

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 7, 2016

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 7:29 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those also present were Supervisors Duane M. Blakeney & Jay Douglas Bomberger, Solicitor Benjamin Landon, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and 10 guests.

Solicitor Benjamin Landon announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal litigation and personnel matters.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve meeting minutes from the November 2, 2016 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the November 2016 Financial Reports.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Comments

Township Reports

Supervisors/Roadmaster

The road crew is currently filling potholes throughout the township and working on drainage issues on Schmidt Road and Wertman School Road. As long as the weather holds the road crew will continue with this work.

Treatment Plant Operator

Eric Moore from West Branch Regional Authority reported that all has been going well at the plant.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger reported the following:

1. 20 third notices were sent for failure to pump septic tanks by December 31, 2015 and were given an October 31, 2016 deadline. There were 11 residents that did not respond. Letters were sent notifying those residents that their information will be sent to James Sanders, Sewage Enforcement Officer. Two residents did not respond. James Sanders sent them a notice and gave a deadline of December 9, 2016 to pump their on-lot system.
2. **Correspondence:**
 - JA Babay, Montgomery House Library Director, sends a letter of Thank you for the Township's contribution to the library and for your continued support.
 - James Sanders, Sewage Enforcement Officer, sent a letter regarding services for 2017 and his fee schedule which remains the same as 2016.

- James Sanders also provided a copy of a letter sent to Shirley Guffey regarding a sewage permit application that was denied due to the site being Not Suitable for an on lot system.
3. Looking ahead:
- Organizational Meeting:** Tuesday, January 3, 2017
- Auditor's Meeting:** Wednesday, January 4, 2017
- Terms Ending December 31, 2016:
- Planning Commission:** Members Chris Trapani and Todd Bixler
- **Chris Trapani declined.** Todd Bixler agreed to serve however would like to take it a year at a time.
- Zoning Hearing Board:** Member Charles Reaser and Alternate James Michael
- **Charles Reaser agreed to another term. James Michael declined.**

Fire Board Representative

Representative Duane M. Blakeney shared highlights from the monthly fire report. Duane also reported that there are three new persons going through training to become volunteer firemen. See file for full report.

Old Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to adopt the Amended Proposed 2017 Budget and authorize advertisement for official adoption at a Special Meeting on December 29, 2016 at 8:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt Ordinance 2016-17: Amending Ordinance of January 2, 2001, Creation of Fire Protection and Emergency Services Cooperative, increasing the per capita contribution from \$16.00 to \$18.00 to be effective January 1, 2017.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed table the Turbotville Landscape Supply Land Development until completion.

Regarding amendments to the Township's Zoning Ordinance, The Planning Commission, at their meeting in November, along with Victor Marquardt, Zoning Officer, discussed and gave recommendations for amendment. See Planning Commission Minutes from November 16, 2016. Further discussion will be held at the January 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the Stephen Martin Final Minor Subdivision, Sewage Facilities Module and Right of way Use and Maintenance Agreement.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to authorize payment of Invoice # 6470828 to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. in the amount of \$9,183.65 from the State Liquid Fuels Account.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt Resolution **2016-18**, a Resolution levying tax for 2017. The Real Estate Tax Levy will increase 2 mills for the purpose of employee benefits and equipment purchase.

Tax Levy

General Purpose:	12 mill
Fire Protection:	2 mill
Per Capita	\$5.00
LST	\$52.00
Earned Income Tax:	½ of 1%
Realty Transfer Tax:	½ of 1%

Terms:

2% Discount	March/April
Face	May/June
10% Penalty	July/December

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve enrollment in the Townships Healthcare Plan for the Township Secretary. Jay Douglas Bomberger abstained.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of bill for December 2016.

Public Comment

Douglas Potter and Lee Beiber asked questions regarding the Budget and cost of Healthcare
Lee Beiber inquired about road maintenance plans for 2017 and specifically what plans were for Wolfe Blvd. Lee shared concerns about how narrow the road is and the hill being dangerous. Discussion was held about the process to rebuild this road.

Karen Ulmer inquired about the status of Hanson Aggregates and what the Township’s plan was for Old State Road.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

