

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 5, 2018

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 7:01 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 eleven guests.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2018 Supervisors regular monthly meeting as corrected, the correction being that the Solicitor in attendance at the November meeting was Jon Dewald and not Levi Woodward.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the November 2018 Financial Reports as presented.

Guests

Realtor Richard Yohn and Samuel Yoder attended the meeting to make a request to change zoning of a property currently zoned commercial to agriculture. The reason for this request was that the potential buyer, a farmer who currently owns a pallet business and sawmill which is not permitted in commercial zoning and also would possibly be interested in subdividing and selling to someone interested in building a house which is also not permitted in commercial zoning.

Township Reports

Supervisors

Supervisor Duane M. Blakeney reported that mowing is completed for the season and also talked about the work being done on Pleasant View Estates Road and pot holes being filled throughout the Township.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Willard Murray reiterated what Duane reported and added work related to the 12 inch snow storm that had occurred mid- November.

Solicitor

Solicitor Jon Dewald had nothing to report other than he needed the Secretary's signature on the LAGUDA filing documents for submission to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Treatment Plant Operator

Eric Moore from West Branch Regional Authority reported that the sand in the sand filter beds will need to be changed out this month and inquired if there would be enough sand available for this project.

Agricultural Security Advisory Committee

Duane M. Blakeney gave report of a committee meeting November 27, 2018 for training regarding the Township's Ag Security Area seven year review that is due September of 2019. Judy Becker from the Northumberland County Conservation District attended the meeting and provided a power point presentation with an overview of the process for a seven year review and answered questions fielded by the committee. The process will begin mid-February 2019.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger reported that the 2019 sewer payment coupon books were sent to all sewer customers on November 30, 2018.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Duane M. Blakeney reported that the fire department and ambulance crew is very busy. There are currently nine members attending fire college in Harrisburg for training.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Brian Stackhouse inquired about the Zoning Ordinance Amendment and how he would be notified of any changes. Solicitor Jon Dewald responded that notification is given by advertisement in a local circulating newspaper and on the Township website. The Secretary added that if the decision is made to amend that there would be public notice posted in ten places throughout the township of a public hearing and if the map is amended, the area would be posted with notice by signs.

Old Business

One bid was received for a 20 Ton Tilt/Fixed Tag Trailer submitted by Rampant Trailers LLC and was opened and read. The bid amount was \$ 20,044. Consideration was taken that this was the second round of advertisement of bids and the lead time being twelve weeks to build the trailer and that it would be until March that it would be complete, a motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to award the bid for and purchase the trailer from Rampant Trailers LLC in the amount of \$20,044.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adopt the 2019 Budget for General, State and Wastewater Funds:

General: \$571,725.00

State: \$ 176,000.00

Wastewater Operations: \$137,150.00

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to affirm the Tax Levy for 2019 as there will be no increase in millage and is as follows:

Tax Levy

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 Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve the Treasurer's Bond in the amount of \$500,000 for 2019 through H.A. Thompson.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize advertisement of the Supervisors Reorganizational Meeting with the Regular Monthly Meeting directly following for January 7, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. and Authorization to advertise the Auditors meeting for January 8, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to pay the following invoice to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. from the Lewis Township State Fund Account:

Invoice #6981751 \$794.70 **Total: \$794.70**

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

Public Comment

Brian Stackhouse inquired about who makes the recommendations and decisions regarding the zoning changes. Will responded that the Supervisors make the final decisions. The Secretary added that the Planning Commission along with Zoning Enforcement Officer Victor Marquardt, have for the past two years compiled recommendations for amendment to the zoning ordinance and map.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary