

**Board of Supervisors Township Minutes
February 9, 2017**

Chairman Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Lord's Prayer.

Supervisors present were Joseph Gregory, Dean Patches. Absent was Reginald Daubert. Also in attendance were Attorney, Colleen Gallo; Engineer, Jeff Golding; Jennifer Harding, Bryan Ziegler and Mickey Gartlan; and six (6) residents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joseph Gregory – 297 Mountville Road – As a resident he wanted to express his appreciation to the Road Crew for a “Job Well Done” for their efforts keeping the roads clear of snow and ice.

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

According to the report on file, there were three permits issued and properties under review for code violations.

MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the January 12th meeting minutes and January 26th workshop minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Gregory. All voted in favor; motion carried.

APPROVING FINANCIAL REPORT

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the January Financial Report. Seconded by Supervisor Gregory. All voted in favor; motion carried.

APPROVING BILLS PAYABLE

Supervisor Patches moved to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$133,115.98 from the Liquid Fuels, and the General Funds. Seconded by Supervisor Gregory. All voted in favor; motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT-Dean Patches

Supervisor Patches gave an overview of the Planning Commission Meeting held on February 2nd. Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the township to pay \$60 so that four members of the planning commission could sit in on a PSATS webinar on the duties and responsibilities of planning commissions. Seconded by Supervisor Gregory. All voted in favor; motion carried.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT

Discussion at the Recreation Board included the Spring Fling, a park sign and field scheduling dominated the discussion.

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the requested usage of the fields by the NL Youth Soccer League and the NL Girls Softball Association. Seconded by Supervisor Gregory. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Patches authorized a letter to the NLYAA establishing deadlines to receive the required information for field consideration in 2017. The Insurance Certificate must

be received by February 17th and the Rosters, Practice and Game Schedules must be received by March 31st. Seconded by Supervisor Gregory. All voted in favor; motion carried.

TOWNSHIP REPORT – Bryan Ziegler

Work continues on Mowery Road; winter maintenance activities continue; the air-line has been updated in the shop; tree trimming continues and work has begun on the stone trench in the back lot at the township building.

A price estimate has been put together that the road crew can perform the swale work in the park for an estimated price of \$5,000.

Fertilizer costs have not changed with TruGreen. They can perform the work at the same rates as last year - \$3,080 plus \$770 for grub control.

Supervisor Patches moved to accept the fertilizer quote with no grub control measures unless grub damage is found. Seconded by Supervisor Gregory. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Stoner Road Bridge Repair – phone quotes have been obtained. Mar-Allen provided a quote of \$18,770 – Lobar quoted \$19,300 – J. D. Eckman declined to bid. Discussion was held that these amounts are close to the bidding threshold. Mr. Ziegler discussed the need for the road to be closed during the repair period.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the preparation of a bid packet and advertising for the Stoner Road Repair Project. Seconded by Supervisor Gregory. All voted in favor; motion carried.

BUILDING REPORT – Joe Gregory

The furnace valve discussed at the last meeting was installed yesterday.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION-Jeff Golding

Mr. Golding issued a reminder that when residents put down salt, they do so without mixing the way the township does when treating the roads, please do so sparingly. Not only will the use of less salt save money, it will also eliminate contaminants reaching the stream.

Attorney Gallo had been notified of a Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium in the development stage and she had been contacted in case there may be municipal interest.

COMMUNICATIONS

Lebanon County Conservation District – Tree and Plant sale flier

Northern Lebanon County Authority – December 20th Minutes

Voter Registration sent a reminder letter to Landlords for the election dates for 2017

Wilson Consulting sent a letter inquiring if the Township would be participating in the 2017-2021 Lebanon County Bridge Inspection Program

Supervisor Gregory moved to authorize Township participation. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Lebanon County Redevelopment Authority Letter inviting Swatara to attend the Consortium Meeting scheduled for Friday, February 10th at 8:30.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the office staff and Joe Gregory to attend the Consortium Meeting on February 10th. Seconded by Supervisor Gregory. All voted in favor; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Road Safety - Tabled

Rt. 72 Creek Parcel

Attorney Gallo reported that she has been in contact with Matthew and Hockley to provide the additional information required to complete the desired survey.

Ag Security Hearing Board Vacancy – Tabled

2017 Field Scheduling

Completed under Recreation Board Report

SESI – Pine Ridge Village Lot Consolidation

Mr. Golding had responded to SESI that they would need HOA approval before the Township can proceed. Representatives from the Pine Ridge HOA were on hand and reported that they are in the process of trying to schedule a meeting with Mr. McEwan. Attorney Gallo will be sending a letter to the developer to address the maintenance issues along the access alleyway between the cul-de-sacs. Mr. Golding will be checking on the status of the basins with the Conservation District. An inquiry was made as to whom is responsible for the sidewalks. Mr. Golding explained that although they are located in what will be area established for dedication to the Township, an ordinance is in place which makes the property owners responsible for sidewalks.

NEW BUSINESS

Security System Proposal for Cameras

Supervisor Patches moved to accept the Yarnell Security proposal for three cameras to be installed at the Township building providing that the price of \$2,710 was for the installation and not the annual fee. Seconded by Supervisor Gregory. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Patches asked to discuss a dairy farm in the township that will be submitting a zoning permit application. Mr. Patches had written the crop plan and Red Barn consulting is preparing the building E & S plan. This information will be combined into one plan. Attorney Gallo saw no conflict as long as Mr. Patches abstains if any action would be required from the Board.

2017-18 Salt Contract

Supervisor Gregory moved to authorize the Township to enter into the State Salt Contract with the same tonnage as this year's contract, 650 tons. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Unclaimed Property Filing

Supervisor Gregory moved to authorize the Township Staff to file the necessary paperwork with the Commonwealth to report the check that has not been cashed from the Tax Collection account so that the account can be closed. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT - Colleen Gallo

10-12 Creek Lane is in the process of being deeded to the leaseholder. The Bloodborne Pathogen Policy should be ready for consideration at the February Workshop.

Supervisor Gregory reported that he was notified by Mr. Firestone at Union Township that there will be no donations forthcoming from the Union Township Recreation Account. Mr. Gregory will try speaking to Mr. Firestone again on this topic.

It was reported that Jonestown Borough has reduced the speed on Market Street to 25 mph and would also like to reduce the speed on S. Lancaster Street.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Jeff Golding

Mr. Golding is looking into the feasibility of adding soccer fields to the ground owned by the Township along Old Rt. 22. DCNR has a grant round which is opening but it was determined that the Township could not meet the deadline and it would be more economical to keep the project "in house". The Recreation Board will be approached to see if the fields are something they would be interested in the Township pursuing. The Water Company right of way will also need to be established.

Supervisor Gregory moved to require that the outfield fencing in the Mill Street Park be removed except for tournament play pending that NLYAA is eligible for field use. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding
Mickey Gartlan