

The Board of Supervisors met at the Township Office Building for their regular meeting on October 21, 2021, 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 October 7<sup>th</sup> Work Session and Board of Supervisors Meeting were distributed. **Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 7<sup>th</sup> Work Session and Board of Supervisors Meeting as presented; second by Mr. Fry. All voted in favor.**

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Joe Stauffer reported on the statistics for September that included 44 traffic tickets, 5 non-traffic tickets, 9 criminal arrests, 12 warnings, 4704 vehicle miles, 223 incident reports and 22 traffic accidents. He distributed the Police Department budget to Rapho Township on September 29. Chief Stauffer shared with the Board performance recognitions that included Commendations for Officers Weinoldt for an incident on Route 72 at the turnpike plus an incident in Mount Joy Township on Wissler Lane and another for Officer Herr for an incident at Route 72 and the turnpike. He also presented Officer James Starr with a Medal of Valor for an incident in Mount Joy Township on Wissler Lane. Chief Stauffer said this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest award an officer can receive and Officer Starr received it for his bravery performed at a very high risk to his own life with full awareness of the danger involved. The Supervisors congratulated Officer Starr and thanked him and his family for his service.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** - None

### **PLANNING**

**Mr. Erb made a motion to approve a Reduction of Financial Security by \$20,229.70 leaving an outstanding balance of \$22,742.00 for David S. Beiler with property at 175 N. Colebrook Rd, RT #17-341; second by Mr. Swarr. All voted in favor.**

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mr. Swarr made a motion to approve the request from Messick's for use of township roadways for a parade on Saturday, November 20, 2021; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.**

### **Manager's Report - 2022 Budget Update**

Township Manager Randall Wenger distributed a draft 2022 budget. He reviewed the real estate tax revenue's distributions. When the township real estate tax was put into place in 2012, the revenue covered expenses for police and fire company donations with just over \$100,000 left for public works projects. In 2021, the real estate revenue did not cover the police and fire company donations leaving a shortfall of \$249,000. In 2022, with a 3.2% increase in police costs and Fire Advisory Council's Recommendations for Fire Department funding, there will be a \$305,000 budgeted shortfall in property tax covering police and fire expenses. After working into the budget everything the Board had asked Mr. Wenger to include at the last work session, there is a deficit which would be covered by funds in reserve. The Capital Reserve Fund Projects were reviewed for the years 2022 – 2026. Mr. Wenger also reviewed the trash budget with the board. At this point there is no budgeted change in fees, although the July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023 trash service costs will not be known for several more months. Mr. Wenger encouraged the Board to not rebid trash service in 2022 but to

utilize the option to renew the current contract for year #4. The 2022 Budget does not propose to increase any township fees in 2022. The 2022 fee bill does propose to move the Yard Waste Recycle Yard renewals to 11 months to have all 2022 renewals expire in December 31, 2022. That will allow renewals in 2023 and beyond to follow a calendar year instead of February 1 – January 31 year and be more intuitive for residents.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*Mount Joy Twp – Fall/Winter 2021-2022 Newsletter*

*Manheim Public Library – Thank you for your generous quarterly donation*

*LCCD – Earth Moving Activities Complaint – 487 Lefever Rd – Aaron Pfoutz*

*Board of Assessment Appeals – 2022 total taxable assessed real estate in Rapho Twp*

*American Rivers – willing to assist property owner with failing dam – 7998 Auction Rd – Leon & Carol Koser*

**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.**

There being no further public business or public comments the meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melva J. Kready  
Recording Secretary