

Lewis Township Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 1, 2017

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 7:02 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those also present were Supervisors Duane M. Blakeney, Solicitor Benjamin Landon, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and eight guests.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve meeting minutes from the October 4, 2017 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting and October 24, 2017 meeting/work session as written.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the October 2017 Financial Reports.

**Guest:**

Eric Wendt from Northumberland County attended the meeting to speak to the Supervisors about the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan recently adopted and is encouraging all municipalities to adopt a resolution to adopt the county's plan. The Supervisors will review the plan and make a decision to adopt the resolution at their December 6, 2017 regular monthly meeting.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No comments

**Township Reports**

***Supervisors/Roadmaster***

Supervisor Duane M. Blakeney inquired on the status of scheduling a meeting with the County Engineer Chuck Hopta regarding replacement of the bridge on Hill Road. The Secretary is waiting on a return call. Duane also mentioned work that has been done and needs to be completed before the winter season.

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported on roadwork being done throughout the township and installation of dusk to dawn lights near the driveway and cinder shed.

***Treatment Plant Operator***

Eric Moore from West Branch Regional Authority attended the meeting. The plants are operating well. Eric followed up from last meeting about the need for a spare pump at the Trent Road Pump Station. The Supervisor gave their approval of a quote provided by Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. for \$3,564.90. (See file for full report)

### **Solicitor**

Solicitor Benjamin Landon briefed the Supervisors on the status of the Applegate bankruptcy case. Applegate's bank is moving to foreclose on the property. Applegate filed to sell the property. Liens the Township has filed should be satisfied at the sale of the property.

### **Old Business**

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the Daniel Martin Lot Consolidation and Stormwater Agreement between John Sensenig and Lewis Township subject to Solicitor Benjamin Landon's review.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the John Reynolds/Davis Walburn Final Minor Subdivision contingent upon DEP approval of the Sewage Facilities Planning Module.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt Resolution 2017-7, a resolution to adopt the Rueben and Lydia Peachey Sewage Facilities Module Component 2 as a revision to the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan of the Township.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to grant the following waiver requests regarding the Rueben and Lydia Peachey Preliminary Plan:

1. A waiver from SWO Appendix A, Section III.B.5 to allow grading within 10 ft. of all internal property lines, and subsequently the toe of the slope of absorption field mounds to be within 10 feet of the internal property lines. In addition the applicant will establish 10ft. slope/drainage easements on both sides of the internal property lines.
2. A waiver from the SWO Appendix A, Section III.B.6 to allow the minimum width of the detention basins to be reduced to 5 ft. since the max ponding depth is only 1.75'.
3. A waiver from SWO Appendix A, Section III.B.9 to allow the minimum distance from the highest free water surface to be reduced to 25' since the max ponding depth is only 1.75', and this requirement would increase the disturbance on each lot to provide the separation.
4. A waiver from the SWO Appendix A, Section III.B.3 to allow an anti-seep collar projection of less than 2' and instead be projected in accordance with standard engineering practices to be reviewed and approved by the township engineer.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to table the Eric and Lori Staman Sewage Facilities Module until the December 6, 2017 meeting.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt and authorize advertisement of the 2018 proposed budget.

Discussion was held about the possibilities of adopting a tree ordinance in regards to responsibility of dead trees and removal.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of bills for the month of November 2017.

**Public Comment**

Ronald Rovenolt asked what could be done about four wheelers and lawnmowers being operated after dark. Supervisor Willard Murray advised to call the State Police.

Gerry Ulmer asked a question regarding removal of trees and if the township would be able to charge owners for the cost of the township to remove them.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger  
Lewis Township Secretary