

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting
March 8, 2021 (via Zoom)

General Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.

Board Members in Attendance: Douglas Pallman, Kevin Carr and Robert Naegele

Board Guests in Attendance: Robert Sheils, III, Solicitor; D. Scot Haan, CEO; Francine Fawcett, Secretary/Treasurer

Public in attendance: Alex & Carol Mielnikowski, Jennifer Kwiatkowski -Newton Township Tax Collector, Fire Company Chief M. Jeffrey LaCoe, Accountant Eric Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Waters (Falls Road), Surveyor Joe Barrett, James Ridolfi and Joe Durkin- Reilly Engineering firm for the Clarks Summit State Hospital.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Carr to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of February 8, 2021, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor, Pallman abstained.

Announcements: None

Correspondence: Correspondence is available with the Secretary's office during regular business hours for review.

New Business:

Eric Davis- Ginader & Jones: Mr. Davis reviewed the 2020 audit.

Clarks Summit State Hospital Sewage Treatment Facility: James Ridolfi and Joe Durkin of Reilly Engineering for the hospital came before the board to give an update on the status of the sewage treatment facility. The facility currently provides for the hospital, the Abington Heights Middle School and the Newton Ransom Elementary which pays a fee. The sewage facility can no longer handle the demand and will be moved to the Abington Regional Wastewater Facility in South Abington Township. They will be phasing out the current facility and plans are to use the area for a pump station that will be operated by the State. A draft agreement has been provided for review by the township. The State will bare all costs associated with this project including advertising, updating the Act 537 and public review. There has not been needed major improvements to the facility since it was first installed in 1974. There was maintenance and maybe some minor improvements. Solicitor will review the draft and discuss with the supervisors.

Spenser/Waters Lot-line adjustment: Joe Barrett, surveyor, is asking the township for a waiver from having soil testing. The lot line adjustment would be adding 6 ½ acres to the Waters property from the over 100 acres of the Spenser property on Falls Road. Haan stated that the township has not required additional testing on the part that is going to be

made larger if there is already a house and septic on the property but have required it on the piece of property that is made smaller. Supervisors will discuss and have an answer by the Planning Commission meeting on March 31. Sheils will speak with Supervisors before the 31st.

Unfinished Business:

Master Plan: Naegele sent a revised draft from Highland. Pallman would like to have a meeting this week with the supervisors and DPW to discuss.

Act 537 update: The update will be on hold since the discussion with the state hospital.

Website: Pallman will have a meeting with Fawcett and web designer to make a new website.

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Tax Collector: Kwiatkowski stated that the 2021 tax bills have been mailed out.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported that the fire company had 21 calls for the month of February. The pierogi and halushki sale were a success and there will be a wiener sale on April 9.

Road Master: Naegele discussed the work performed by the DPW this past month along with all the snow plowing. Santarsiero is updating the paving list. Discussion on purchasing a new truck. Receiving a new truck is out 1 ½ to 2 years. Santarsiero to put prices together. DPW will be ordering pipe to extend their storage area behind the garage.

Recreation Center: Discussion regarding opening the center. The township will wait to see how it goes with the school opening. We will make a decision by our next meeting in April. Procedures will be in place and we will be able to open the rec center by April 13th if all is still going well with the COVID. Carr was informed by Herbert that some employees still do not feel comfortable coming back and we may need to advertise for staff members so we can open again. Work orders were received and Carr will have Dave Pregmon come over to work on.

SAPA: SAPA Zoom meeting tomorrow.

Planning Commission: No meeting in February.

Solicitor: Sheils reported that he reviewed the planned opening procedures for the Rec Center and believes it all looks good. Act 537 update is on hold.

Bills: Motion by Naegele to approve the bills as read and prepared, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.

Public Input: None

Being no further public input and discussion, **Naegele motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57PM PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Fawcett