

# Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting

## May 9, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:33PM after Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Robert Sheils, III, solicitor

Board Guests in Attendance: D. Scot Haan, CEO and Francine Fawcett, Secretary/Treasurer

**Approval of Minutes: Motion by Carr to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of April 11, 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor, Pallman abstained.**

**Motion by Carr to approve the minutes of the continuation of the April 11, 2022 meeting on April 13, 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

***Sean Connelly, Chinchilla Hose Company Chief:*** Mr. Connelly addressed the board to discuss the need for more funding for Chinchilla Hose Company and requests some of the money from Newton Township's allocation of federal funds received with the ARP money. Chinchilla Hose is handling the ambulance calls in Newton Township since Newton Ransom Volunteer Fire Company does not have an operating ambulance. The board stated that they will discuss.

***Kathy Gawel:*** Mrs. Gawel approached the Supervisors in regards to retrieving her uncle's WWII medals from the history room at the recreation center because the room is not always open. Mrs. Gawel was unsure as to how many medals were donated. The board discussed the situation that it was her uncle that donated the medals to the center and therefore, will have to discuss the situation with our solicitor. The history room will also need to be inventoried.

***Reilly and Associates, Clarks Summit State Hospital:*** Joe Durkin, Reilly and Associates has been in touch with Mr. Pallman in regards to the sewage treatment facility and if the township has made a decision as to what we want to do. Pallman explained that we still had not received the survey results from the Department of General Services and therefore, we did not have a decision as to which way we will go.

**Standing Committee Reports:** POSTED - Planning Commission

***NRVFC:*** Chief Lacoé stated that the fire company had 36 calls for the month of April.

***Recreation Center:*** Pallman explained that we still want to try and bring the center back to being an asset to the community. Daydreamers approached the Planning Commission to have a conditional use hearing to move the daycare to a property on Orchard Drive, however, pulled that request last week. In negotiating the lease, the township has decided to offer Daydreamer's a

lease for one year at \$5908/month. Pallman will discuss with the owners. During that year, the Supervisors will have to decide whether to keep the center or sell it. The lack of volunteers is still a major hardship for the center.

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

***Road Master:*** Naegele discussed the work that has been done by the DPW last month which still included plowing and salting. The reclamation has started and paving should begin the last week of May. The DPW foreman is still trying to get the quotes for the salt shed so that the township can follow through with a grant. Naegele received a quote of \$47,000 for the culverts needed, that price includes delivery and placement. Naegele will also check with Milnes Engineering for the status of the bid packages for the culvert work.

***Planning Commission:*** Haan stated that the planning commission discussed the Sheridan Conditional Use request and that the Planning Commission recommended that Sheridan retain a lawyer for her conditional use request. The Commission also discussed Terra Manor and they are still months away from final approval as they still need a developer's agreement, bonding and a 50ft. right-of-way for the road.

**Public Input:** None

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

Being no further business, Naegele motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.