

Minutes
February 13, 2020

Chairman Kreitzer 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 Bill Bering, Jr., Richard Kreitzer and Dean Patches. Also, in attendance were Attorney, Colleen Gallo; Engineer, Joseph Strauch; and nine (9) residents.

Public Comments

Jeremy Paone – 9 Greble Road – The weather is impeding his progress and will not meet the February 21st deadline to complete the excavation and drainage work that had begun in August. Mr. Paone requested relief from the letter he received. The project has expanded in an attempt to address the water issues he is experiencing. The ground disturbance has exceeded allowable amounts without a plan in place which at this time the Township is willing to overlook. Mr. Paone stated the water is coming from Greble Road. Supervisor Patches stated that the Township has not done any work on Greble to affect stormwater. The Supervisors are agreeable to an extension. If more time would be needed, the Board would expect Mr. Paone to notify them by the March meeting. The Township does want to work with Mr. Paone but it cannot be a never-ending project.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to grant an extension until March 31st, for the grading, seeding and mulching to be completed. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Tim Zimmerer – 1390 Jessica Drive – Wanted to voice his support for the Levan's bridge. He used Swatara Road to reach the Northern Lebanon High School. He is in favor of the bridge being repaired so it can continue to be used.

Supervisor Patches provided an overview of the Levan's Bridge meeting. Wilson Consulting and the County's transportation planner attended last week's planning commission meeting to gain insight about the bridge from the residents. The residents at the meeting were in favor of the bridge being replaced with another that would be equivalent to the Levan's Bridge in size and capacity.

Supervisor Patches introduced Rusty Beers and his mother. Rusty was attending the meeting for a Boy Scout project.

Zoning and Code Enforcement

There were four permits issued last month and seven new property maintenance complaints were made. Attorney Gallo will be filing complaints against properties on Fairway Drive and Lickdale Road for failing to complete the remediation of property maintenance issues. The Property on State Route 72 is being relisted for a hearing because of unresolved property maintenance issues.

Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Patches moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting on January 6th and the Workshop on January 22nd. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

January 2020 Financial Report

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to accept the January 2020 Financial Report. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Bills Payable

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to approve the bills payable list totaling \$168,344.15 from the Liquid Fuels and General Funds. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission Report

Supervisor Patches reported that the Planning Commission is working on a Stormwater Application based on project size and amount of grading disturbances. STR's were reviewed and the Planning Commission was unanimous that they should not be allowed on lots less than 2 acres in size. They were in agreement that the list they had previously approved should stand.

Jeff Werner commented that Storm Water Management should be addressed under the premise of do no harm when dirt is moved. He is in agreement with a comment made by John Light during the planning approval of his chicken houses. He had stated that an engineer designs the stormwater and the property owner maintains the bond. But if the designed facilities not work or fail, it is ultimately the property owner's problem. Going back to the do no harm, the stormwater should be designed accordingly.

Recreation Board Report – Mike Smith

The Rec Board would like to direct their energy in establishing a plan for the development of the Swatara Park ground along Old Rt 22 into sports fields. They would like to possibly incorporate the basin repair work across the street into the field design to create buffers for the restoration of the swales which would meet some of the criteria set by DCNR and assist with MS4.

Discussion was held that the farmer working the Township's land along Old Route 22 should be supplying a certificate of insurance with the Township listed as an additional insured. Nate Dove commented that his insurance company also requires that he request that of the farmer working his property as well.

Township Report – Kirk Artz

The Road Crew has been trimming trees, plowed snow once and are performing regular maintenance on the equipment. Quotes for the field maintenance in the Mill Street Park were reviewed:

TruGreen	\$6,872.50
Lawn Doctor	\$10,300.00
Tomlinson Bomberger	\$5,990.00

Supervisor Patches moved to accept the quote from Tomlinson Bomberger for \$5,990.00. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Artz presented information about plate tampers and jumping jacks to the Board for purchasing consideration. Currently, these items are regularly borrowed from a neighboring municipality.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the purchase of a plate tamper and a jumping jack from Groff Equipment. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Artz obtained quotes for paving a section of Cemetery Road on the Little Mountain Road side of the mountain. The Board directed Mr. Artz to obtain quotes for the roads off SR 72 in the New Bunker Hill Area.

Stormwater Management – Joe Strauch

Old Business Number 3 and 4:

Mill Street Heights Basin – plans have been prepared to be used for bidding.

Mill Street Heights Swale – A cost estimate needs to be obtained and the project needs to be discussed with the Northern Lebanon County Authority.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the bid packet be prepared for the Mill Street Basin and Swale project. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Communications

Red Barn - Act 14 letter for Linford Snyder's Dead End Road Poultry project

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the completion of the Act 14 letter for the proposed Dead End Road Chicken Houses. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer.

All voted in favor; motion carried.

NLCA Minutes from December 17th

County Assessment sent 2 letters regarding properties that are being placed on the Non-Taxable list.

PA One notification of 2019 refund - \$90.91

PennDot sent copies of their plans for the repair of the S. Lancaster Street Bridge Project

Larry Minnich – Central Medical Ambulance Services sent an e-mail expressing concerns about the response times of other ambulance services.

OLD BUSINESS

Ambulance Service Proposal

Supervisor Patches moved adopt Resolution 2020-03 – an Intermunicipal Agreement of Cooperation for the Lease of the Ono station for use by Life Lion Ground Ambulance Services. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Patches moved to sign the Ground Ambulance Service Agreement for Life Lion Ambulance Services. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding Lebanon County's new CAD system. There are still deficiencies that need to be addressed. The primary calls are as they should be but if the primary is not available, the next closest to be dispatched, is not always the service being dispatched. The other municipalities participating in the Intermunicipal Agreement will be contacted to see if they feel this matter warrants an advertised meeting of the six entities and their emergency service providers. Supervisor Patches said that Swatara would be agreeable to host the meeting, including advertising.

FIRM

The new floodplain ordinance needs to be adopted by April. There are issues that will need to be discussed at the next Workshop.

2020-2021 Salt Contract

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize Township Staff to submit a contract amount of 400 tons of Bulk Ice Removal Salt for the 2020-21 winter. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Swatara Sojourn

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the signing of Resolution #2020-02 stating Swatara Township's support of the 2020 Swatara Sojourn. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Short Term Rentals (STRs) – Tabled

Attorney's Report – Colleen Gallo

The Maintenance Easement Agreement has been prepared and Mr. Artz has been directed to contact Mr. Blatt, the owner of 195A Greble Road, to review the easement agreement.

Engineer's Report – Joe Strauss

Nothing additional to report.

Adjournment

Supervisor Patches moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding