

**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