board. Currently serving is Wayne Hawley and Rick Dyer.

Lucinda R Bomberger requested an executive session to discuss personnel and potential legal matters after the meeting with no actions to be taken.

A motion was made by Brain Stackhouse, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 P.M.

The executive session adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger  
Lewis Township Secretary