

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 5, 2020

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 Ricky Dyer and Thomas J Marshall, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and seven guests.

A motion was made Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the minutes from the Supervisors regular monthly meeting on July 1, 2020 as amended. The amendment being removing the statement that Willard Murray announced an executive session held prior to the July meeting to discuss legal matters. Supervisor Murray was not in attendance at the July meeting.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the June 2020 Financial Reports.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the July 2020 Financial Reports.

Township Reports

Supervisors

Ricky Dyer reported a conversation with Richard Snyder regarding the Keefertown Road Project. Mr. Snyder was concerned that the crops planted on public ground would be harvested by the Lehmans. Rick was able to verify that would not be the case and assured Mr. Snyder of that fact.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that tar and chipping had been completed and fog sealing will be done this week yet or next week. Road work has been done on Schmidt Road, Hill Road and Dimm Road. The Road Crew has been filling pot holes and mowing throughout the Township.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R Bomberger reported the following:

- Correspondence from the Turbotville Carnival Committee that they will hold their annual fireworks on August 20, 2020 at 9:00 PM on Carl Foremans property within the Township. They have provided the insurance certificate of the pyrotechnics company performing the fireworks display as the Township has requested.
- Correspondence from Sewage Enforcement Officer James Sanders notifying the Township that resident Levi Zook of Fort Rice Road was in violation for installing an on- lot septic system without a permit. Mr. Zook is in the process of correcting this violation.
- An application for variance has been submitted by Leon Martin, owner of property on Showers Road, requesting a variance of Section 405.A of the Lewis Township Zoning Ordinance. The hearing will be held August 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

- The Act 537 Planning for Regionalization comment period began August 2, 2020. The Plan will be on the Supervisors Meeting agenda for September 2, 2020 for adoption.
- The Commonwealth Financing Authority will meet August 17, 2020 to award the H2O and Small Water & Sewer Grants. The Township should hear that day if and what the Township will be awarded. These funds will be for implantation of the sewer regionalization effort and Schell & Koch Road sewer project.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on July 23, 2020 and reviewed the Bomberger add-on subdivision and recommended approval. The P.C. also reviewed the Forker Lot Consolidation and recommended conditional approval, conditions being the perc sites be shown on the plan and proof of the sewage facilities planning at the time the previous Subdivision had taken place in 2007.

Fire Board Representative

Fire Board Representative Ricky Dyer shared fire reports from June and July submitted by Chief Douglas Funk. Rick also shared an issue that came up at the last fire board meeting regarding a hydrant located on Schell Road within the Township that had been taken out of service. Upon looking into the matter the hydrant is on private property owned by Pennsylvania American Water and was taken out of service for a period of about five hours for repair and replacement work and was put back into service. There has been some miscommunication and incorrect information around the hydrant. PAAW stated that the hydrant may only be used in the event of an emergency and that PAAW should be notified of its use in that event.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger commented on the agenda item under new business and explained that the action taken at the July Supervisors meeting would to be rescinded due to making a mistake on the fiscal year to be audited. The fiscal year should have been 2020, not 2021, as stated on the agenda.

Old Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to rescind action taken at the July 1, 2020 Supervisors meeting regarding engagement of services with Herring, Roll & Solomon for fiscal year of 2021.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve engagement of services with Herring, Roll & Solomon, CPA, for fiscal year 2020 for Township and Tax Collection in the amount of \$5,500.00.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the Dorcas Bomberger and Jay Douglas Bomberger Add-On Subdivision.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the Lawrence and Danielle Forker Lot Consolidation.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to table the waiver request submitted by Renewal Processing, a request to waive Appendix A III, B.6 of the Lewis Township Stormwater Ordinance. The Supervisors was to look into this issue further in regards to DEP's requirements vs. Township Ordinances.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize R.K Webster Engineering to apply for a Highway Occupancy Permit through PennDOT on behalf of the Township. This is in regards to the Jean Harris Sewage Facilities Planning to allow for a sewage pipe to be placed in the state right of way along State Route 54 to discharge into the nearby stream.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a supplemental proposal to the design and permitting phase of the Schell and Koch Road sewer project submitted by HRG for geotechnical boring services in the amount of \$8,950.00. This testing will provide the information needed to determine the type of piping and casing needed for a sewer line to be properly and safely install under the railroad.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of an invoice submitted by TBS Trucking in the amount of \$15,337.69 to be paid form the Lewis Township State Fund.

A motion was made by Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize payment of bills for the month of August 2020.

Public Comment

Lee Bieber inquired about a pot hole off of State Route 44 onto Welliver Road if it could be repaired as it a fairly deep hole. Will said he would have the road crew take care of it the following morning. Will also informed Lee that he had ordered the basin riser needed to repair the drainage system installed near his driveway and that is was ready to pick up. They may take care of the repair the following week.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary