

**Lewis Township Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 5, 2021**

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 4:00 P.M. Those also present in person were Supervisors Ricky Dyer, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and eleven (11) guests. Supervisor Thomas J Marshall via Zoom.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

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

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Douglas Potter questioned the Supervisors again as to why the highest bidder was awarded the aggregate bid at the last meeting and asked that the Supervisors please reconsider their decision as it was a significant difference in cost, that of a mill of tax for the Township. Supervisor Murray explained their decision based on the difference in quality of stone making it worth the higher price in the end in how the roads hold up.

**Township Reports**

***Roadmaster***

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that work has been done extensively in the Muncy Hills, cleaning ditches, installing cross pipes, placing 2A subbase and #3 stone. Finishing up work on Dimm Road.

***Solicitor***

Solicitor Jonathan Dewald shared that there was an executive session held prior to the meeting to discuss litigation. He also recommended to the Supervisors regarding the Zoning Ordinance under Old Business that they commission the Planning Commission to prepare a Zoning Ordinance, text and map.

***Treatment Plant Operator***

Operator Michael Koch shared that the plants are operating fairly well with a few minor issues of bulking in the clarifier and food grease build up. Will shared that the push mower has been fixed and he will take it down to the plant this week.

***Secretary/Treasurer***

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R Bomberger shared that the Township received an offer from Pennvest in the amount of \$1,002,000.00 in loan for the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project. Years 1-5 at 1% Interest and Years 6-20 at 1.743% Interest. There will be a series of 6 meetings between the offer and settlement and the first meeting will be sometime in the next week or so.

The State Liquid Fuels Audit is underway for 2020.

### ***Planning Commission***

Lucinda Bomberger shared that the Planning Commission met on April 22, 2021. The P.C. continued to discuss solar farming and how this would fit in the Township's Zoning Ordinance vs having a stand alone Ordinance.

Lucinda also shared with the P.C. about a recommendation from Tracey Vernon who is currently preparing an impact study pertaining to the CSVT Project. Tracey thought that Township's current commercially zoned are was in good position but also understood the political climate and the importance of hearing the residents thoughts as well. Tracey recommended that the are the P.C. had recently decided to recommend changing to Rural Residential if they would consider changing it to a Village Center Zoning District that would allow both residential and small business opportunities. The Planning Commission was very open to this recommendation and would like to explore this further with the zoning officer.

The P.C. wanted to reach out to Zoning Officer Victor Marquardt for guidance on both the solar farming and Village Center zoning. Vic would like to come to the next meeting to discuss these issues. The Supervisors are okay with this.

Other action taken at the P.C. meeting was tabling the Renewal Processing Land Development due to the NPDES permit not officially issued.

Charles Axtman was at the meeting to present a project that had been presented to the P.C. at their April meeting seeking guidance from the P.C. as to whether the project would require Land Development. Charlie submitted a sketch plan to the Supervisors and gave an overview of the project. The project is a Pick Your Own Flowers business. There would be a pergola constructed. The Supervisors would like the sketch plan to be forwarded to the Township Engineer for a determination if it would require Land Development.

### ***Fire Board Representative***

Representative Ricky Dyer shared Chief Funk's monthly report and that the Fireman's Carnival will be held in Watsontown June 14 – 19, 2021.

### ***Old Business***

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to request that the Lewis Township Planning Commission prepare an Ordinance text and map for consideration by the Supervisors.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to grant another 30 days for the Renewal Processing Land Development.

**New Business**

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to award Russel Standard Corporation the base bid for tar and chipping in the amount of \$41,714.29. Roads included in this project are Beaver Run Road from 54 to Risser Grain, Keefertown Road from Plotts to Whitmoyer and Trent.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize payment of invoice #7519662 and invoice # 7521841 submitted by New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co in the total amount of \$6,544.40, to be paid from the Lewis Township State Fund.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of bills for the May 2021.

**Public Comment**

Brian Stackhouse asked Ricky Dyer if the Fire Department has ever considered holding monthly breakfasts or dinners to raise funds for the department. Brian mentioned that other fire departments are doing this and the department has a nice facility to hold them. Rick said that they have had a few chicken BBQ's but he would ask at the next meeting if it is something they would be interested in doing.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R Bomberger  
Lewis Township Secretary