

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting

June 13, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:32PM 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 May 9, 2022, 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:

Jeff Kyle – DGK Insurance: Mr. Kyle was present to discuss the township's insurance renewal. The insurance increased 4% over last year. Next year we are looking at a 15% increase in the worker's compensation insurance. Mr. Kyle explained that due to new state mandates and a new line item in the worker's compensation insurance for staff support now being covered for fire companies, the fire company will need to present at a township meeting, a list of all events they will take on for the year. The list will be made part of the minutes and will need to be approved by the Supervisors in order for members to be covered if a claim is made. Mr. Kyle also stated to make sure that all subcontractors provide proof of worker's compensation.

Davinci Lane driveway issue: Mrs. Beck, 1617 Davinci Lane was supposed to be present to discuss but had an emergency. She did email a complaint regarding the driveway put in at 1619 Davinci Lane. Haan and Carr inspected the driveway and found no issues. Haan stated that a swale was in the driveway to keep water from the roadway. The contractor responsible for the driveway was due to complete the work in a day or two, after which, Haan will reinspect and a letter will be sent to Mrs. Beck discussing the findings of the township.

Police Regionalization: Pallman discussed a meeting he attended with other municipalities and DCED who were responsible for putting the study together. The cost to each municipality is based solely on population and would cost a total of \$3.3 million. Newton Township's cost would be \$429,000. DCED also explained that grants would be available. Newton Township will continue to be part of the study for now.

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Recreation Center: Daydreamers lease amount has been agreed upon and a draft lease was prepared by our solicitor for review by the supervisors. Discussion with Carol Mielnikowski regarding hourly rates for rentals. She will put a list together for the board to review. Lifeline Screening will use the gym on September 17 or September 24 for eight hours for screenings. Dance room lease was not yet agreed upon.

Tax Collector: A deputy tax collector is needed. We will ask Jen if she has someone to put in. Taxes are coming in and only \$60,000 more to collect.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported that he is getting a lot of calls for the signs and people are complying with the letter sent by the township. A bit over 200 letters were sent to residents not complying with the ordinance. The ordinance is available for review on the township's website. Chief also requested the township review the contract between the fire company and township as it was signed in 1997 and needs to be updated to remove the emergency medical services. The contract will be sent to our solicitor for review.

Solicitor: Attorney Sheils was not present but did provide the township with a list of items to discuss. One of the most important was a maintenance bond the township holds for Stonewood Estates for the private road portion. Pallman asked that Sheils review the POA and if the township cannot be held responsible for anything on the private portion, we can release. Attorney Valvano, representing Terra Manor, is working with Sheils to put together a developer's agreement and the development is working on issues brought up by the township's engineer. Sheils has been in contact with ARWA regarding the status of the State Hospital sewage facility. They are leaning towards not updating the current site but tapping into ARWA. This is far from a finalization.

Planning Commission: No May meeting.

Zoning: Haan reported about an issue with a building permit on St. Andrew's Road. Haan denied the permit due to the setback requirements not being met. The home owner did not believe that the roof overhang or the footers would be considered. He was informed that he can go for a variance and appeal his decision to the zoning hearing board.

Road Master: Naegele reported that the culverts are ordered and the work has been advertised for bid. Bids will be opened at the July 11th meeting. Working on remedies to fix the issue on Fairway Drive. Decision was made that we will apply for the grant for a concrete block (4 high) and fabric dome top for the salt shed.

Public Input:

Fantine Mireille – 1907 Newton Ransom Blvd. Came to discuss the poor job J. P. Mascaro does and ask if the township can stop the fire company from blowing the siren at noon and 6PM. It was explained that we are working with Mascaro to fix issues in the township and that the fire company is a separate entity and not governed by the township.

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

Being no further business, **Naegele motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**