

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 7, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Vice- Chairman Ricky Dyer at 4:00 P.M. Those also present in person were Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and twelve guests. Supervisor Thomas J Marshall and Solicitor Jonathan Dewald via Zoom.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the March 2021 Financial Reports.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Brian Stackhouse shared that he had attended the March Planning Commission meeting and spoke to him about visiting all the property owners on State Route 54. The Planning Commission expressed that they are a recommending body and that the Supervisors make the final decision regarding zoning, Brian asked that Tom and Rick take into consideration the small residential properties along Route 54 vs zoning it commercial.

Rick Dyer asked the Solicitor if it was okay to wait to make any changes to the zoning ordinance until an impact study currently underway regarding the Central Susquehanna Valley Throughway Project is completed and report issued in August of 2021. Tom agreed that we should wait to see the report in case of anything the state may determine.

There was some concern raised about what changes could occur due to the report. Rick stated the Township had not received any recommendations from the Planning Commission yet. Lucinda shared that the Planning Commission had taken action on a few recommendations regarding the zoning map but have not formally submitted those recommendations yet due to further discussion on some other elements of the ordinance.

Lee Bieber asked why dual zoning could not be considered along 54, zoning both residential and commercial. It is done in other Townships.

Guests:

Joe and Donna Miller, residents of the Township on Beaver Run Road attended the meeting to request that something be done to that portion of the road as it used to be hard top and now is bad shape and dusty and people drive fast and stir up dust. The Millers asked what the future plan for the road is and also thanked the Township for filling in potholes. Supervisor Dyer responded that he could not promise when work would be done but would be out on the list for consideration.

Township Reports

Supervisors

Supervisor Dyer reported road work done this past month on behalf of the Roadmaster. The focus has been on cleaning ditches and filling potholes.

Solicitor

Solicitor Dewald shared that the settlement with John Sensenig was in order regarding not having a permit for a project and that the fine and fees that the Township incurred were to paid. The Township has the document for approval and signature. The Secretary mentioned that a check in the amount of the fine and fees has been received.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the settlement agreement between the Township and John Sensenig.

Treatment Plant Operator

Operator Michael Koch attended the meeting and reported that plant is running well. The only issue at the moment is some bulking which could be due to weather change, lower DO, the recent high school shut down and possible cleaners that were used. The 5 Points plant is also doing well. The holding tanks will be cleaned out this spring.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R Bomberger shared information with the Supervisors regarding the American Rescue Plan funds that the Township will receive in the amount of \$186,860.00. The Township will receive half in June of this year and the other half in 2022. There are very specific guidelines as to how the funds may be used and further guidance is coming from the Treasury and Commonwealth. The Secretary will forward information as it is received.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Ricky Dyer shared the March Fire Report submitted by the Fire Chief Douglas Funk. The Department has been very busy with calls this past month.

Old Business

In regards to the Renewal Processing Land Development, The NPDES permit had been approved. There was a communication issue between DEP and the Conservation District. The permit will need signed off on by the Conservation District and will be able to be acted on at the Supervisors May meeting.

Supervisor Willard Murray came into the meeting at 4:33 P.M.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis Township and Barbara Kyle regarding the responsibilities and installation of a sewer lateral and providing a time of completion of the work. Thomas J Marshall abstained.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to award New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. the 2021 aggregate bid. Hanson Aggregates was the low bidder. The motion to award NES&L, Co. was based on Supervisor/Roadmaster Willard Murray's recommendation to not accept Hanson's bid due to being an irresponsible bidder and not standing behind their product and the Township has had issues with their material, specifically red DSA.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer, and passed to award Button Oil for the Fuel and Heating Oil Bid.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of invoice #392 submitted by TBS Trucking in the amount of \$46,061.10, to be paid from the Lewis Township State Fund.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed and authorize payment of bills for April 2021.

Public Comment

Barry Page questioned why the Township hacked off his pine trees along Wertman School Road. He said that one of our employees fit the description he was given as to who did it, Bill Robbins. He said this occurred last Tuesday or Wednesday. Barry mentioned that this had happened in the past as well. Rick assured him that it was not the Township. The Township has not done that type of work this spring and that they were in a totally different are of the Township working that week. Barry did not believe this and said he would be filing a report with the State Police.

Douglas Potter asked if you have to disclose the reason to Hanson Aggregates for not being awarded a bid as they were the low bidder for aggregate. The Solicitor answered no, as long as the reason is noted in the meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary