

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting
January 2, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:53PM after reorganization.

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 Naegele to approve the minutes of the conditional use hearing for Bouse on October 9, 2023, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor, Pallman abstained.

Motion by Carr to approve the minutes of the General Meeting on October 13, 2023, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor, Pallman abstained.

Motion by Naegele to approve the minutes of the General Meeting on December 11, 2023, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor, Carr abstained.

Announcements: Newton Township elected auditors will reorganize Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 7PM.

Newton Township Planning Commission will reorganize Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 7:30PM followed by a regular meeting.

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

New Business:

Ginader & Jones engagement letter: Eric Davis sent the engagement letter for the performance of the audit of the books for the township for 2023. **Motion by Naegele to approve Ginader & Jones to audit the books of 2023 at the rate of \$4,900, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported that there were 33 calls for the month of December. January 20, 2024 the fire company will hold their annual squirrel hunt.

Road Master: Naegele discussed the work that the DPW has done for the past month including truck maintenance, plowing and patching roads. The bids for a new used loader will be received by noon on January 15th and opened at 1PM, giving time for the Supervisors to review and the DPW foreman to inspect the machine. Discussion regarding the purchase of a new 550. Santarsiero to put together a proposal for the board.

The new truck would likely not be done for a year and a half to two years.

SAPA: Haan reported that Dunmore has signed.

Solicitor: Sheils reported that there are reassessments going on and that the township will not do anything with them and let the county and school district take care of them. The draft of the lease for Daydreamers was sent to their counsel and we have not received a response. Sheils is also working with counsel for Terra Manor.

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

Being no further business, **Carr motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:28PM, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor.**