

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting
May 10, 2021

General Meeting called to order at 6:30PM with Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Board Guests in Attendance: Robert Sheils, III, Solicitor; D. Scot Haan (7:30PM), CEO; Francine Fawcett, Secretary/Treasurer

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Carr to approve the minutes of the SAPA Hearing and General Meeting of April 12, 2021, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor.

Announcements: None

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

New Business:

Marty Kelleher: Mr. Kelleher is the owner of Summit Hills Golf that is interested in putting a development on the property and hook into the State's septic line. Due to the State making plans to move the line, he wanted to know the status and be involved in the talks with the State and the Township. Supervisors explained that the State has not moved any further in their plans and we would keep him updated.

Alan Goldstein: Mr. Goldstein is a property owner on Forest Acres Drive that is having a problem with his neighbor feeding birds. He states that it is very loud and attracting squirrels. He also has concern for his health with regard to the bird droppings. His car is also being soiled and animals are making nests in his car. He would like to see an ordinance put in place that would not allow residents of Newton Township to feed birds. He presented an ordinance from Moosic Borough for an example. Supervisors will take under advisement.

Unfinished Business:

Act 537 update: The township supervisors have received a letter of engagement with Attorney Lawrence to assist the township in updating their Act 537 at a cost of \$250/hr. **Motion by Naegele to sign, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Tax Collector: Not present.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported that the fire company had 25 calls for the month of April. The fire company will again do a Memorial Day Parade on the Boulevard on Memorial Day.

Road Master: Naegele discussed the work performed by the DPW this past month which includes grading of the dirt roads. There was some storm damage that they are fixing as well.

Recreation Center: The Rec Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30PM to 8:30PM. Rentals are available from 4PM to 5:30PM and 6PM to 7:30PM. Walk-ins' reservations are available. The center is open on Saturday's from 10AM to 4PM. The Abington Youth Soccer is renting the field through August. The Center's supervisor, Sabrina Herbert, has resigned at the end of Summer.

Planning Commission: The planning commission met to discuss the questions that the Supervisors had during the SAPA hearing last month.

CEO: Haan reported calls for zoning and for a situation with a road in a subdivision that is washing down the road.

Solicitor: Sheils reported that he is working on the bid package for trash removal. The current contract with J.P. Mascaro expires at the end of the year.

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, Carr motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Fawcett