

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 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 eight (8) guests.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Genie Bausinger from Milton Regional Sewer Authority attended the meeting to talk about the regional services agreement on the agenda for the Supervisors consideration. The agreement would include Lewis Township as a service area and provide a board seat for Lewis Township.

Erin Threet from HRG, Inc. attended the meeting to talk about the proposal on the agenda for the Supervisors consideration. The proposal is for the construction phase of the sewer regionalization project and Erin explained the additional items in the proposal that relate to the wish list of upgrades to the Trent Pump Station and Main Plant areas so that we can utilize the maximum amount of Pennvest Grant.

Plan Submissions

The David Yoder Stormwater Plan and Maintenance Agreement has been tabled. E & S plan approval has not been granted by the Northumberland County Conservation District at this time.

A motion was made by Brian Stackhouse, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the October 5, 2022 regular monthly meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the October 2022 Financial Reports.

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Rick Dyer reported that the roadcrew has been filling potholes, preparing the equipment for winter maintenance and repairing of storm drains. Hoping to maybe do some ditch cleaning while the weather remains mild.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda Bomberger shared that billing information has been sent to the Schell and Koch residents and that billing begins November 2022. Notices to Connect have also been issued to the Schell and Koch residents.

Zoning/Codes Enforcement

Ricky Dyer shared the September 2022 Permit Report.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Brian Stackhouse and passed to adopt Resolution 2022-7, a resolution to implement Act 57 of 2022 regarding Tax Penalty Waiver Provisions.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adopt Resolution 2022-8, a resolution to adopt a personnel policy for Lewis Township and its employees.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Brian Stackhouse and passed to approve a funds disbursement request from Pennvest in the amount of \$84,335.95 for Construction for the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve a funds disbursement request from the Small Water and Sewer Grant in the amount of \$9,101.00 for Construction costs for the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Brian Stackhouse and passed to approve Pay Application #2 for Tra Electric in the amount of \$53,117.15.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Brian Stackhouse and passed to approve Pay Application # 1 for Doli Construction in the amount of \$252,747.50.

A motion was made by Brian Stackhouse, seconded by Ricky Dyer, and passed to approve a proposal submitted by HRG, Inc. for the construction phase of the Sewer Regionalization Project with MRSA in the amount of \$269,050.00.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Brian Stackhouse and passed to approve a second amendment to a regional services agreement with Milton Regional Sewer Authority. This agreement includes Lewis Township as service area with MRSA and provides Lewis Township with a Board Seat.

A motion was made by Brian Stackhouse, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize advertisement of the 2023 Proposed Budget to be adopted at the December 2022 meeting.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Brian Stackhouse and passed to authorize payment of bill for the month of November 2022.

Public Comment

Douglas Potter asked if the Township was anticipating a tax increase for 2023. The answer is no.

Brian Stackhouse asked Doug Whitmoyer, School board President, in attendance at the meeting, if there would be an open house for the public to see the new elementary school. Doug said that there would be several opportunities and that the staff would let the public know through social media outlets.

Tom Marshall asked Doug Whitmoyer if landscaping and lawn mowing would be better maintained with the new building. Doug said that it was not in the budget to hire a fulltime maintenance person but hopes with eliminating the Turbotville Elementary building next summer that all maintenance would be in one location and would be better managed. Doug also mentioned that there are some traffic flow concerns at Warrior Run Blvd. and Susquehanna Trail.

Norman Reiff asked the Supervisors to consider amending the Horse Ordinance. He feels that the horse per acreage ratio is too restrictive. He would like the acreage requirement to be lowered.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucinda R Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary