

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 6, 2020

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 4:00 P.M. and held via Teleconference due to the guidelines set forth by the State of Pennsylvania regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) stay at home orders. Those also present were Supervisors Ricky Dyer and Thomas J Marshall, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and three guests.

A motion was made Thomas Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the Supervisors regular monthly meeting on April 1, 2020 as corrected.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas Marshall and passed to approve the April 2020 Financial Report.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Comments

Township Reports

Supervisors

Supervisor Marshall has been getting calls regarding when the recycling will be reopened. Supervisor Dyer as far as he knew from Lycoming County Resource Management that it would be end of May. Lucinda added per her conversation with Lauren from LCRM that they will be issuing a schedule to reopen all its drop off facilities within the next week or so and we will be operating on a limited schedule until ability to be back to full operations.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murry commented on having 2A aggregate hauled in, zoning issues throughout the township that are in the process of being taken care of and that he brought 2 part time employees back to work and will slowly add as coronavirus guidelines and revenue permits.

Treatment Plant Operator

A representative from West Branch Regional Authority was unable to make the call. On behalf of Jeff Silverling, Lucinda reported that a blower motor had to be replaced at the main plant but otherwise operations were fine.

Secretary/ Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger gave an update regarding the 2 sewer grant applications that had been submitted to DCED that were to be awarded in May will now at the earliest be awarded in September 2020 and at the latest November 2020 due to the Coronavirus and DCED having to handle all the waivers and other funding matters.

Lucinda also reported that a land development plan and stormwater plan had been submitted for the March Planning Commission which had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus guidelines. Lucinda asked if an extension of time could be issued to accommodate the timeline requirements for plan review. A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas Marshall and passed to grant the time extension.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Ricky Dyer reported that the annual carnival has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus and the fire board is brainstorming ways to make up the revenue generated by the carnival. He also reported that training have been put on hold due to the virus guidelines as well.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas Marshall and passed to award Suit-Kote the tar and chip bid in the amount of \$88,047.71. Roads to be tar and chipped are Warrior Run Blvd. North, Schulyer and Robbins.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize payment of the following invoices to be paid from the Lewis Township State Fund:

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.: Invoice # 7277082: **\$2,420.42**

TBS Trucking: Invoice # 355: **\$22,814.15**

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded Willard Murray and passed to adopt Resolution 2020-4, a Resolution to Amend the Lewis Township Pension Ordinance, Amending Sections 7:1 and 10:1 of the Plan Document: Section 7-1: Normal Retirement Age to be age 65 and Section 10-1: to not permit In-Service Distributions.

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

Public Comment

Lee Bieber asked when the manhole on Wolfe Blvd. would be fixed. Will responded that he is contemplating how he wants to do that and plans to take care of it soon. Lee also commented that there are bigger trucks traveling that road and there are signs prohibiting thru trucks.

Duane Blakeney asked if there were any updates from Northumberland County regarding bridge replacement. Will and Lucinda shared correspondence from the County's Engineer, Chuck Hopta, that they should have PennDOT approval soon and that the project will go out to bid and should be able to be completed by the end of the year.

Supervisor Marshall asked how the grants from the state will be affected by the current Coronavirus situation. While that answer is unknown, due to the current situation with businesses closed and the economy on hold, there will surely be long term affects financially on the state and local level.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded Thomas Marshall and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary