

## MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

August 10, 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, Rod Beard, Patrick White and Patti Moore.

**Guests:** Willard Verbeck, Tom Crain, Jr., William Clark, Fred Little, Ed Andrasko, Jr., Stan Minko, Chad Baughman, Perry Reiter. Reporters from the Philipsburg Journal.

**Minutes:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams seconded to accept the minutes from the July 20, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Financial Reports:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams 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:**

- **RJ Corman Railroad:** Solicitor Beard send a letter to RJ Corman regarding the Railroad bed being turned over to a multi-use trail. There has not been a response.
- **Amendment to Junk Yard Ordinance:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and James Williams seconded to advertise the amendment to the Junkyard Ordinance for adoption at the September Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Solicitor Beard also discussed blight and remedies to resolve the issues. He will continue to research and look for solutions for continued issues of blight.

### **Public Comments:**

William Clark requested a tree removal on Troy Hill near Marlene Verbeck. Emerson Reams stated they will take a look at it.

Ed Andrasko thanked the township crew for the work completed on Eagle Street.

**Fire Protection Update:** Chad Baughman stated they are in the process to merge the Wallaceeton Fire Co and Morris Fire Companies. Chad stated he needs a letter from the township on letterhead stating the township does not object to the merger. James Williams motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to send the letter of approval. Patti will prepare the letter and provide it to Chad.

**Road Masters report:** Emerson Reams provided the Roadmaster Report.

**Code Enforcement Update:** Patrick White provided the code enforcement update.

**Morris Township Recreation:** The batting cage was damaged during storms. The estimate for a new frame is \$2,200.00). Patti will send pictures and estimates for damages to the insurance company.

**Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris:** Josiah Jones stated updates continue to be completed. The Municipal Authority is now located at the township building. There is a drop box on the front of the building for sewage payments.

**Resolution No: 2022-8-10-1:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and James Williams seconded to apply for a PennDOT Multimodal Grant for paving of Eagle Street. (Project Estimate \$175,810.00). Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Resolution Number: 2022-8-10-2:** The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned Emerson Reams seconded to apply for a paving grant for Firemans Drive. (Project estimate \$98,250.00).

**Resolution Number: 2022-8-10-3:** The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned Emerson Reams seconded to apply for a paving grant for St. Agnes Drive. (Project estimate \$58,860.00).

**Resolution Number: 2022-8-10-4:** The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned Emerson Reams seconded to apply for a paving grant for Cemetery Road. (Project estimate \$156,350.00).

**Resolution Number: 2022-8-10-5:** The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned Emerson Reams seconded to apply for a Recreation grant for Allport Playground Area. (Project estimate \$24,871.00).

**Executive Session:** Not required

**Adjournment:** The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to adjourn at 5:30 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectively Submitted. Patti Moore, Secretary