

Minutes
November 12, 2020

Chairman Kreitzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisors in attendance were Bill Bering, Jr., Richard Kreitzer and Dean Patches who attended remotely. Also, in attendance were Attorney, Colleen Gallo, Engineers, Jeff Golding and Brent Ramsey and five (5) residents.

Public Comments – None

Bid Opening – Materials Bid

The Proof of Publication was available for inspection. One bid had been received. Rohrer's Quarry, Inc. bid was opened by Supervisor Kreitzer. The bid contained prices for items 5 through 11.

	Unit Price FOB Plant	Unit Price Delivered
5. 700 Tons AS-3 Anti Skid	9.00 / 6,300.00	18.50 / 12,950.00
6. 500 Tons PA-2A	6.50 / 3,250.00	16.00 / 8,000.00
7. 50 Tons R-4	11.00 / 550.00	20.50 / 1,025.00
8. 50 Tons AASHTO No. 3	8.50 / 425.00	18.00 / 900.00
9. 25 Tons AASHTO No. 10	5.50 / 137.50	15.00 / 375.00
10. 100 Tons AASHTO No. 57	7.75 / 775.00	17.25 / 1,725.00
11. 20 Tons R-6	16.00 / 320.00	25.50 / 510.00

Supervisor Patches moved reject the bid and rebid to get bids on all items.
Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Zoning and Code Enforcement

Four zoning permits had been issued in October. The Zoning Officer is out of the office and a report was not received on the status of the current outstanding Code Violations.

Elderberry Lane – Mr. Stoner's last paid on his outstanding balance in July 2020.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to turn this matter over to the Solicitor for further enforcement. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Bering moved to adopt the October 8th Meeting Minutes and the October 21st Budget Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

October 2020 Financial Report

Supervisor Kreitzer commented that the expenditures they were making around the building were a result of last year's mild winter.

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

Bills Payable

Supervisor Bering moved to approve the bills payable list totaling \$194,485.11 from the Fire Hydrant Fund, M/R Sewer and General Funds. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission – Supervisor Bering

The Wilmer Weaver Subdivision Plan and sewer module had been reviewed and the plan was given conditional approval and the module was recommended for approval.

The Linford Snyder Land Development Plan was reviewed and Ordinance Discussions continue. Attorney Gallo suggested the Planning Commission consider allowances for Cannabis facilities.

Recreation Board Report –Supervisor Kreitzer

The survey of the Swatara Township Park is complete and work on the conceptual plan is to begin. Public meetings will be held in January and February to determine what facilities are desired in the park. Grant will be sought for the development of the park. The Christmas decorating contest advertisements will posted soon.

Township Report – Kirk Artz

In October the road crew has patched roads, serviced equipment, mowed the park and cleaned inlets. The upcoming projects include tree trimming, patching catch basins, getting the equipment ready for winter and servicing equipment. Prices on welders were obtained. Four quotes were obtained from two different suppliers.

Supervisor Bering moved to allot up to \$4,000 to purchase a welder. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Stormwater – Brent Ramsey

Mr. Ramsey reported that Gannett Fleming will need additional information for the stormwater management permit application they had been asked to compile. There are a few minor modifications they would like to address during a workshop. It was determined that the next scheduled workshop on Wednesday, November 25 at 9am would work for everyone. Mr. Ramsey is waiting for contact from Laurel Etter regarding the Township's Pollution Reduction Plan.

Communications:

NLCA Minutes from September 22, 2020

Light-Heigel Rates for 2021 were provided

DEP Approval Letter for the Swatara Mobile Home Park Development – transitioning to public sewer

Tax Claim Sale notice for 2 Jamison Park, Jonestown

JB Environmental Services notification that his rates are not changing

Matthew & Hockley Letter granting extension for the Wilmer Weaver Subdivision Plan

Red Barn Letter granting extension for the Linford Snyder Land Development Plan.

Lebanon Daily News Proof of Publication of the 2021 Bid Notice

OLD BUSINESS

Mill Street Heights Basin Project – Brent Ramsey

The basin project is underway. The final paving will wait until spring. A request for work completed to date was submitted for consideration, \$56,260.80. A few items are still outstanding on the list of items they say have been completed.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to pay the requested \$56,260.80 contingent on the Engineer's approval that all work has been completed. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Mill Street Heights Swale Project – Brent Ramsey

After review of the survey. They considered two options, a trench or a vegetative swale. They are going to design the vegetative swale as it will be designed to manage a 10-year storm and the construction will be less intrusive to the sewer line in that area. The preliminary plans will be presented and discussed with Mr. Darkes.

Swatara Park Development

In addition to the discussion under the Recreation Board report. Gannett Fleming had conducted a bog turtle study working in conjunction with Alpha Consulting.

Darkes Road Pipe Replacement Project

The permit application has been prepared and check in the amount of \$942.00 for the DEP application fee is needed.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize a check to DEP in the amount of \$942.00. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Chestnut Ridge Deed Dedication

Supervisor Patches moved to adopt Resolution #2020-07 accepting the Deed of Dedication for E. Chestnut Street in Chestnut Ridge. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Glenn and Connie Landis Bond Release Request

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to release the bond of Glenn and Connie Landis in the amount of \$49,200.00. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Julie Bliesath – Noise Ordinance Request

Mrs. Bliesath reported an issue with noise coming from the Shuey Farm on N. Lancaster Street. They had contacted the police and District Attorney. There are people living in campers, playing loud music which can be heard inside their home with the windows closed and the air conditioning running. The Zoning Officer has been investigating the situation and if the notice of violation has not been sent, it will be soon. The enforceability of a noise ordinance was discussed.

John Light Land Development Plan Bond Release Request

The final inspection has not been completed.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to release John Light's contingent on the approval of the engineer. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Wilmer Weaver Planning Module

Supervisor Bering moved to authorize the submittal of the Wilmer Weaver Planning Module to DEP. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Wilmer Weaver Subdivision Plan

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to approve the Wilmer Weaver Subdivision Plan contingent on approval of the planning module by DEP and the receipt of the bonding. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Amr Hassan was present to discuss the fine levied by the Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Hassan is requesting the Township consider a further reduction in the fines against his property at 2216 SR 72. He feels that the fine is too high and he has continued to work at improving the property as money allowed. Mr. Hassan contends that when the house sells, he will only be breaking even. He contends that the maintenance on the house has continued, even when he was out of the country. Photos taken on August 3, 2020, which were presented at the latest hearing on August 4th were reviewed. Discussion was held regarding the deficiencies presented. The Board will be taking this matter of potential litigation into an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss further.

2021 Budget

There is no tax increase proposed in the 2021 Budget. The budget was advertised and has been posted for 21 days.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to adopt the 2021 Budget. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Bridge No. SW T-561 Old Jonestown Road / New Bunker Hill Street Study

There are concerns about the road should PennDot follow through with using this road as a detour for the SR 72 Bridge Project. The Construction Manager for S. Lancaster Street Bridge Project will be contacted to discuss the areas that are showing damage. The bridge has been showing signs of strain and there are concerns that the additional traffic, particularly tractor trailers would cause extensive damage. Gannett Fleming will discuss a traffic study and weight limits with their traffic division to get an estimate for a study.

2020 Budget Resolution

Should the Township's Budget exceed 10% of the aggregate or 25% of a major category, a resolution correcting the differences needs to be passed. This will be addressed at the next meeting, if necessary.

Attorney's Report – Colleen Gallo

Nothing further to report.

Engineer's Report – Brent Ramsey

Jeff Golding requested an executive session to discuss the following matters of potential litigation. Mr. Golding announced that this would be his last meeting and with the exception of serving in a supporting role to Mr. Ramsey, he would be returning to retirement.

No action would be required after the executive session. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:23 p.m.

Adjournment

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to Adjourn the executive session at 9:03 p.m.
Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding