

**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