

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

April 3, 2024, 5:30 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, Emerson Reams, Fred Little, Patrick White and Patti Moore. Rod Beard was not in attendance.

Guests: William Clark, Ed Andrasko Jr., Willard Verbeck, Dave Karcewski, Joyce Knepp, Josh Pennington, Jeff G., The Progress.

Executive Session: None required.

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to approve the March 6, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting and March 20, 2024, Special meeting minutes. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Financial Reports: The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little 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 Fred Little seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Solicitor Report: No report

Township Manager: Patti Moore provided the Managers Report.

Code Enforcement Update: Patrick White presented the code enforcement report to the board.

Planning Commission: No Report

Public Comments:

- Joyce Knepp requested permission to hold a Kneppys Fireworks Shoot at the Morris Township Recreation Center. The shoot will be on Friday May 3, 2024, and on Saturday there will be a training class on Saturday from 1PM to 3PM. On Saturday they will also have a shoot from 8PM to 10:30 PM. Joyce stated there was concern last year with an elderly couple who own a farm on Myers Road, with the fireworks disturbing the cattle, etc. Fred Little will inform the resident of the shoot dates and times. Joyce will provide insurance as soon as it is renewed.

The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the shoot dates and times. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Fire Protection Update: Bill Verbeck gave the report for the Fire Co. He stated there will be a resident coming to be sworn in for the fire police.

Morris Township Recreation: The recreation board submitted minutes.

Municipal Authority: No report from the municipal authority per the Municipal Authority Solicitor.

DCED Grant: Josiah Jones stated Morris Township was awarded a DCED Grant in the amount of \$109,445.00 to pave Cemetery Road. Josiah thanked everyone involved in getting the grant and stated in the past 3 years Morris Township has received over 1 million dollars in grant funds. He stated this is impressive for a small township like ours to receive these funds, and again thanked all involved in making this happen.

Paving Bids:

- New Enterprise: \$225,212.85
- HRI: \$243,420.90
- Grannas Bros: \$220,805.85
- Hawbaker: \$207,487.50

The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to accept and approve the low bids supplied by Glenn O. Hawbaker. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Municipal Authority Appointments to the Board: 2 Open seats, 2 Letters of Interest submitted.

- The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and Fred Little seconded to appoint Bill Verbeck to the MATOM Board, **Seat Number 5**. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.
- The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and Fred Little seconded to appoint Emerson Reams to the MATOM Board, **Seat Number 3**. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Moshannon Valley COG Equipment Show: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little Seconded to send Fred Little, Patrick White, Perry Reiter, Patti Moore to the MVCOG Equipment Show on Wednesday May 15, 2024, at a cost of \$15.00 per meal. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and Fred Little seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted Patti Moore, Secretary