

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 4, 2020

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 4:00 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those also present were Supervisor Thomas J Marshall, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and eighteen guests.

Due to a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors nominations were taken to appoint a Supervisor. Thomas Marshall nominated Ricky Dyer. The Floor was closed for nominations. Willard Murray seconded the nomination and passed. Ricky Dyer was sworn in and took the Oath of Office by Solicitor Dewald. Ricky Dyer will begin to serve at the April meeting and in office until January 4, 2021.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas Marshall and passed to ratify previous Township business from January and February 2020.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Thomas Marshall, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the February 2020 Financial Report.

Representatives from the Montgomery House Warrior Run Area Public Library Anne Derr, Board President and JA Babay, Library Director, attended the meeting to give an update on library programs offered, spoke about where revenues come from to support the library, annual fund drive in conjunction with Raise the Region, relevance of the library in today's society. Anne and JA were appreciative of the Township's continued support through their annual contribution and thanked the Supervisors. Supervisor Murray asked if other area libraries receive financial support from their Counties. JA answered that many do. Northumberland County Commissioners do not contribute funds to libraries within the County.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Comments

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Willard Murray reported that work was done on Water Company Road and storage space has been completed in the shop.

Treatment Plant Operator

Alyssa Henry from West Branch Regional Authority attended the meeting on behalf of Jeff Silverling and reported that the plants are operating fine and that there are no new issues. Alyssa also gave a reminder

that the permits for the plants will need to be renewed and that the process will need to begin in September for that renewal.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger reported that the State Liquid Fuels Allocation was received March 2, 2020. The amount received is lower than last year due to the end of a 5year period of increase and we will see a decline in our allocations. Also reported, the pension audit has been completed and the Township audit should be completed in the very near future. The secretary requested an execute session after the meeting to discuss a legal and personnel matter.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas Marshall and passed to approve the Forman Subdivision.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas Marshall and passed to authorize advertisement of bids for aggregate and fuel to be received by and opened at Noon on April 1, 2020. Terry Bixler inquired if hauling would be bid out separately. Supervisor Murray answered not at this time. If hauling costs come in high, consideration will be taken to bid hauling. Supervisor Marshall inquired if the Township could go in on bids with Delaware Township. The Township does with Tar and Chip projects but not materials.

A motion was made by Thomas Marshall, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to adopt Resolution 2020-1, resolution to assist the Turbotville Community Carnival Committee in placing signs for their annual carnival and approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and Carnival Committee for the same.

A motion was made Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas Marshall and passed to authorize payment of the following invoices to New Enterprise Stone & Lime, Co. from the Lewis Township State Fund

Account:

Invoice # 7261392: \$9,518.49

Invoice # 7260967: \$1,783.09

Total: \$11,301.58

A motion was made by Thomas Marshall, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of bills for March 2020.

Public Comment

Brian Stackhouse inquired about the Planning Commission meeting held March 3, 2020 in relation to what was discussed regarding the Zoning Ordinance. Secretary Lucinda Bomberger gave a summary of the discussion held regarding the Commercially Zoned Area of the Township and the previous recommendation to remain on the Route 180 side and on the other side to remain along the State Route 54 Corridor and change the other areas along the back roads either to Rural Residential or Agriculture. Other areas discussed were along Route 44 in the area of Rovenolt Drive and Route 44 along where Renewal Processing and Montour Farm Market are located to change to Agriculture from Residential and the Agriculturally Zoned Areas will be looked at as well at future meetings. Other items discussed were definition and Sections regarding Agriculture, Agribusiness, Commercial Livestock Operations and Animal Husbandry due to ambiguity in these areas of the Ordinance.

Lee Beiber also commented about the Planning Commission meeting. He would like that residents have a chance to voice what they want regarding the ordinance not what the PC members want especially an engineer who does work within the Township.

Questions were asked about how and where the Township advertise to notify the public by several of those in attendance: Brian Stackhouse, Lee Beiber, the Lapps. Suggestions made were posting on the front door, website, email list, Sun Gazette or Daily Item vs. Standard Journal.

Lee Beiber also commented on the 4:00 PM meeting time and why it was changed and if it has been considered to change it back to a 7:00 PM time. Supervisor Murray answered so that our delegate to the Northumberland County Tax Collection Committee can attend meeting that are at the 7:00 PM time. It was then asked if the night of the week could be changed.

Eric Owens inquired about a letter sent to the Township from PennDOT in May of 2018 regarding a sign to be placed Route 54 to alert Trucks entering and wanted to know what the Township had decided to do about the placement of the sign. Supervisor Murray will look into this issue.

Eric also inquired about a drainage problem created by the Beaver Run Road Project and asked of the Township would take care of this issue. Supervisor Murray instructed the Secretary to issue a Right to Enter Form to allow the Township to enter the Owens property to do the drainage work needed.

Eric also commented that the 4:00 PM meeting time makes it hard for him to attend meetings.

Supervisor Murray announced that an executive session will be held after adjournment to discuss and legal and personnel matter.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas Marshall and passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary