

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting
September 13, 2021

General Meeting called to order at 6:33PM 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, Code Enforcement; and Francine Fawcett, Secretary/Treasurer

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Naegele to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of August 9, 2021, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.

Announcements: None

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

New Business:

Scarantino: Mr. & Mrs. Scarantino came to the meeting to discuss the paving of Fairway Drive at the end of the cul-de-sac. Supervisors explained that we still have not heard from PADOT about getting the liquid fuels for the road yet. Township will follow-up with PADOT and take a look at the area to see if there is anything that the DPW can do now.

Municipal Minimum Obligation: The report was not ready for signature yet but will be completed this week for Mr. Pallman to sign. This is for the pension plans.

Public Input:

Martin Stopper, 103 Camelot Drive- Mr. Stopper came to the meeting to discuss the dead ash trees on Camelot Drive. The trees are hanging over the road and are dead. Pallman stated that this is an emergency and will have the DPW get quotes from tree trimmers.

Christine Beck – 1617 Davinci Lane-Mrs. Beck came to the meeting to discuss the swale by her house and the water situation that she is having due to her neighbor. DPW will be asked to look at it.

Tom Radkiewicz – 1614 Beaver Pond Road- Mr. Radkiewicz came to the meeting to discuss the noise from his neighbors business. The wedding venue is too loud. The Board discussed that they will speak with the business owner and have a conditional use hearing.

Alex Welsch – Newton Ransom Blvd- Mr. Welsch came to the meeting again regarding the trailer parked on a property on Newton Ransom Blvd. Supervisors explained that there is nothing that he is in violation with our current ordinances. The gentleman is doing what he is supposed to be doing with getting the sewage pumped out. Haan will see him about getting his permits to build.

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Road Master: Naegele discussed that the issue with the culvert on Hilltop Drive and washing out the driveway all the time at 17009 Hilltop Drive. The issue with Kimberly Circle drainage will be turned over to the engineer. Waiting on the DEP approval for plans to move forward for fixing the culvert on Ford's Pond Road. When the DEP approval is received, we can move forward with the bidding process.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported that the fire company had a total of 39 calls for the month of August. The fire company will be having a wiener sale on October 1.

Solicitor: Shiels discussed that the addendum for the Daydreamer's lease was ready for signing for the termination of the lease effective May 30, 2022. Sheils also prepared a draft bid document for the garbage contract which will be reviewed by the Board and put out to bid after our October meeting. Supervisors will need to discuss the letter from Attorney Lawrence regarding updating the Act 537 for the township.

Recreation Center: Carol Mielnikowski discussed that the hole in the wall was painted. The part for the boiler will be coming tomorrow. We have a wasp issue that will require PPL to shut of the power for a few minutes on Wednesday at 8:30AM to allow to spray for the wasps. We will have a soft opening of the rec center for rentals only. The township is working on getting the building appraised.

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

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 8:43 PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Fawcett