

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting
March 13, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM 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, CEO and Francine Fawcett, Secretary/Treasurer

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Carr to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of February 13, 2023, 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.

Public Input:

John Scarantino – 110 Fairway Drive stated that George Seig would like to come to the next meeting to discuss the proposed work on Fairway Drive. It will be put on April's agenda.

New Business:

Exploratory Committee: Terry Purcell – 2021 Newton Ransom Blvd. discussed that the committee has nine people for consideration to the Rec Board. The committee reviewed the by-laws and have a few minor changes they would like to see put in. They reviewed the leases and did a walk through of the building. A punch list was crated of maintenance items to be prioritized. The committee is recommending subcommittees for various projects. The committee will meet once a month and will provide a report each month to the Board of Supervisors. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6PM. **Motion by Carr to move forward with the exploratory committee and appoint Tiffany Ammons, Ruth Griggs, Bobbi Jo Klinkel, Georgia Liberatori, Terry Purcell, Sue Richter, Jason Williams and Anne Williams as temporary board members, 2nd by**

Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor. Committee will now move forward with elections and revising the by-laws for Supervisor review and approval.

Lease Proposals: Discussion ensued regarding the lease proposals to Daydreamers and A Steppin' Time Dance Studio. Daydreamers rate would increase to \$7146 from \$5908 due to appraisals done and there being 4400 sq. ft. of space being occupied solely by Daydreamers. The dance studio rate will increase to \$1067 for twelve months from the \$805 for nine months.

Misty Lane – Summit Lake Woods: There was an inspection done by Lackawanna County Conservation. A notice was sent to the land owner and they have a time limit to act to rectify the observations of the Conservation District. Solicitor to do some research to see who owns the property.

Unfinished Business: None

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Recreation Center: It was discussed with the committee that we are to focus on reopening the gym. A question was asked if there will be a time limit on the signing the leases so the committee knows where they stand with making plans. Supervisors discussed that they would put a time limit on signing so if the leases are not signed we can market the space. There was discussion on getting the Facebook page up and running again.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe explained that the fire company will be opening bids for the ambulance on March 26th. Pallman explained that there are new fuel forms in a new box at the fuel tank.

Tax Collector: No report.

Road Master: Naegele reported on the various work the DPW has been doing, including the repair of trucks, cleaning under guide rails on Beaver Pond Road where a washout had to be fixed. The new roller was ordered from Medico. Discussion on the salt shed ensued and it was decided to move forward with ordering the block since they will be out a few months. **Motion by Carr to authorize the purchase of the block for no more than \$9500, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor. Motion by Pallman to contact Greystone Construction for the 36x42 dome top through Sourcewell, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

CEO: Haan reported that he has been addressing calls and complaints. Discussion on the trailer on Newton Ransom Blvd. There is no one living in the trailer and the Supervisors would like to see it removed. Haan will contact the owners.

Planning Commission: No meetings.

Solicitor: Sheils reported the research he did with regard to Sourcewell and it is legal to purchase through them. He also researched the paintings at the Rec Center by calling the historical society, the GSA and State College. The building was never a federal building and paintings can be sold.

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

Public Input: None

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