

Lewis Township Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
October 7, 2020

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 4:02 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 nine 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 September 2, 2020 as written.

A motion was made Thomas Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the Supervisors Special Meeting on September 24, 2020 as written.

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

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No Comment

**Township Reports**

***Roadmaster***

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported on the work being done such as ditch cleaning, removing wood from ditches, installing drainage pipe. Damage was done to the mini - excavator by a falling tree top. An insurance claim has been submitted.

***Secretary/Treasurer***

Secretary/Treasure Lucinda R. Bomberger reported the following:

1. State Pension Aid was deposited into the General Fund on September 29, 2020 in the amount of \$7,870.57 The State Aid Funds were transferred to the Township's Pension through AXA Equitable on October 7, 2020.  
Willard Murray: \$4,407.52  
Lucinda R. Bomberger: \$3,463.05
2. As Chief Administrative Officer of the Township's Pension Plan, the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2021 was prepared and signed for the Pension file in the amount of \$79,284.00. (Estimated payroll for 2021)

Lucinda also reported that she was working on on-lot sewage system compliance issues and would be working on the 2021 Budget.

***Fire Board Representative***

Fire Board Representative Ricky Dyer shared the August and September 2020 Fire Report provided by Fire Chief Douglas Funk. Willard Murray asked if there was an update on the ambulance. Rick said that

there was no update other than consideration of going with a different make and model and using a different repair shop.

### **Old Business**

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded Thomas J Marshall and passed to close the Recycling Drop Off Facility. The Township will inform Lycoming County Resource Management by letter and then determine an end date. The Township will sell the recycling equipment and reimburse the State 90% to reconcile grant money received.

Brian Stackhouse asked the outcome of the previous meeting of talk of obtaining cost estimates for fencing and cameras. Supervisor Murray reported that quotes were submitted by Kriger Fence Company for six foot fence: \$14,900.00 and eight foot fence: \$16,800.00 with an automatic opener in the amount of \$10,428.00. Apollo Fence Company also submitted a quote for a six foot fence: \$17,989.00 and eight foot fence: \$18,518.00. The automatic opener is included in that cost.

Brian Stackhouse thanked the Supervisors for holding the special meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss the Planning Commissions previous recommendations regarding the zoning district map. He felt that it was interesting and was nice to be face to face to see and understand where each stood on an opinion. Brian, again, asked that the Supervisors would take into consideration all that was discussed and concerns raised.

### **New Business**

Several Comments and Questions regarding the Warrior Run School District Land Development (Elementary School Project) were made:

1. Township Engineer Randall Webster stated that he felt that the Stormwater seemed to be satisfactory but several issues were still outstanding and that a conditional approval with a specific timeframe to complete the outstanding items would be appropriate. Randy had several concerns about the HOP Permit, Driveway Permit, Financial Security, Stormwater Maintenance and Operations Agreement Sewage Facilities Planning.
2. In response to the HOP Permit, Nicki Mendinsky, HRG, reported that the school district is currently in negotiation with PennDOT regarding the HOP permit.
3. In response to the Financial Security, Jon Dewald said the School Districts Solicitor forwarded the Improvement Guarantee to him and he was satisfied.
4. Alan Hack, Superintendent, said that the Stormwater Maintenance and Operation Agreements were being drafted.
5. Erin Threet, HRG, explained from the Township's standpoint, there is appropriate sewage facilities planning to accommodate the school districts project according to 537 Planning previously approved by DEP.
6. Willard Murray asked if anything has been considered to address the runoff volume from the previous 2019 Land Development parking lot that drains onto the property of Harris Menges. Nicki Mendinsky reported that as-built drawings had been generated and reviewed and showed

that the stormwater basin was built a little larger than planned for but was functioning as it should. Randy Webster requested that the as-builts be submitted to the Township for review and may need to be submitted to the Northumberland County Conservation District for review and their determination as to if these two projects would roll into one as far as permitting. Harris Menges was in attendance and was happy that the school district is willing to look into the runoff volume issue and come to a solution. Since the parking lot project has been completed, he gets twice the amount of water in his field and it has no way of getting to the creek. He feels this water should be directed on the school districts property. Supervisor Ricky Dyer asked if a pipe could be run from the stormwater basin down to the plant and out to the wetlands. Nicki said that the water would have to be treated in another basin along the way.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the Warrior Run School District Land Development with the following conditions and within 50 days:

1.
  - A line item for utilities be added to the cost opinion in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be included in the financial security/bonding.
  - Sewage Facilities Planning
  - Highway Occupancy Permit issued by PennDOT\_Susquehanna Trail
  - Driveway Permit issued by Lewis Township\_Warrior Run Blvd.
  - Striping and signage added to the entrance/exit to Warrior Run Blvd.
  - Stormwater & Maintenance Agreements
  - Financial Securities in place and approved
2. The stormwater run-off to Harris Menges' property be addressed
3. As built drawings for the previous 2019 Land Development be submitted to the Township for review and completion of the project.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to deny the waiver request submitted by John Sensenig to waive SWO Appendix A.III.B.5. Mr. Sensenig will need to choose one of the options recommended by the Township's Engineer which are subdivision to add the 2 properties as one, and easement that carries with the property from owner to owner or relocate the stormwater basin.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall to authorize pursuit of a line of credit from Muncy Bank and Trust for the MRSA Regionalization effort in the amount of 207,900.00

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve a proposal submitted by HRG, Inc. for services regarding Preliminary Design and Permitting for the MRSA Regionalization Project.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to vote for Tim Horner and Jack Hines to the PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust and PSATS Health Insurance Cooperative Trust as Trustees.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize payment of the following invoices to be paid from the Lewis Township State Fund:

Invoice # 7392326: \$2,993.47\_ New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co.

Invoice # 1012821: \$6,750.00\_ Russel Standard Corp.

**Total: \$9,743.47**

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

#### **Public Comment**

Douglas Potter asked if a change in zoning district occurs, would that affect the assessed value of a property? The Solicitor answered that it would not.

Eric Staman asked when the changes to the zoning ordinance would take place for Old State Road. The Solicitor answered that once the Planning Commission make a formal recommendation, the Township would submit the ordinance the Northumberland County Planning Commission for review, hold a public hearing and then adopt. The Township would not make changes per area, but take a wholistic approach due the process and cost involved.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger  
Lewis Township Secretary