

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting
April 10, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:31PM 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 March 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: None

New Business:

Rep. James Haddock: Rep. Haddock was present to introduce himself and offer any help he can be to the township and fire company. He spoke of grant opportunities this Fall. His local office is located at 802 S. Main Street, Taylor.

Covalesky Subdivision: Planning Commission recommended approval of the minor subdivision of the Covalesky property. This subdivision is located in two counties and four townships. There is a small part that includes Newton. **Motion by Carr to approve the subdivision as presented, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Abington Rotary: The Rotary will hold their annual fireworks at the Abington Heights Middle School on July 1 with a rain date of July 2. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the mass gathering permit and waiving the fees. **Motion by Carr to approve the Rotary Club's request for a mass gathering permit and waive the fees contingent on receiving the certificate of insurance prior to the event, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Unfinished Business:

Rec Center Leases: Pallman discussed the status of the leases. Leases for both tenants have been signed. The dance room lease was always a nine- month lease but because the room is never cleaned out and can't be used the township decided to make it a twelve-month lease at a rate of \$914.00/month starting on July 1, 2023. Unless written notice is received by either party by May 31, 2024 the lease will renew at the rate of \$1067.00. **Motion by Carr to approve the lease, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Daydreamers lease was signed and returned to the township March 31, 2023 with a rate increase to \$7146.00 per month for a twelve-month lease. Everything is included except the water testing fees. The daycare uses 70% of the building and is there five days a week. **Motion by Carr to approve the lease, 2nd by Naegele. Pallman opposed. Motion voted two in favor.**

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Recreation Center: The committee reported on their meeting and the list of officers and three sub-committees. Meeting minutes are available in the township office. Work orders were submitted and a list of rentals. There will be line dancing beginning April 23, 2023. An online booking calendar for the gym and pavilion is being set up. Potential contractors list provided. Supervisors will have the solicitor put together a resolution that will allow the committee to spend up to \$1000 on a repair and anything over the \$1000 will need Supervisor approval.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported 25 calls for the month of February and 25 for the month of March. If the County puts a burn ban in place, he will contact the township to post on the website and Facebook.

Tax Collector: No report.

Road Master: Naegele reported on the various work the DPW has been doing. Shoulders have to be done on Cherry Hill Road and our solicitor will work on easements for the property owners to sign. Discussion ensued regarding the work to be done on Fairway Drive. A meeting will be scheduled that will include the residents affected, Supervisor Naegele, township engineer and our DPW Foreman. Quotes were received for the AEP oil for the dirt roads. Vestal Asphalt had the lowest quote, through COSTARS, of \$2.045/heat, haul and applied. Vestal Asphalt also quoted the grader/operator at \$1900/day. **Motion by Pallman to approve Vestal Asphalt for the AEP at \$2.045 and the grader/operator at \$1900/day, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.** Discussion regarding the three trees that had to be removed from a resident's property for the culvert work on Fords Pond Road. Supervisors decided on \$250 per tree to replace the ones cut down. The township will plant unless the resident can have it done for a total cost of \$750 if she doesn't want our crew to plant.

CEO: Haan reported that the property owners where the trailer is on Newton Ransom Blvd. stated that the gentleman that has the trailer owns the property and we have to go through his attorney. Haan will get the attorney's information to Attorney Sheils to contact.

Planning Commission: Covalesky subdivision was recommended for approval. The Planning Commission also recommended approval of the mass gathering permit and waiver of the fees for the Rotary Club as long as the certificate of insurance was presented to the township prior to the event.

Solicitor: Sheils reported the research he did with regard to the property in the Woods at Summit Lake proved that the township has no responsibility. It was discussed that the Conservation District is involved.

Public Input:

Rebecca Bryk- 2312 Milwaukee Road approached the Board regarding water flooding her properties on Port Royal Road and Upper Maple Drive and would like to know if the township can do something to divert the pipes. Supervisors stated that they will have the DPW check the situation and we will report back to her.

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

Being no further business, **Carr motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor.**