

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 7, 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 and Ricky Dyer, Solicitor Jon Dewald, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and twenty one guests.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2018 Supervisors regular monthly meeting as written.

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

Guests

Matt Bergey, a realtor, attended the meeting along with his clients Bill and Fred Koch and spoke on their behalf regarding a request to consider rezoning the commercial area at State Route 54, Warrior Run Blvd. and Koch Road or considering some overlays to allow for the building of a residence and agriculture in the commercial district. Matt also shared his concern that it being zoned commercial could hurt the value of the property and is unsure what commercial business would be interested in property without road frontage.

Steve Forman attended the meeting on behalf of Michael Hoover and submitted a petition requesting that the Township change the zoning district from commercial or industrial to agriculture for properties along Old State Road. Six residents signed the petition.

Due to the discussion held around the zoning district change requests, it is the desire of the Township Supervisors to hold an informational meeting with the Supervisors, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Township Solicitor, Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board to discuss the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map amendment recommendations submitted by the Planning Commission and to consider the requests made to change the Zoning Map in the commercial district. The Secretary will contact everyone to schedule a meeting in the next few weeks.

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported on various road work throughout the township, the focus being cleaning ditch lines and correcting drainage issues in Pleasant View Estates.

Treatment Plant Operator

Eric Moore from West Branch Regional Authority reported that the plants are operating fairly well. Eric pointed out a spike in flow at the plant due to excessive rainfall in September. Erin also reported bunny trouble clogging the clarifier in the sludge return.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/ Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger shared correspondence from the Montgomery House Warrior Run Area Public Library thanking the Township for their annual contribution and continued support and also a letter from the Northumberland County Conservation District regarding a grant opportunity through the Dirt and Gravel Program. The application was provided to the Roadmaster and is due to be submitted by December 31, 2018.

As Chief Administrative Officer of the Township's Pension Plan, Lucinda Bomberger reported that the Township received \$6,998.53 in state pension aid and was divided and deposited in the following plan accounts:

Willard Murray: \$3,709.22

Lucinda R. Bomberger: \$3,289.31

Fire Board Representative

Representative Duane M. Blakeney reported on the high volume of fire and ambulance in the month of October and the positive outcome of new overseers of the Social Hall and raising of the rental fee to offset operational costs.

Lee Beiber asked what equipment was kept at the Turbotville location. Duane responded that there was a tanker, brush truck and mini pumper.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Brian Stackhouse would like a commitment from the Township to provide notification of the amendment process of the Zoning Ordinance. It was decided to post information on the Township's website under the calendar and or community bulletin board.

Nathan Yoder shared concern as to where commercial zoning is in relation to other zoning districts and the effects it could have and should be taken into consideration when talking about an amendment. Nathan shared concern regarding a tobacco smoking operation on Old State Road and that the smoke can be so thick that it creates in inability to see at times and can be suffocating.

Carl Forman made comment that the potential buyers of the 10 acres owned by Mr. Hoover did not seem concerned with the smoke.

Lee Beiber inquired about when the mowing would be done on his side of the Township.

Matt Bergey inquired about sanitary sewer service to Koch Road and what that entailed.

Old Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to Rescind motion for purchase of 20 Ton Tilt/Fixed Tag Trailer in the amount of \$18,749 to be paid from the General Fund approved at the October 3, 2018 Supervisors Meeting.

Due to lack of valid bids submitted for a 20 Ton Tilt/Fixed Tag Trailer, a motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize advertisement to except bids for a second time.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt Ordinance **2018-9**: An Ordinance increasing the indebtedness of Lewis Township by the Issue of a Guaranteed Revenue Note in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$500,000.00 for the purpose of interim financing for the installment of a Sanitary Sewer System for Schell and Koch Road.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adopt Ordinance **2018-10**: An Ordinance Establishing Sight Distance Enforcement within the Township and Enforcement Provisions.

New Business

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt and authorize advertisement of the 2019 Proposed Budget for General, State and Wastewater Funds.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve a Master Installment Purchase Agreement with Mercedes-Benz Financial Services USA LLC for the purchase of a 2019 Western Star Truck with Equipment in the amount \$171,402.49 with an Annual Installment Payment of \$37,847.88. A motion was also made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney to authorize Willard Murray to sign documents pertaining to the purchase of this truck and equipment.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of the following invoices to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. from the Lewis Township State Fund Account:

Invoice # 6961110: \$ 3,178.07

Invoice # 6962665: \$11,284.37

Invoice #6963825L \$ 4,444.71

Total: \$18,907.15

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize payment of bills for November 2019.

Public Comment

Lee Bieber commented on a comment made earlier in the meeting regarding the issue of the smoke generated from smoking tobacco. Lee said that he has never experienced the smoke to be as bad as what was claimed that you cannot see for the smoke. Lee also shared his concern that the amish and Mennonites are being picked on and singled out.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary