

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting

May 8, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM with 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 April 10, 2023, 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.

Public Input: None

New Business:

Lisa Lane residents: Residents of Lisa Lane were present to discuss the water problems on the road and request paving. A meeting will be set up with DPW foreman and Naegele at the site.

Gus DePietro – 134 Gravel Pond Road: Mr. DePietro brought his concerns over the property located at 1335 Gravel Pond Road having loose garbage all over the property that blows everywhere and even in the creek. Haan has been to see the property owner who will cooperate to get the property cleaned up but has not done so yet. Sheils will send a letter to the owner with a time frame.

Unfinished Business: None

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Recreation Center: The committee reported on the rentals, meeting, activities and the building status. They received an estimate to repair the floors from the water damage last year. Daydreamers requested they look at other floors where they rent but refuse to pay to have them fixed from the wear and tear that they caused. Committee is going to recommend that window air conditioners not be used due to the stress on the windows. By-law changes still have to be submitted to the Board for review. Committee is working on getting estimates on building repairs. Community feed back is requesting that the

gym be returned to use. The grand opening is scheduled for September 23, 2023. May 21, 2023 there will be a book club meeting, paint and sip and line dancing. Denise Miller wants to meet with Willy to look at areas to be tarred. She also wants to meet with Russell to do maintenance. Fawcett will add the Facebook address to the website.

Resolution 2023-1: A resolution authorizing the payment of certain routine and recurring expenses of the Newton Recreation Center Committee. This resolution will authorize the committee to spend up to \$1000 without the Board having to discuss.

Motion by Naegele to approve Resolution 2023-1, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported 29 calls for the month of April. The fire company is hosting a Mother's Day breakfast on May 14, 2023 from 8am to 12.

Tax Collector: No report.

Road Master: Naegele reported on the various work the DPW has been doing. Discussion on the problem with drainage at the driveway at the Ford's Pond Road culvert. Naegele will work with Sheils to get rectified. Same residence will need to produce a receipt or have us pick up the plants to replace the trees that we took down for the culvert replacement, we will plant. Discussion that the DPW would like to work 6am to 2:30pm for the summer. Supervisors agreed to leave it to the foreman's discretion.

CEO: Haan still working on the trailer situation on Newton Ransom Blvd.

Planning Commission: Planning Commission recommended approval of the Lesh lot-line adjustment once the plans show that the septic is 10 feet from the property line and comments are returned from Lackawanna County Planning.

Solicitor: Sheils reported that he is working on the easements.

Public Input:

Mr. & Mrs. Stella – 1264 Country Club Road discussed their concerns with the stockpile building up at the PADOT shed. Supervisors will revisit the situation with PADOT to discuss again.

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

Being no further business, Naegele motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.