

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting

April 11, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:41PM after Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members in Attendance: Kevin Carr and Robert Naegele

Absent: Douglas Pallman

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Naegele to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of March 14, 2022, 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:

Abington Rotary: The Abington Rotary will be holding their fireworks display at the Abington Heights Middle School on Friday, July 1 with a rain date of Saturday, July 2. Everything is the same as previous years. Virginia Johnson, Abington Rotary, was present to discuss. **Motion by Naegele to grant the mass gathering permit and waive the fee as long as the insurance is provided to the township before the event, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Wentz Subdivision: DEP modules were presented for signing along with a resolution. Os Patton and David Garvey, SEO's, signed off on the modules. **Motion by Naegele to approve Resolution 2022-1 and authorize Francine Fawcett to sign since the chairman was not present, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Recreation Center: Discussion regarding the need for a UV light for the water system as the samples keep coming back with bacteria. The UV light is needed to control the bacteria. If we don't get the UV light, the bacteria can turn into e-coli. Cresswells gave an estimate of \$4,000 and will take care of the DEP modules that will need to be completed. DEP did an inspection at the center and found a few minor items that need to be taken care of to stay in compliance. Fawcett will contact Cresswell to move forward and get a cost of the additional items that are needed. **Motion by Naegele to approve the quote from Cresswell plus the items that need to be done per DEP requirements, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Tax Collector: A deputy tax collector is needed. Tabled.

NRVFC: Chief Laco reported that there were 24 calls for the month of March. The Chief was provided a copy of the draft letter that will go out to residents that do not have their address signs. Halushki and Pierogi sale is this Friday at 4PM.

Road Master: Naegele discussed the work that has been done by the DPW last month. Paving and reclamation bids were opened and will be awarded at the continuation of this meeting on Wednesday at noon. The DPW is patching potholes with cold patch currently but the plants should be opening shortly to do hot patch. Culverts will go out to bid soon and open in June. AEP oil prices came in with Vestal at \$1.94/gallon and Suit-Kote at \$1.98/gallon. That is a 20% increase from last year. **Motion by Naegele to approve the quote from Vestal Asphalt for \$1.94/gallon, heat, haul and applied, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Grass cutting quotes: Quotes were received for grass cutting here at the township building and the recreation center. Ads were placed stating that anyone that would be interested, would need to contact the township for specifics as to what we need. One bidder, Nicholai Nocella, did not contact the township prior to putting a bid in the mailbox and bid \$1500 to mow twice a month. Blades Lawn Care bid \$150 for the township property and \$300 for the recreation center. DeAngelo Landscaping bid \$150 for the township property and \$200 for the recreation center. **Motion by Naegele to award the work to DeAngelo Landscaping and discuss amending the term at our continuation on Wednesday, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Code Enforcement: Haan reported that he spoke with the property owners regarding ditches on Port Royal Road and Valley View Drive. He explained to them that they need to have rock due to a sharp drop-off. He also stated that he investigated the complaint regarding the Tayoun property on Winola Road and per the conditional use decision, they are not in violation. Haan and Sheils will let the Glancey's know that they need to come to the next meeting to discuss the usage of the property compared to what is allowed with the conditional use decision.

Planning Commission: Haan stated that the planning commission discussed the Rotary Club and the Wentz Subdivision.

Solicitor: Sheils discussed that he provided draft letters regarding the cancelling of the leases for the dance room at the recreation and the Rohrer Bus lease. He also provided the draft letter for the violation of the numbering ordinance. Sheils also had a letter to be signed by Pallman for DCED for the regionalization articles of agreement for the study of police regionalization.

PSATS Convention: Santarsiero and Fawcett will be attending the convention in Hershey from April 24th to April 27th. **Motion by Naegele to approve the attendance of Santarsiero and Fawcett to the convention and approve \$75/day for meals and mileage, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Public Input:

Scarantino's Fairway Drive: The Scarantino's came to the meeting to discuss the water situation at the end of their driveway and the water washing it out. The matter has been going on for at least five years and they want something done. Naegele and Carr were shown pictures and discussed the possible remedy and easements that will need to be signed.

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, **Naegele motioned to continue the meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at noon, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9PM