

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 3, 2018

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 7:00 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those also present were Supervisors Duane M. Blakeney, Solicitor Levi Woodward, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and nine guests.

Supervisors Willard Murray and Duane M. Blakeney duly appointed Ricky Dyer as Lewis Township Supervisor and was sworn in by Solicitor Levi Woodward and before Notary Public, Jodi Lutz, by oath of office.

Guests

Sergeant John McGeary from the Milton State Police attended the meeting to talk to the Township about the various aspects of the police force such as coverage area, staffing and positions, shifts and the setbacks of understaffing due to budgetary issues. Sergeant McGeary gave opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions and share concerns. Ronald Rovenolt shared concern of several young boys riding four wheelers at night and causing safety issues. As much information was shared as could be as to who the boys were and where they live. Supervisor Duane Blakeney shared concern of some young amish boys riding tractors at 2-3:00 AM in the morning. Discussion was held regarding what can or cannot be done in this situation.

Fire Chief Douglas Funk of the Warrior Run Area Fire Department attended the meeting to address a letter the Township received last meeting day regarding the Central Susquehanna Regional 911 Center and the appropriate documentation that is needed to allow seamless responses. The Township needs to provide a copy of their ordinance or resolution at the time of joining the municipal cooperative naming Warrior Run Area Fire Department as their fire and ems services. Chief Funk also talked about the "Boxes" that the Township will need to sign off on in the near future.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2018 Supervisors regular monthly meeting as written.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the September 2018 Financial Reports as presented.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to move agenda items 9 and 10 regarding the Agricultural Security Area Public Hearing and Resolution ahead of agenda item 7, Township Reports, to accommodate the Notary Public.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to recess the meeting at 7:43 P.M. for the Agricultural Security Area Addition Public Hearing.

Agricultural Security Area Addition Public Hearing

Solicitor Levi Woodward began the hearing by asking the secretary to list the procedures followed thus far regarding the addition proposal submitted by John Sensenig. Secretary Lucinda Bomberger relayed that the proposal was advertised in a local publication as well as posted in five locations as required. At the close of the 15 day comment period, there had been no comments or modifications suggested. After the 15 day comment period, the proposal was sent to the Local Planning Commission, the Northumberland County Planning Commission and the Lewis Township Agricultural Security Committee for their review and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Lewis Township Planning Commission and Agricultural Security Committee both reviewed the proposal and recommended that the two parcels be added to the Township's Agricultural Security Area. The Northumberland County Planning Commission did not feel it was in the purview and did not take any action on the proposal. The Public Hearing was then advertised in a local publication and posted in five locations as required. Lee Bieber asked a question as to how someone can remove a parcel from the Agricultural Security Area. Solicitor Woodward looked into this and determined that a parcel could be removed during the seven year review. Lee also commented that he did comment during the comment period. Secretary Lucinda Bomberger responded that he asked why he was not notified. A written comment of modification suggestion was not submitted. No other comments were made.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt Resolution 2018-8, a Resolution approving the additions to the Lewis Township Agricultural Security Area proposed by John Sensenig. The parcels added to the Area are 026-00-014-012-B, 139.41 Acres, and 026-00-014-012-A, 10.02 Acres, for a total of 149.43 Acres added.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to reconvene the township meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Township Reports

Supervisors

Supervisor Blakeney requested his meeting packet by week end the week prior to a meeting. Discussion was held regarding the Financial Report and its submission possibly a month behind to allow proper time to prepare due to Township meetings falling right after a month end.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported on various road repairs and winter preparation throughout the Township.

Treatment Plant Operator

Eric Moore from West Branch Regional Authority reported that the plants are operating well. Plans were being arranged for a dumpster to be brought in to dispose of the solids in the storage shed. Josh Lynch would be coordinating with Will to do that work.

Eric also reported that sand would be brought in for the sand beds and shared about the rain events that had occurred. The plant did fairly well. The flow did not exceed 20,000 gallons/day with the three inch rain events, however there was one four inch rainfall that the flow rose to 50,000 gallons/day.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/ Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger shared correspondence regarding the 2019 estimated Liquid Fuels Tax Disbursement of \$170,708.03.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments

Old Business

An update was given on the status of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Lucinda shared that the Zoning Officer Victor Marquardt requested for the planning commission this month to clarify the recommendations regarding a zoning map change. Solicitor Levi Woodward will also attend this meeting to gain clarity of the recommendations as well to prepare in moving forward with the amendment process.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the proposal for interim financing submitted by Muncy Bank & Trust, Co. for \$500,000 for a 30 month term and a fixed rate of 5%. Other proposals were also submitted by Susquehanna Community Bank and M & T Bank.

The Supervisors would like to move forward in adopting an ordinance to give the Township enforcement power for site distance issues throughout the Township. Solicitor Woodward will have a draft of the ordinance by week end.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a cost opinion for Paving and Tar and Chip for the Keefertown Road Project in order to obtain an HOP Permit from PennDOT in the amount of \$52,660.90.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed approve the Hull Final Minor Subdivision conditional on addressing the comments set forth in the Township Engineers review according to the township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize payment of the following invoices from New Enterprise Stone & Lime, Co. in the amount of \$3,145.27 from the Lewis Township State Fund:

Invoice # 6920983: \$779.78

Invoice # 6921354: \$2,365.49

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of Invoice # 327 in the amount of \$3,864.17 from TBS trucking from the Lewis Township State Fund.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to authorize purchase of a 20 TonTilt/Fixed Tag Trailer in the amount of \$18,749 to be paid from the general fund.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize advertisement of the extra recycling containers not currently used to be sold through Municibid.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve a proposal from PennPower for annual generator maintenance services in the amount of \$1,245.00.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize payment of bills for the month of October 2018.

Public Comment

Lee Beiber inquired if a letter had been sent to Frances Appleman regarding the issue with corn blocking proper site distance at the corner of Wolfe Blvd and Paradise Street. Lee shared concern that his wife was almost in another accident due to not being able to see properly and felt the Township should be sending them a letter enforcing the letter sent by PennDOT regarding this issue. Solicitor Woodward repeatedly explained that the Township will address this issue upon adopting an ordinance giving the Township enforcement power. Lee asked who would be responsible if an accident occurs. The landowner would be responsible. It was suggested that Lee talk to Frances personally about the concern.

Lee also requested a pothole to be addressed on Wolfe Blvd.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary

