

Lewis Township Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
June 5, 2019

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Duane M. Blakeney at 4:01 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those also present were Supervisor Ricky Dyer, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and ten guests.

Ryan Cherwinski from Northumberland County Conservation District attended the meeting to talk about funding opportunities related to farming and the Warrior Run WaterShed. The Warrior Run Watershed has been selected for potential funding by the NRCS for this project. NCCD is looking for farms in the watershed that are looking to implement best management practices such as cover crop, manure storage and barnyard or grazing improvements.

Ryan also thanked the Township for their willingness and diligence in reviewing the Township's agricultural security area.

Vice-Chairman turned the meeting over to Chairman Willard Murray at 4:12 P.M.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2019 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting and minutes from the May 14 and 20, 2019 Special Meetings as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the May 2019 Financial Report.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**

No Comments

**Township Reports**

***Supervisors***

Supervisor Duane M. Blakeney and Supervisor/Roadmaster Willard Murray reported on roadwork currently underway that includes widening of Wolfe Blvd., mowing and filling potholes.

***Solicitor***

Solicitor Jonathan Dewald announced that the Supervisors held an executive session beginning at 3:00 P.M. and adjourned at 3:42 P.M. to discuss litigation and legal matters.

Jon also presented to the Supervisors the school district's proposed improvement guarantee pledging their taxing authority and capital funds available for the project to minimize costs to all tax payers of the district. A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to accept the improvement guarantee subject to legal review.

***Treatment Plant Operator***

Eric Moore was not able to attend the meeting. Lucinda reported on the issues occurring with Pace Analytical that does the lab testing for the treatment plant. West Branch Regional Authority recently stopped using Pace due to these issues and recommended that the Township do the same. WBRA is now using Mountain Research, LLC out of Muncy, PA and are satisfied with their work. The cost would be a few hundred dollars more than Pace. The Supervisors agreed to start using Mountain Research, LLC.

### ***Secretary/Treasurer***

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger gave an update on the process of the seven year review of the agricultural security area. The review is currently at the planning commission level and hope to be able to hold the public hearing the August Supervisors meeting.

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

Representative Duane M. Blakeney reported on the various call activity of the department and that a meeting with Evangelical Hospital was scheduled for June 6, 2019 regarding the transport truck and would give report at the next meeting on the outcome.

### **Old Business**

The Supervisors are still looking into overlay options for commercial zoning and are not yet ready to begin the amendment process.

Brian Stackhouse commented that he had done some research and many municipalities across the state overlay uses within a zoning district.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a temporary sewer agreement with Aaron Hostetler to provide sewage facilities for a granny flat situation and provides certain regulations upon the termination of the living arrangement and/or death of Mr. Hostetler and allows the Township to periodically inspect and terminate the agreement at any time.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to table the John & Jean Sensenig Subdivision until the July meeting due to a previous plan submitted related to the property not having been recorded yet.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to apply for a grant through the Department of Community and Economic Development's Multimodal Transportation Fund Program for paving of Gold, Wertman School, Schuyler and Milhiem Roads.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt Resolution 2019-5, a Resolution requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority in an amount based on the Township Engineer's cost opinion, and authorizing Chairman Willard Murray and Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger to execute all documents and agreements to facilitate and obtaining the requested grant.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve an audit engagement with Herring, Roll & Solomon, P.C. for Lewis Township for calendar year 2019 in the amount of \$4,000.00.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve an audit engagement with Herring, Roll & Solomon, P.C. for Lewis Township Tax Collection for calendar year 2019 in the amount of \$1,500.00.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve release of the annual contribution to the Montgomery House Warrior Run Area Public Library in the amount of \$3,500.00. Ronald Rovenolt asked if this was an increase in donation and Lee Bieber asked of the other municipalities were doing their part in support of the library as well. Will answered Ron that the donation has been the same the last several years and had increased from what had been given in the past and that many residents from Lewis Township are using the library. Lucinda answered that yes, the other municipalities were doing their part to support the library.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to pay the bills for June 2019.

#### **Public Comment**

Lee Bieber expressed concern of a Township employee directing traffic through his yard due the Township doing work on Wolfe Blvd. Will responded that he would address the issue with the employee. Lee also said that he placed stakes near the damaged pipes and Will asked of it was okay to tie those pipes in with the new pipe to be installed. Lee said yes.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger  
Lewis Township Secretary