

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 9, 2016

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 7:03 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those present were Supervisors Willard Murray and Jay Douglas Bomberger and Duane M. Blakeney, Solicitor Benjamin Landon, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and 8 guests.

Meeting recessed to call a Public Hearing to Order*

Chairman Willard Murray called a public hearing to order regarding the vacation of a portion of Beaver Run Road, consisting of approximately 400 feet which is no longer necessary for public travel, inasmuch as the lane for that portion has been relocated. In the best interest of the township, the Supervisors determined to vacate said portion of the road and return ownership and to the adjacent property owners and private users of the road.

Lucinda R. Bomberger, Lewis Township Secretary, was sworn in and gave confirmation that the advertisement for the public hearing was advertised in the Milton Standard Journal on February 29, 2016 and was submitted as Exhibit 1.

Solicitor Benjamin Landon submitted copies of letters sent to the adjoining property owners regarding the hearing and proposed Ordinance as Exhibits 2-6.

Chairman Willard Murray was sworn in and gave testimony on the intent of the road vacation.

Solicitor Benjamin Landon submitted the proposed Ordinance that the Supervisors were considering for adoption as Exhibit 7.

Public Comment:

There were no comments given by guests in attendance.

Solicitor Benjamin Landon shared that he received a phone call from adjoining property owner, Bonnie Robbins. Bonnie was concerned that she would not be able to access her driveway and whether the township would plow in the event of snow. Ben recommended that she share her concerns with the Supervisors in writing in the event she could not attend the hearing.

The Hearing was closed and the Township Meeting was reconvened at 7:10 P.M.*

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray to approve the February 2016 Financial Reports as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Comments

Township Reports

Supervisors/Roadmaster

Supervisor/Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that the road crew is preparing and repairing equipment for spring road work. They have been rebuilding the trailer and have started filling pot holes.

Supervisor Duane M. Blakeney was asked by Pat Betz if the township would be willing to roll the little league ball fields again this year. The roller is in need of repair. The Roadmaster will let Pat know if the township will be able to do the work.

Solicitor

Solicitor Benjamin Landon shared that the adoption of Ordinance 2016-3 will complete the Beaver Run Road Project.

The Applegate and Miller updated liens have been filed and Sheriff Sales are scheduled for June 16, 2016.

Treatment Plant Operator

Treatment Plant Operator reported the following:

1. Our renewed permits have been issued and will be effective in April, for both the main plant and five points plant. Extra testing will be required for both.
2. .Kappe will be coming Thursday, March 10, 2016 to look at our UV system to determine what may be causing interference with the disinfection process. There is suspicion that there is something in the water causing the problem and Vic intends to do a water test.
3. With the two rain storms this past month, over 50,000 gallons of water came through the plant. Supervisor Willard Murray determined during one of those storms that six manholes on the Delaware Township side were under water. The township engineer was informed of this. This issue will need to be addressed. Vic also reported that excess water came into the five points plant as well. He will investigate to see where this was coming from.
4. The flow meters are now operating.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bombeger reported the following:

1. The following report was completed and submitted to Northumberland County:
 - ✚ Annual Recycling Report for Calendar Year 2015: Total Tonnage Reported: 164.09 Ton (13.3 Ton difference from 2014)
2. The Liquid Fuels Tax Fund and Road Turnback payments were deposited in the State account on March 1, 2016.
 - Liquid Fuels Tax Fund: \$156,272.51(Estimated Amount: \$152,300.00)
 - Road Turnback: \$3,800.00
3. Local Service Tax letters and forms for 2016 were sent to all Employers and Self Employed of the Township on February 26, 2016.

4. The audit report submitted to DCED for the Beaver Run Road Project was accepted and approved.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission requested training with Dominic Picarelli from KPI regarding the agricultural zoning for better understanding of how it was written and should be applied. A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve training with Dominic Picarelli and wishes that the Supervisors, Zoning Officer, Township Engineer also attend along with the Planning Commission.

The Solicitor recommended that if there is consideration of amending the Zoning Ordinance that we look at any possible issues so that we can amend them all at once due to the amendment process.

Old Business

Byler Stormwater: An updated invoice will be provided to the Solicitor in the A.M. to file with the District Magistrate.

Hanson: Supervisor Duane M. Blakeney shared an encounter he had with Mike Sullivan from Hanson. Hanson continues to take the position that they are not responsible for the bad material (DSA)

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to accept the highest bid of \$18,222.00 for the 1981 John Deere Grader sold through Municibid to Rick Grosser.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt **Resolution 2016-1**: An Emergency Operations Plan that defines the activities to be taken by the municipality in the event of a natural, technological or terrorism emergency or disaster and to satisfy requirements of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt **Resolution 2016-2**: A resolution authorizing the Supervisors to submit a Loan Application to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank loan program for the purpose of financing construction, rehabilitation and improvements of certain roads within the township and appropriate officers to execute all certifications and documentation in connection with the application, authorized officers being Chairman Willard Murray, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and Solicitor Benjamin Landon.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passes to authorize the following to perform any duties in connection to the PIB Loan Application and Approval Process: Bruce Barnes, Benjamin Landon, Todd Pysher, Willard Murray and Lucinda R. Bomberger.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt **Ordinance 2016-3** pertaining to the vacation of a portion of Beaver Run Road as noted in the minutes during the public hearing.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to appoint Lucinda R Bomberger as Open Records Officer.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to authorize the opening of a savings account at Turbotville National Bank for the purpose of building a capital reserve for sewer operations. Authorized signers of the account are Lucinda R. Bomberger, Willard Murray and Duane M. Blakeney.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to authorize Advertisement for sealed bids for aggregate, fuel and road oil. Bids will be accepted until noon on April 6, 2016, will be opened at 2:00 P.M. and awarded at the Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting that evening at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to authorize payment of bills for the month of March 2016.

Public Comment

Karen Ulmer commended the Supervisors for continuing to pursue Hanson Aggregates. She feels Hanson has wronged the township and its residents.

Jay Yoder asked of deed will need to be adjusted due to the vacation of the portion of Beaver Run Road. The Solicitor responded that when the vacation is recorded that the right of way will be picked up on the deeds.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary