

The Board of Supervisors met at the Township Office Building for their regular meeting on July 16, 2020, 7:30PM with Jere Swarr, Lowell Fry & Mark Erb present. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the July 2nd Meeting were distributed. **Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; second by Mr. Fry. All voted in favor.**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Joe Stauffer reported on the statistics for June 2020 that included 38 traffic tickets, 1 non-traffic ticket, 3 criminal arrests, 54 warnings, 5169 vehicle miles, 196 incident reports and 11 traffic accidents. Once again Chief Stauffer wanted to encourage the use of Crime Watch so that residents can keep informed by receiving alerts and notifications concerning public safety in their community. Chief Stauffer reported on the Black Lives Matter demonstration that was held on July 8th in Manheim Borough. On July 9th the police department assisted the United States Security Service when Vice President Pence visited a location in Rapho Township. Chief Stauffer said their police department has received overwhelming community support in the past 2 weeks. He reported that their department has received 200 more masks and he feels they are prepared for any potential resurgence of COVID-19. The Aggressive Driving Details concluded June 14th.

Charles Gardner of 3609 Mount Joy Road said he had asked for the police department to run speed details at his property 3 years ago. He said tractor trailer trucks are speeding and he feels they are also using Jake brakes excessively. Mr. Gardner has offered his driveway for the police to park while running speed details. There was some discussion on what can be used to enforce the speed limits.

The Board thanked Chief Stauffer for the job he is doing in the township.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Fready of 1025 Drager Road addressed the Board about the property across the road from him at 1032 Drager Road. He said it is in horrific condition with the amount of trash and run down campers, etc that are on the property. He is concerned about how his property value is being affected. Interim Township Manager Jim Caldwell explained that the township is actively involved by using all the enforcement tools available to get the property cleaned up. He said it appears the property was sold on Monday and another notice of violation will be sent to the new owners. Mr. Fry said the township has been trying to improve properties in that area for the past 10 years. Mr. Caldwell explained that there is not a quick fix for this problem but he along with Zoning Officer Dave Eggert are working together to enforce the cleanup of the property.

Brian and Caitlin Brown of 1210 Iron Bridge Road said they have an issue with a dead tree on the neighboring property at 1198 Iron Bridge Road. The neighboring property owner does not live in the house and this property is not being maintained. There is a dead ash tree very close to the property line that if it falls will take down lines and most likely hit their house. There are also all kinds of wild animals and a rusty vehicle on the property. Mr. Fry explained that if the cars are not licensed and registered, the township can take steps to have it removed. The township can place a lien on the property for the maintenance and upkeep of a property but most times those liens are not paid until the sale of the property. Mr. Caldwell said it is a very slow process to enforce the clean-up of a property like this.

Daryl Rock of 1267 Willow Creek Drive addressed the Board about his trash and recycling. He had signed up with the municipal contract in 2014 and was dissatisfied with the service. He has addressed the Board

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and the Township Manager various times asking to be removed from the municipal contract. His letter asking to opt out of the program in 2017 arrived after the due date so therefore his property was never removed. Mr. Caldwell recommended that the Board confer with the township solicitor about the legal ramifications of removing a property outside of the time limit to do so and to also see if removing properties at this time will affect the township's contract with Penn Waste. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Nick Samus of 1319 Willow Creek Drive asked the Board about the resignation of former Township Manager Sara Gibson and what is being done to replace her. Mr. Caldwell explained that Rettew Associates has been contracted to facilitate the search for a replacement. The job has been advertised and resumes are currently being accepted. Mr. Samus also asked if the Board would consider going from a 3 member board to a 5 member board. Mr. Fry said he feels a 5 member board does not work and that in his opinion there is more accountability with a 3 member board. Mr. Erb said he tends to agree with Mr. Fry that a 3 member board is better in a setting like Rapho.

Mr. Gardner said he is concerned about the UGI pavement restoration patches on Mount Joy Road at his house. He said UGI covers have settled into the road over the past years and that when trucks hit them it shakes his house and he now has cracks in his walls. Mr. Gardner said he had contacted PennDOT and they told him to contact UGI but when he contacted UGI they told him it is PennDOT's responsibility. Mr. Fry said it is a state road so the township cannot do anything with the road and he would need to contact PennDOT.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - None

PLANNING

Mr. Fry made a motion to approve the request for a reduction of financial security in the amount of \$5,065.00 for the Matthew and Trisha White Major Land Disturbance Plan #17-340 located at 185 Whispering Pine Road subject to the conditions listed on the RETTEW letter dated June 16, 2020 along with payment of outstanding review fees to the township; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Mr. Fry made a motion to approve the request for reduction of financial security in the amount of \$43,651.33 for the Jason Wenger (Ivan and Bernice Wenger) Stormwater Management Major Plan #17-346 located at 5376 Elizabethtown Road; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Mr. Fry made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-8 to accept dedication of a portion of Willow Creek Drive and Fieldstone Drive on the condition that a Letter of Credit is received; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Mr. Fry made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-9 Planning Module for Gary and Cheryl Good at 2127 Kulp Road; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Mr. Fry made a motion to approve the request for a modification of the prior Stormwater Plan approval for Jacob King at 4862 Elizabethtown Road subject to the applicant addressing the comments in the RETTEW July 1, 2020 letter to the satisfaction of the Township; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve September 20, 2020 as the new date for the Hempfield Rec Commission Tri-for-Life Triathlon; second by Mr. Fry. All voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Caldwell explained to the Board that there have been some problems while excavating at the site of the Holiday Inn on East Main Street. The foundations for some sign and signal poles have been exposed and now there is a concern whether there is enough foundation there to keep everything stable.

CORRESPONDENCE

LCPC – Receipt of plan review – Messick's

LCPC – Component 4B Sewage Planning Module – 2127 Kulp Rd

Northwest EMS Monthly Report

MAWSA Manager's Report

Lancaster Farmland Trust – Spring Newsletter

Patricia White 1743 Habecker Rd – Letter with concerns about 1885 Habecker Rd & 1408 Kinderhook Rd

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

There being no further public business or public comments the meeting adjourned at 8:57PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melva J. Kready
Recording Secretary