

The Board of Supervisors met at the Township Office Building for their regular meeting on January 19, 2023, 7:30PM with Lowell Fry, Jere Swarr & Mark Erb present. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the January 3rd Reorganizational Meeting and Regular Meeting were distributed. **Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; second by Mr. Swarr. All voted in favor.**

Mr. Fry announced that the Board had an executive session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss a legal matter.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Joe Stauffer reported on the statistics for December 2022 that included 16 traffic tickets, 1 non-traffic ticket, 4 criminal arrests, 28 warnings, 4601 vehicle miles, 182 incident reports and 15 traffic accidents. Blue Christmas was a success in which 2 families were given presents. Chief Stauffer expressed his appreciation for the donations received from local businesses and residents. There were 4 fatal accidents in Rapho Township in 2022, In 2022 there were 17 stray dogs in Rapho Township with 12 of them being returned to their owners. Chief Stauffer reported on the arrest of 2 at the Hampton Inn on Lebanon Road.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT- Mastersonville Fire Department

Jeff Siegrist introduced **Kyle Peters** who is the new fire chief. In the last quarter there were 109 calls with 35.6 hours and an average of 8 men per call. Mr. Siegrist said that building fires have increased in numbers and are close to the number of accidents. The upcoming fund raisers are a Chicken BBQ on March 25 and a breakfast on May 20. There have been 93 members that completed training. Mr. Siegrist said that they had a total of 421 calls in 2022, 90 of them in Rapho Township. The amount of property loss in 2022 was \$236,500 with an estimate of \$565,000 of property saved. The new QRS is in service and the old QRS was turned into a duty/chief vehicle. When asked by Mr. Fry about the overall manpower, Mr. Siegrist said it is steady but they do struggle with daytime calls.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - None

PLANNING

BRIEFING ITEM:

Omar & Emma Lapp
2435 Sunnyside Road
Final Lot add on and Subdivision Plan RT# 22-433
ELA Group

The applicant is seeking a simple subdivision of land from the adjacent property owned by Bryan and Cerrita Reed to add land to the Omar and Emma Lapp property. Both properties are in the Agricultural zone. The Lapp property is presently 11.812 acres and the Reed property is presently 20.475 acres. The proposed plan would result in the Lapp property being 21.644 acres and the Reed Property at 10.093 acres.

Cheryl Lowe of ELA Group and the applicant **Omar Lapp** presented the plan to the Board. Ms. Lowe explained that the subdivision is generally following the stream. The Rapho Township Planning Commission has no issue with the lot sizes proposed but have tabled their decision until the applicant has zoning hearing board approval. Mr. Fry asked if there are conservation plans for these properties. Mr. Lapp was not aware of any.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider 1973 Iron Bridge Road Sewage Planning Module Resolution submitted by Harbor Engineering.

Steve Gergley of Harbor Engineering reviewed with the Board the proposed DEP recommended Planning Module for a holding tank to be used for the greenhouses employees. The proposed new house would be able to use a standard system. Mr. Gergley reminded the Board that there is a Holding Tank Ordinance in which the township would hold money in escrow and the Sewage Enforcement Officer would need to inspect yearly. Mr. Fry expressed his concern about what happens if the tank is not maintained and managed properly. He is concerned about what the township ramifications would be to get it fixed. He is concerned about this being the township's responsibility in perpetuity. Township Manager Randall Wenger said he is not excited about having escrow held in perpetuity. The property could change hands and eventually it just doesn't make sense. Mr. Gergley said approval of this Planning Module is needed for the business to be able to operate. Mr. Wenger said if the existing house is removed when the owners build the new house, the holding tank would not be needed. Mr. Gergley said the owners would like to keep the existing house as a rental. Mr. Erb said he is not in favor of yearly inspections for the holding tank but thinks it should be done more often. DEP requires yearly inspections but the township can require them more often. Mr. Fry feels there are other options for the owner but they may not be what the owner would choose. Mr. Gergley suggested that he work with Mr. Wenger to go through some of these issues and come up with an agreement on financial security and inspection ramifications. Mr. Fry wanted to be clear that he does not have an issue with the owner of this property but said this is a land use issue. The Board decided to table this request.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2023-2 TO CODIFY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES

Mr. Fry called the hearing to order. Mr. Wenger explained that this is a result of working with General Code and codifying the ordinances on the township website. There were no public comments. **Mr. Erb made a motion to close the hearing; second by Mr. Swarr. All voted in favor. Mr. Erb made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-2, an ordinance to approve, adopt and enact an ordinance codification for the Township of Rapho, County of Lancaster, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to provide for the repeal of certain legislation not included therein; to save form repeal certain other legislation not included therein; ad to provide penalties for tampering with the code; second by Mr. Swarr. All voted in favor.**

Mr. Swarr made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-1 to promulgate the Emergency Management Plan; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the Consent Order and Agreement with DEP and to approve Resolution 2023-2 to authorize Lowell Fry and Patrick Zaepfel to sign the agreement on behalf of Rapho Township; second by Mr. Swarr. All voted in favor.

The 2022 Earned Income Tax Year-End Report was reviewed. The report shows Rapho ending the year approximately \$190,000 above budget.

The Tax Collector's December and Year-End Reports were distributed and reviewed.

Mr. Swarr made a motion to forward the delinquent street light accounts to the solicitor for collection; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

2023 Rate Fees – ZBH Solicitor – Jason M Hess

LCCD E & S Review with comments – 957 Cider Press Rd – Ron Groff

LCCD – NPDES Permit Completeness Letter with Permit Number change – 1295 E Main St - Core5 at I-283

LCSWMA – Notice of Fourth Quarterly rebate for 2022 - \$5,660.90

PA DOT – Response to letter concerning speed limit signs on Kinderhook Rd

Milanof-Schock Library – January 2023 Municipal Report

APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENT LIST – Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the disbursement list and pay the bills; second by Mr. Swarr. All voted in favor.

Richard Dull of 203 Moyer Ridge Drive said he is not happy with his trash hauler Penn Waste. He said he feels the service is substandard and they have not picked up his trash when he had it in a different cart than what was supplied by Penn Waste. Mr. Fry said the township manager will get back to him next week.

There being no further public business or public comments the meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melva J. Kready
Recording Secretary