

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 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 three guests. The meeting was held via zoom due to the recent Covid-19 outbreak.

A motion was made Thomas J Marshall, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the Supervisors regular monthly meeting on November 4, 2020 as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to approve the November 2020 Financial Reports.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Brian Stackhouse asked if there has been any change in the Zoning Ordinance or any further discussion with the Planning Commission. Supervisor Murray answered that no changes have been made at this time and asked Secretary Bomberger to share regarding the Planning Commission. The P.C. met with Zoning Enforcement Officer Vic Marquardt and Township Solicitor to discuss the zoning map and recommendations that had made at the joint meeting with the Supervisors to confirm that everyone was comfortable with the recommendations and also discussed some textual changes requested by a property owner to verify that our ordinance was not more strict than state requirements. The Planning Commission is ready to move forward the Ordinance Adoption Process. Solicitor Dewald said that he would have a draft ready for the Planning Commission to review at their meeting December 10, 2020 for a formal recommendation to the Supervisors.

Brian also asked how many full- time employees and part- time employees there are. Supervisor Murray answered that there are two full- time and five part-time employees. One employee right now is out due to a medical issue. The part-time employees are up to 24 hours/week. Brian asked what the wages are for each. The information was not readily handy. Secretary Bomberger suggested submitting a right to know request for this information. Brian said he would so not to hold up the meeting.

Township Reports

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that the road crew has been cutting ditch and filling potholes on Hill, North Bend, Horseshoe Bend, Rovenolt, Gauger and Enterline Roads.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger gave an update on the 537 Planning for Regionalization. PA Dep is currently reviewing the plan and has requested some minor information from Erin Threet, HRG.

Erin felt that things look positive in light of that. HRG is currently doing survey work for the preliminary design of the regionalization project.

Seda-Cog had submitted cost estimates to administer the Small Water and Sewer and H2O Grants in the amounts not to exceed \$10,000 and \$15,000. Lucinda shared a discussion with Erin Threet regarding the administration and her financial department felt that the Township could handle the administration since the Secretary would have to prepare and submit the information needed for disbursements. The Supervisors agreed that the Township would administer the grants and be able to use those funds toward the project.

Lucinda also gave an update on a zoning violation for a donut business. An inspection had been done Tuesday, December 1, 2020 and there were two items that were not brought into compliance. They were going to be giving notice that these items needed to be completed or they would have to cease operation. Supervisor Murray requested a weekly update on this issue until it is resolved.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Dyer reported that the fire department was planning a New Year's Eve fire works display. A date has been set for the annual firemen's carnival for June 14 – 19, 2021 dependent on the Covid-19 situation at that time. The department has received the new ambulance and should be in use soon.

New Business

A motion was made Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to affirm the 2021 Tax Levy with no increases.

General Purpose:	12 mill
Fire Protection:	2 mill
Equipment	2 mill
Per Capita	\$5.00
LST	\$52.00
Earned Income Tax:	½ of 1%
Realty Transfer Tax:	½ of 1%

Terms:

2% Discount	March/April
Face	May/June
10% Penalty	July/December

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adopt the 2021 Budget.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the agreement with the Steins regarding Land Acquisition for a pump station for the Schell-Koch Road Sewer Project.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to appoint Ricky Dyer to the Warrior Run Area Fire Board for a five year term starting January 2021.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Thomas J Marshall and passed to authorize payment of an invoice to be paid from the Lewis Township State Fund:
Invoice # 385: \$7,480.43_TBS Trucking

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

Public Comment

Brian Stackhouse asked if a permit was needed for a green house? There was one put up out Route 54 that he questioned if a permit had been issued. Supervisor Murray said that it was being looked into.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Rocky Dyer and passed to adjourn into an executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary