

## MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

February 2, 2022 4:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Morris Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Josiah Jones with a salute to the flag.

A roll call of officers showed Josiah Jones, James Williams, Emerson Reams, Dan Nelson and Patti Moore.

**Guests:** Willard Verbeck, Perry Reiter, William Clark, Tom Crain, Fred Little, Duane Couturiaux, Eric Rusnak, The Progress Reporter

**Minutes:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams seconded to accept the minutes from the January 3, 2021 Re-Organizational and the January 3, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Financial Reports:** The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the financial report. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Bills:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Planning Commission:** None

**Solicitor Report:** The solicitor requested an executive session for legal reasons. James Williams motioned and Emerson Reams seconded. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

James Williams motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to return from executive session with no action.

Solicitor Dan Nelson discussed the Municipal Authority coming to the township property. Dan stated the Municipal Authority and township are two separate entities. There must be an intermunicipal cooperation agreement in place and also a lease prepared prior to this move taking place.

Ordinance No: 1989-03: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed amendments to the Ordinance No: 1989-03 Establishing Procedures, Standards, and Penalties for Public Nuisances and other matters related thereto within the Township of Morris. Dan will complete the amendments according to the suggestions discussed and will present the ordinance at the March meeting.

**Public Comments:** Duane Couturiaux asked the board to check into the infrastructure grants for broadband to residents who do not have access to broadband internet. Josiah stated the township will continue to do what they can to accomplish this.

**Fire Protection Update:** Willard Verbeck stated the tickets for the 2022 Gun Bash are being sold.

**Road Masters report:** Emerson Reams provided the roadmasters report.

**Code Enforcement Update:** Josiah Jones submitted a code progress report. Josiah discussed issues with accumulated garbage, mold and many other health issues within homes. Josiah questioned the ability to use an outside inspection agency to complete inspections. Dan discussed the use of ordinances by other municipalities and boroughs that are effective.

**Morris Township Recreation:** None

**Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris:** Josiah Jones stated business as usual.

**School Speed Limit:** The school speed limit reduction request from West Branch Area School District was tabled pending more information from PennDOT regarding the project.

**MVJSA:** The chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and James Williams seconded to appoint James Hummel to the seat on the MVJSA presently held by Theresa Couturiaux as a holdover. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to appoint Mark Rusnak to the seat previously held by Randy Folmar. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Key List:** Emerson Reams questioned if all keys in question were returned. James Williams stated he will return the backhoe key and the garage key is lost.

**Paving Bids:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and James Williams seconded to advertise for sealed bids for the Pleasant Meadows Development Paving Project. Opening of bids will be on March 2, 2022 at 4:30 PM.

**Truck Purchase:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to approve using the Rescue Money for the purchase of a used plow truck. Motion carried with 2 supervisors voting yes. **James Williams Opposed.**

**Adjournment:** The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to adjourn at 5:36 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectively Submitted. Patti Moore, Secretary