

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 2, 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 eight guests.

A motion was made Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the minutes from the Supervisors regular monthly meeting on August 5, 2020 as written

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Nathan Yoder, Turbotville Borough Councilman attended to address the letter sent by the Township regarding recycling and the additional cost proposed for the upcoming year. They thanked the Township for providing the service all these years and for keeping it clean lately. Nathan shared concern of the increase of cost in hauling and it seeming like it will continue to go up and the Borough's budget unable to support it. Nathan also mentioned that it may be possible to provide someone to help monitor a day/month.

Robert Lynn, Turbotville Borough Councilman, also attended and asked if there was a way to ensure that residents from the participating municipalities are the only ones using the facility as he is sure out of area people are using the facility. Robert also talked about the population size of the supporting municipalities and how Lewis Township and Turbotville Borough combined is less then Watsontown Borough or Delaware Township. Robert suggested the cost be divided by population.

Douglas Potter asked the Supervisors if prices had been solicited for fencing and cameras as discussed in previous recycling discussions. The Supervisors answered no. Mr. Potter asked about how much they though fencing would cost. Will answered \$8,000-\$10,000. Mr. Potter felt if the Township made an example of a few people by imposing fines that the problem would stop, the problem being items left at the facility when not open. Mr. Potter believes it would be a poor decision to close the recycling.

Brian Stackhouse questioned what confirmation of the Zoning Ordinance Text/Map meant. The Secretary and Solicitor explained the confirmation of recommendations made by the Planning Commission would allow for the Township to proceed in posting, advertising, public hearing and adopting of a new ordinance.

Township Reports

Supervisors

Supervisor Marshall had been made aware of an issue with dogs and wants to look into our ordinance related to dogs for guidance in how to handle the situation.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported on various work done the past month and currently. Northumberland County is currently repairing one of the bridges on Hill Road and is closed to traffic and the other bridge on Hill Road is also closed. At the County's request the Township dumped stone on both sides to prevent traffic driving over the bridge. The barricades that were placed there had been moved and the bridge was being used. The Township will invoice the County for the stone. The Township took care of some potholes on Hill Road and cleaned ditches. Work is also being done to a section of Enterline Road.

Supervisor Marshall asked about the work needed on Trent Road. Will said that he plans to undercut the soft areas and repair this fall.

Treatment Plant Operator

Jeff Silverling from West Branch Regional Authority attended the meeting and reported that the plants are running well. Jeff stated the Supervisors had approved purchase of UV bulbs that have not been purchased yet and asked for approval to purchase another set of 3 to have as spares. The Supervisors agreed to the purchase.

Secretary/ Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger shared correspondence from PennDOT regarding the 2021 estimated allocation of State Liquid Fuels funds in the amount of \$153,712.83.

Also, Lucinda reminded the Supervisors that West Branch Regional Authority will be ending operating services at the end of the year. The Township will need to find a new Operator. Supervisor Dyer has someone in mind. Lucinda recommended setting up an interview. Jeff Silverling mentioned that WBRA would be willing to do training.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Ricky Dyer reported that the fire department is looking for any opportunity to raise funds in lieu of the carnival. The Fire Chief's monthly report was not available to share.

Old Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to deny the waiver request submitted by Renewal Processing regarding the Lewis Township Stormwater Ordinance Appendix A.III.B.6.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize advertisement of a joint meeting with the Lewis Township Supervisors and Planning Commission to discuss the zoning district map of the Lewis Township Zoning Ordinance.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adopt Resolution 2020-6, a Resolution for Plan Revision for the Jean Harris Sewage Facilities Planning effort.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to adopt Resolution 2020-7, a resolution for Plan Revision, adopting alternative 2 of a Minor Act 537 Plan Special Study for Regionalization with Milton Regional Sewer Authority.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a 90 day extension for the Warrior Run School District Land Development submission.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve a 90 day extension for the Renewal Processing Land Development Submission.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve payment of Invoice # 69058 from Suit-Kote in the amount of \$65,762.28 from the Lewis Township State Fund.

Discussion was held regarding recycling and the issue of bags of materials left at the facility when not in operation. Supervisor Murray questioned how the Township should take care if this problem. Supervisor Dyer felt that the Township should look into the costs of cameras and fencing to determine if those cost are justifiable to continue recycling service. He also questioned the costs and process of filing charges for illegal dumping, who would take care of that and if those costs would come back to the Township.

Supervisor Marshall feels that this problem will always exist no matter what the Township implements. Suggestions were made by the public in attendance for the supporting municipalities to share in the costs of the cameras and fencing needed and also take turns providing an employee to monitor the recycling when open.

Supervisor Murray will obtain quotes for fencing and cameras. The Secretary will send communication to the supporting municipalities for consideration at their upcoming meetings.

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

Public Comment

Bob Lynn, Turbotville Borough Councilman requested that the Supervisors consider differentiating the cost of recycling shared by the supporting municipalities by per capita.

Brian Stackhouse asked that the Supervisors take into strong consideration of the tax base that could be available to the Township if the Route 54 corridor was not zoned commercial. Brian stated that he would petition if necessary.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary