

## **Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting**

### **December 11, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM with Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members in Attendance: Douglas Pallman and Robert Naegele

Absent: Kevin Carr

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 September 11, 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Approval for the minutes from the conditional use hearing on October 9, 2023 and the General Meeting on November 13, 2023 meeting are tabled until next month.

**Announcements:** None

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

**Standing Committee Reports:** POSTED - Planning Commission

***NRVFC:*** Chief LaCoe reported that there were 33 calls for the month of November. Discussion ensued regarding the township's DPW assisting on fire calls within the township. As discussed in the past, they are allowed to go on the calls if they are able. The chief also requested that they make a point to come to the fire house to tour the red tanker.

***Road Master:*** Naegele discussed the work that the DPW has done for the past month including truck maintenance, plowing and patching roads. Naegele discussed with Pallman where we are at with the loader. Medico has a financing program that would allow for no payments for the first year and a low interest loan for a new loader. Currently, the township has paid \$750,000 for work resulting from the 9-9-2023 storm. It was discussed that we would see what is allowed to be pulled from the liquid fuels account. It was also discussed about the need of purchasing 48" pipe to replace on Valley View Drive. **Motion by Naegele to purchase the two pieces of 48" pipe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.** Mr. Ezzo – Upper Maple Drive was present to discuss the concerns of water and ditches by his property and his neighbor's. Pallman and Santarsiero will meet with him this week to discuss further.

***Recreation Center:*** Manager, Bobbi Jo Klinkel discussed the happenings at the center with rentals and fund raisers. She asked if our solicitor could review the rental agreement to have better wording for any damages done during a rental. He will review. There was

discussion regarding the renewing of the lease for Daydreamers and the recommendations of the Rec Committee. The township will change some minor language regarding storage space and will renew the lease from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 at a 3% increase to \$7360/mth. If they renew for three years, the percentage increase would decrease.

**SAPA:** Haan reported that Dunmore is due to sign December 20, 2023.

**Solicitor:** Sheils reported that the RTK request came back from DEP and PADOT regarding the stock pile. It is still being looked at.

**Unfinished Business:**

**2024 Budget:** The proposed budget was available for public review. **Motion by Naegele to approve the 2023 budget with no tax increase, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

**Public Input:** None

**Bills:** Motion by Naegele to approve the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.

Being no further business, Naegele motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:31PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.