

**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