

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting July 10, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:31PM 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 (tabled from last month's meeting) of May 8, 2023, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.

Approval for the minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting are tabled until next month.

Announcements: None

Correspondence: Correspondence is available with the Secretary's office during regular business hours for review.

Public Input:

Residents from Port Royal Road (Scandale, Gerrity and Gretz) were present to complain about the propane cannon that is being used on a property near them to scare away the deer. Scot Haan explained to them that he shut the cannon off last night and was removing it today. It was explained to the residents that the township cannot stop him from operating it because it is an agricultural use.

Adam & Sarah Stella – 1264 Country Club Road were present with their neighbors, Rich & Georgia Brown – 1493 Hillside Drive and the McMinn's to discuss the stockpile at PADOT's shed. Adam Stella provided google map views from 1999 to present to show the growth of the stockpile. Supervisors asked him to work with our solicitor to put in a right-to-know for compliance reports and other information in regards to the stockpile.

New Business:

Bartholme Lot-line adjustment: Engineer Mike Dudey presented the plans to the board after adding the verbiage of this being in estate for Neil and Carol Bartholme by their daughter Natalie Lomeo. This lot-line adjustment is on Newton Ransom Blvd. They are removing a line that divided the property. The scale was also put on the maps. Planning Commission recommended approval contingent on the items being on the plans. **Motion by Naegele to approve the lot line adjustment for the Bartholme estate, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Unfinished Business: None

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Recreation Center: The committee reported on the rentals, meeting, activities and the building status. The committee approved the application of Bobbi Jo Klinkel as the Rec Center manager. **Motion by Naegele to approve Bobbi Jo Klinkel as the rec center manager at a rate to be determined next month when Pallman is back, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.** According to the by-laws, Klinkel can no longer serve on the rec committee, therefore, they would like to appoint Sharon Cosner Kelly to the committee. **Motion by Naegele to appoint Sharon Cosner Kelly to the recreation committee, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.** Discussion ensued regarding changes made to the by-laws, Attorney Sheils pointed out that the by-laws have to be posted three days prior to adoption by the supervisors at the township building and the rec center. Attorney Sheils will work with the committee on the by-laws.

Tax Collector: No report.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported 33 calls for the month of June. He also stated that the chicken BBQ and car show will take place August 5th and a gun bingo on October 13th. It is also noted that the president of the fire company provided a list of fundraisers planned via email to the township.

Road Master: Naegele reported that the DPW did some clean up from storm damage, purchased the needed materials for the project on Lisa Lane, did some shoulder backup and working on the small tractor to fix. The easements for the shoulder backup on Cherry Hill Road are being worked on. The new dump body is being put on the Sterling and the new salt shed is being made. Discussion regarding the pipe on Hickory Lane being replaced in a new location and the old pipe being filled with concrete. A meeting at Fairway Drive did not resolve the issue where the drainage will go. Naegele will do another plan for their review but ultimately, it will be up to the two residents where it will go and the township will not act until they decide.

CEO: Haan still working on the trailer situation on Newton Ransom Blvd., however, he has left numerous messages for the owner to call him back to no avail. He is now working with the county assessor's office to resolve the issue. Haan is also fielding calls regarding solar farms in the township. Currently, solar farms are only allowed in manufacturing zoned areas and when the new zoning ordinances pass (once Dunmore passes) the solar farms will not be allowed in the township.

Planning Commission: Planning Commission recommended approval of the Bartholme Lot-line adjustment.

Solicitor: Sheils reported that he received a subpoena from DEP for all paperwork the township has regarding the Wooded Lane Subdivision. The subpoena has been satisfied.

Public Input: None

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 8:10PM, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.