

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 1, 2019

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 Supervisors Duane M. Blakeney and Ricky Dyer, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and ten guests.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to make a correction to the minutes from the April 3, 2019 Supervisors regular monthly meeting as written. The correction being to a comment made by Lee Beiber that should have stated "Lee also expressed that a fence **should** (instead of would not) be required to the detention pond presented in the sketch plan, his concern being a child could drown."

A motion was by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2019 Supervisor's regular meeting as corrected.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Rick Dyer and passed to approve the April 2019 Financial Reports as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Comments

Township Reports

Supervisors

Supervisor Duane M. Blakeney commented on various road work tasks done over the past month which includes filling of potholes, rock work along Wertman School Road and out letting of pipes.

Supervisor/Roadmaster Willard Murray added to Duane's report that back up work was being done on Warrior Run Blvd. and drainage work on Wertman School Road. In the month of May a soft spot on Old State Road will be done and construction work will be done on Wolfe Blvd.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger shared correspondence from the Turbotville Carnival Committee regarding the fireworks display to be held the week of the carnival on June 5, 2019 and submitted the firework company's certificate of insurance as requested by the Township.

Lucinda also reported that a lien has been filed against James and Cynthia Miller due to six months delinquency on their sewer bill.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Duane M. Blakeney shared highlights from the fire report of March 2019 provided by Chief Funk and also gave an update that issues were still in the works regarding the transport truck and agreement with Evangelical Hospital.

Old Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to award New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. the aggregate bid. Hanson Aggregates was the lower bidder, however the Supervisors rejected their bid due to not being a responsible bidder, materials not state approved, materials of poor quality, do not stand behind their product and will not replace or reimburse for bad materials.

In regard to the Amendment of the Zoning Ordinance, Supervisor Murray stated that he is still in the process of looking into mixed zoning in particular zoning districts.

Brian Stackhouse asked for clarification on what mixed zoning means. Will answered multiple uses within a zoning district to make it easier to do things that may be desired.

New Business

Chris Watts of Mid-Penn Engineering attended the meeting. Chris went over the Township Engineer's review of the plan and his responses to each comment. Concerns raised by the Supervisors were regarding the detention pond as to whether it would be able to handle major rain events, if it would even work, if an underground system had been considered, public safety (vehicle or pedestrian) and aesthetics, breeding of mosquitos. Chris, along with Lake Randall, also of Mid-Penn Engineering, shared their professional opinions as to the Supervisors concerns. The Supervisors felt they needed to speak with the Township Engineer to gain some clarity around their concerns of the proposed detention pond.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to table approval of the Warrior Run School District Land Development Plan to speak to the Township Engineer regarding the proposed detention pond. Supervisor Murray stated that the Township would hold a special meeting to allow the school district to meet their scheduled time line to have construction completed before the next school year.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and Montour County Commissioners regarding an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in the sharing of cost of hauling of recyclable materials from April 2019 through March 2020 on behalf of Montour County's northern tier municipalities.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to award the tar and chip bid to Hammaker East, LTD in the amount of \$80,923.60.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve payment of Invoice # 7035626 in the amount of \$62,997.29 to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. from the Lewis Township State Fund.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to authorize payment of bills for the month of May 2019.

Public Comment

Douglas Potter stated that he believed that if the lowest bidder was not accepted that it would need to be stated as to why not and would that be recorded in the minutes. Lucinda answered yes it would be. Doug also asked for clarification of mixed zoning and had a question about the areas along 54 that are zoned commercial as to if the Supervisors desired that to be commercial or agriculture as it is used currently. The Supervisors do desire it to be commercial and want to look into some overlay options within the commercial district.

Doug also asked if the Supervisors concern with the detention pond was really safety and Will answered safety and aesthetics. Doug shared his concern and experience with catty nine tails that could potentially grow within the detention pond and how difficult they can be to remove.

Angela Ulmer reported that a pipe on Mr. Bush's side of the road was blocked and that rocks were falling in also and also another pipe down the road was smashed and had been for quite some time. The Roadmaster said he was aware of this.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary