

wMain Township Supervisors Meeting
September 8, 2020 7:00 pm

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the meeting were:

Robert Frey, Chairman	Matt Turowski, Solicitor
Tom Shuman, Vice Chairman	Mike Krolkowski, Police Officer
Randy Rhoads, Supervisor	
Lisa Schell, Secretary	

First Order of Business

Minutes of Meeting

Lisa read the minutes and the treasurer's report from the August 3, 2020 meeting. Tom noted one change was needed regarding the debris grant, the total grant was \$7,500 with the county providing \$5,500 and \$2,000 was in-kind dollars. Randy made a motion to approve the August minutes with the addition, Tom seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Previous Balance General Fund	\$198,041.88
Deposits Received	\$32,372.15
Bills Paid	<u>-\$15,820.38</u>
Current Balance	<u>\$214,593.68</u>

Employer Tax Account Fund

Previous Balance	\$2,226.08
PA Department of Revenue	\$0.00
Deposit from General Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
Current Balance	<u>\$2,226.08</u>

Special Account

Current Balance	\$200.00
Commonwealth of PA	<u>\$3,873.36</u>
	<u>\$4,073.36</u>

Fire Tax Account

Previous Balance	\$19,363.72
Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
Current Balance	<u>\$19,363.72</u>

State Account

Previous Balance	\$152,953.62
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Interest	\$32.39
Bills Paid	\$0
Current Balance	<u>\$152,986.01</u>

Public Comment

Tom Arnold asked if there was any update on the ordinance the township is putting in place to help deal with the Sponenberg house that is falling down. Bobby stated that the trouble with putting an ordinance in place is that the township would be liable for the property if they would enforce an ordinance and it would fall down before they demolished it, whereas now if something should happen the estate is liable. Mr. Arnold stated that he felt something should have been done long ago before it got in this shape.

Also, the house is currently up for sheriff's sale, but as it reads in the paper, the purchase not only has to purchase the property but must pay off any liens held on the property.

There is also the issue of the current owner is cited by the township and the owner and it goes to court and a monetary judgement is issued and the estate has no money to pay the judgement, then the township does not receive any money but still remains free from liability.

Mr. Bodman asked if the township adopts a property maintenance ordinance how far does it go. Tom stated that is an issue since the township does not have that type to money to go around the township and tear old buildings down.

When the supervisors looked at the property maintenance code before they felt it was too involved and they were not going to police the township for issues. Larry Frace stated that the property ordinance that he worked with Nescopeck Township on, they removed parts of sections from the code; but you cannot take out complete sections since each section is dependent on the other. Larry stated that the township could make a different checklist for defining an unsafe building, like no habitation, structurally unstable and unsafe to occupy, etc.

Tom Shuman asked if the township could draft its own ordinance for condemned buildings and take some statements for the property maintenance code. Larry stated that the ordinance would have to be enforceable. The property maintenance code is approved by the courts and has been around for seven years and if the township would draft its own it will be tested in the courts.

Larry stated Briar Creek drafted their ordinance by taking the property maintenance code and pulling out some sections and adding them to their ordinance. Larry will pull out sections of Briar Creek's and give to Matt so he can work on a proposed draft ordinance.

Joyce Lingosky stated that she represented the Mainville Sportsman Club and wanted to inform the township that the club put up signs "no shooting before 8:00am and runs to sunset. Joyce also stated that they are putting up a gate with card access. The township thanked her.

Michelle Loff stated she owns the property next to Brian Bellum's who is now deceased and she is concerned that the property is abandoned, the floor fell out of trailer, they have constant running water onto their property and the weeds are growing fast, plus there is the tractor trailer with lots of junk in it. The property was left to his son, who only stops by occasionally and only mows half the property. Larry Frace stated that he can handle the grass and the tractor trailer and will look at.

She also stated that they are also having trouble with run-off from the township building when it rains heavy. Bobby stated they have not done anything different around the building, and they only have trouble with flooding with the creek floods and then it comes quickly up to the township building.

Jerry Bodman wanted to call attention to the police that he found a bullet hole in his roof and one in the side wall of the west end . The supervisors asked if he reported this to the police when he found them, and Mr. Bodman stated no. Kim Orzolek stated that she heard gunshots at her mom's house on Sunday and a house also got egged. Mike Krolilowski stated that he will get together with Mr. Bodman after the meeting.

Mr. Bodman asked Mike if the 911 phone issue is fixed. Mike stated that even the state police were having issues. Mike stated that our lines are fixed now thanks to Tom who got thru and got the work done. Tom stated he know someone who worked for Verizon and they checked it. Tom also stated that Verizon no longer takes the responsibility to take trees off the lines, it is the property owner's responsibility. Jerry stated that a letter should be sent to the PUC so there is a paper trail.

Mr. Bodman also asked what Tom implied when made the comment in three years he will not have to worry about things. Tom stated that he is not sure he will make the whole term. He wants to stay to see the chairlift put in, but he is busier now and can no longer plow snow due to his knees and his eyes so he is not sure if he will make his whole term.

Mr. Bodman asked that with budget time coming up, the township consider buying a second police car as a back-up since when the new police car broke down it was out of service for five days. Bobby stated they do not need a second car and pay insurance on something that will not be used a lot. Also, the state police are the township's back-up if something should happen.

Mr. Bodman stated that another item with the budget is suggests increasing the police pay rate to \$15.00 and the officer in charge to \$15.50.

Mr. Bodman asked if the supervisors to take a look at a pipe on Church Road, down from Fisher's, on the upper east side of Diehl's, there is a sharp drop off and the bottom of the ditch is about 6 " from the pipe. Bobby stated it is an old steel pipe and he will look at.

Mr. Bodman told Mr. Frace that Ralph Defrain was trying to contact him about windows. Larry stated that there is no permit for replacing windows.

Mr. Bodman stated that 7 or 8 years ago the township purchased a snowblower and wanted to know if it was ever used. Bobby stated yes, they run both, the Kubota runs the big one and the International runs the little one when we have a lot of snowstorms.

Mr. Bodman stated that the Ag Security Board needs to be rescheduled since it was canceled due to Covid-19, and since the next review is due by 2021, he does not want it to fall thru the cracks. Mr. Turowski stated that he does not recall that 2021 is the review year, he felt that it was several years out yet. Mr. Bodman stated it was in the minutes and Mr. Turowski stated that he would have to look back and research it.

Bob Baylor asked that when the township starts the ditching, could they ditch below his Aunt Joyce's house. Bobby stated that he was on Fire Tower Road and walked it with the lady and they are to come back to the township with a plan, but they are still waiting for it.

Charlie Williams stated that the township earmark funds for technology in the budget. He stated that the township has to catch up with using the website as a replacement for the Press Enterprise since more

people would be informed and maybe if they would have advertised for a supervisor maybe they would have gotten more than one person. He felt labor jobs or seasonal work be posted to everything is transparent. He also suggested that the meetings also be on Zoom each month so more people can be informed.

Mimi Mylin stated that she is a professional writer and managed websites for PPL and Lycoming College and felt the township's website has some formatting issues and needs to be re-organized and she would be happy to work with Lisa on making some changes that she can either do or have the administrator do the work.

Old Business

Debris Grant

Tom stated that the debris clean up work has been completed and they took three tractor trailer loads of wood debris only that was dammed up and two triaxle loads of the wood to Tom's pasture to burn so the township would not have to pay to get rid of it.

Chairlift

Lisa read the task schedule for the chairlift:

Design	August 10, 2020 – September 4, 2020
Construction Documents for CCRA Review	September 4, 2020 – 4:00pm
Approval for Bid	September 11, 2020 – 12:00pm
Bidding	
Documents Available	September 14, 2020 – 12:00pm
Pre-Bid Meeting	September 29, 2020 – 10:00am
RF's Due	October 6, 2020 – 4:30pm
Final Addendum Out	October 7, 2020 – 5:00pm
Bid Opening	October 14, 2020 – 11:00am
Award and Construction	
Notice of Award	October 16, 2020 – 12:00pm
Pre-construction Meeting/Contract signed	October 27, 2020 – 10:00am
Notice to Proceed/Construction to start	November 2, 2020 – 7:00am
Substantial Completion/Construction end	January 15, 2020 – 7:00pm

Lines on Hillcrest

Bobby stated that the lines on East Hillcrest have been completed with a cost of about \$1,200

New Business

LED Light Proposal

Randy Rhoads had Friedman Electric write-up a proposal for replacing the current lighting fixtures with updated LED fixtures, which are more cost effective and energy efficient and safe since they do not get as hot. The estimated cost of the lighting replacement proposed by Friedman Electric is \$2,494.21 plus labor which is estimated @ \$1,200.

Randy stated that it does not make sense to do the whole building at this time since they will be installing the chairlift, but suggests doing the basement since it is very dark down there for the

guys in the winter, which would cost @ \$717.00 and then Kenny can do the labor.

Mr. Bodman complimented Randy for proposing the upgrade to the LED lighting. He also asked if Randy checked with other company's for pricing like Fromm Electric. Randy said at this time he only worked with Friedman.

Sewage Officer Report

Lisa stated that no report was received for August.

Zoning/Construction Report

Larry provided the reports for June, July and August:

Zoning Permits Issued

Joe Goyne, 176 W. Hillcrest - Fence
Keith Cook, 17 Rosebud Ln – Addition
Keith Cook, 17 Rosebud Ln – Pole Building
Andrew Caflisch, 308 Mt. Pink - Deck
Jeremy Patterson, 47 Timberview Dr – Pole Building
Kara Miller, 942 Mt Road – Garage
Tyler Coombe, 470 Hillside Dr – Deck
James Gould, Lot 3 Lookout Dr – New Home
Neighborhood Fence, 465 Hillside Dr – Fence
William Morey, Lot 170 Scenic Dr - New Home
Steve Hamilton, 21 Rosebud Ln – Pole Building

Driveway Permits

James Gould, Lot 3 Lookout Dr. – Driveway
William Morey, Lot 170 Scenic Dr – Driveway

Well Permit

James Gould, Lot 3 Lookout Dr – Well

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Zoning Reports

A number of complaints on high grass in Wonderview
Porch on Mainville Drive without permits
Deck in Wonderview without permits
Property on Church Road with a trailer and house in poor condition
Compliant on the home at Main/Mifflin Drive and Rt. 339

Tom made a motion to approve the zoning report as read; Randy seconded the motion.

Police Report

Mike read the police activity for the month of August:

Total hours – 155

Miles driven-796

Traffic citations - 21

Thefts – 1 in Wonderview

One assist with the IRS with an incident.

Mike stated that vehicle was repaired and working well.

Tom made a motion to approve the August police report; Randy seconded the motion.

Mr. Bodman asked if a zoning permit was needed to replace the lights in the basement. Larry Frace stated they do not since they are just taking one down and installing new ones and no re-wiring is required. If it were to be re-wired, they would have to abide by the UCC codes.

With no further business to discuss, Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm; Tom seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell
Secretary