

**Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 2, 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 nine (9) guests. Supervisor Thomas J Marshall via Zoom.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J. Marshall and passed to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the May 2021 Financial Reports.

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that work done in the hills, ditch cleaning and applying of 2A subbase, is finished for now while preparations are made to roads that are to be tar & chipped this summer.

Lee Bieber asked what the plans were for Welliver Road as what was done earlier that day seemed rough and worse than what it was before. Someone has spun their tires in the material that had been put down and left ruts. Will said that the Township will not tar and chip this portion of the road due to the couple of trucks that have been leaving black tire marks on the road.

Treatment Plant Operator

The operator was not in attendance of the meeting however submitted a written report. An item of concern again this month was a presence of grease in the system. Will asked to look into how many times a year the school district is required to pump their grease trap. Also, it was decided that it would be a good idea to send a letter to all residents connected to the sewer system reminding them not to put grease down the drain and into the system.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R Bomberger reported the following:

1. Solicitor Dewald and myself participated in the 1st call of 4 Pennvest Settlement calls on June 1, 2021. Items covered in the call were an overview of the Pennvest Offer, Settlement Check list and items required for Settlement, Settlement Time Line and Scheduling of Settlement Date.

Target Settlement Timeline:

Final Easements Needed: Whitmoyer and WRSD_June-July

Advertisement of Bids: Mid-Late July

Bid Opening: August 19, 2021

Notice of Intent/Award Bid: September 1, 2021 BOS Meeting

Adoption of Debt Act Ordinance for Pennvest Loan: September 1, 2021 BOS Meeting

LGUDA Proceedings: September 1-Mid October

Adoption of Rate Resolution: September or October BOS Meeting

2nd Settlement Call: September 7, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

3rd Settlement Call: Settlement Check List Items Due: October 19, 2021

4th Settlement Call: Settlement Date: November 9, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.

Notice to Proceed to Contractors: December BOS Meeting

Construction to Begin: Spring 2022

2. The Lewis Township Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on June 16, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M. to hear comments on a proposed new zoning ordinance.
3. In an email from PSATS June 2, 2021, DCED recommends that Townships apply for the American Rescue Plan Funds within 5 days as DCED has thirty days to disburse the funds to municipalities. The updated amount for Lewis Township is \$197,824.82. The Township would receive \$98,912.41 in June 2021 and \$98,912.41 in June 2022.
4. Authorization to sign the License Agreement from RailPros for the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project electronically through DocuSign. *A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to give authorization.*
5. Authorization for Chairman Willard Murray and myself, Secretary, to sign all documents related to the Schell and Koch Road Sewer Project. *A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to give authorization.*

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Brian Stackhouse asked what the study being done regarding the CSVT project was for or to determine and who was doing the study. Lucinda explained the purpose of the study being to look at the zoning and comprehensive planning of the upper Northumberland County municipalities that could be impacted by economic development due to the CSVT Project. The study will provide recommendations based on conversations with each municipality and needs identified.

Brian also asked about the proposal submitted by McNerney, Page, Vanderlin and Hall and what the amount not to exceed 30 billable hours or an amount of \$5,250. Solicitor Dewald gave an explanation that this amount would be billed as needed but will not exceed the amount of hours or estimated cost for the work outlined in the proposal.

Old Business

Zoning Ordinance: Solicitor Dewald gave an update on the status of the Zoning Ordinance. The previously adopted 2019 version of the Zoning Ordinance will be proposed as new ordinance with some minor clerical changes. The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on June 16, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to receive public comment and may give recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to adopt as a new ordinance, The Supervisors would then consider the recommendation and move forward in the adoption process.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to grant conditional approval of the Renewal Processing Land Development based on outstanding comments of the Engineer's review being satisfied and all agreements, Improvement Guarantee, Stormwater and Maintenance and Stormwater Drainage Easement, are executed and recorded.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to grant an additional ninety (90) day extension for the Mark Derr Final Subdivision for additional sewage facilities testing and planning and E&S review by the Northumberland County Conservation District.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve a proposal submitted by HRG, Inc. for services regarding Pennvest Settlement Process to Close Out for the Schell & Koch Road Sewer Project not to exceed the amount of \$47,000.00.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve a proposal submitted MPVH for Legal Services regarding the Pennvest Settlement Process to Close Out for the Schell & Koch Road Sewer Project in an amount not to exceed 30 billable hours and no more than \$5,250.00.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a proposal submitted by HRG, Inc. for services regarding financial assistance for Pennvest Application Process for the Regionalization Sewer Project in the lump sum amount of \$12,500.00.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to release the annual contribution of \$3,500.00 to the Montgomery House Warrior Run Area Public Library.

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

Public Comment

Brian Stackhouse asked if any further action was taken regarding the discussion of the aggregate bid and asked again why the decision was originally made to award the higher bidder. Will answered that no further action has been taken. Reasons for awarding the higher bidder were due to the quality of the aggregate received from Hanson Aggregates such as DSA not meeting required state specifications and clumps of clay in 2A subbase. Aggregate from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. is a better quality and gives a better base and holds better longer term.

Lee Bieber asked why you can't refuse a load. Rick answered that they are not always at the building as the stone is delivered.

Brian Stackhouse asked why you can't address it when you do see it. This had been done in the past. Douglas Potter said that he spoke to Brent Shaffer from Hanson Aggregates and that Brent said if he would have known that this was happening he would have taken care of it and that all material coming from the Milton facility is certified material.

Lee Bieber commented on the condition of Milheim and Schuyler Roads. They are like washboards. Lee also asked when the Township would go back to having meetings at 7:00 P.M.

Brain Stackhouse asked about the process of handling a zoning violation. Solicitor Dewald said the zoning officer issues a notice of violation. Thirty (30) days are given to come into compliance. After 30 days the Solicitor can file a civil suit against the property owner.

Brian Stackhouse asked about the U Pick It project and whether they needed Land Development. The engineer's review stated that it would need minor Land Development due to the pergola being a non-building structure according to the ordinance. It is the understanding that property owner changed its plans to only do a patio vs. a pergola.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary