

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting
August 15, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM 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 July 11, 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:

Rob Tompkins – New Leaf Energy: Mr. Tompkins came to the meeting to speak with the Board to state that his company is looking to put in a solar farm on approximately 25-30 acres of land owned by the Kelleher family. These will be ground mounted panels. He will be in touch with Haan to move forward with the land development plan.

Burn Ban: By request of the fire company chief, there will be a burn ban in Newton Township until at least our next meeting on September 12, 2022. Sheils also stated that he would like to do an amendment to our burn ordinance to reflect that if the township deems a burn ban is necessary, the chief will have the ability to declare it.

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Recreation Center: Daydreamers lease was signed. There was an issue with the regulator on the outside gas tanks creating a leak. There was discussion regarding the use of the gym for free for training purposes. The supervisors stated that it can be rented. The center will employ Alex Mielnikowski as a maintenance person at the rate of \$20/hr. for doing various jobs and repairs and the building.

Tax Collector: Taxes are coming in and there is only approximately \$30,000 to collect.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported that the fire company had 32 calls for the month of July.

Road Master: Naegele reported on the various work the DPW has been doing. The paving project came in at approximately \$30,000 under budget.

Solicitor: Attorney Sheils reported that he is working on the easements needed for the culvert replacement work. He discussed his idea regarding the amendment to the burn ordinance and discussed with the supervisors the prospect of leasing or selling the conservation district the land next to the township building. The conservation district will be told to bring a plan to the township.

CEO: Haan reported that he has been visiting the trailer on Newton Ransom Blvd. but there has been no one there and the electric is still turned off. He has been instructed to contact the owner of the land, Wood, and have the trailer taken away.

Planning Commission: No June meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Culvert bids: The engineer reviewed all bids submitted to the township for the culvert replacement work on Hilltop Drive and Fords Pond Road. The lowest bidder, Minichi, had all required paperwork submitted and, therefore, recommends Minichi. **Motion by Naegele to approve the work with Minichi for \$214,000, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Public Input : None

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

Being no further business, **Carr motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18PM, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor.**