

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

March 6, 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, Rod Beard, and Patti Moore.

Guests: William Clark, Ed Andrasko Jr., Willard Verbeck, Janice Frantz, John Frantz, Dave Karcewski, Eric Rusnak, Tess Mull, Josh Pennington

Executive Session: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to go into executive session for legal purposes at 5:30 PM.

The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to come out of executive session at 5:52 with no action. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to accept the February 7, 2024, Board of Supervisors 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: Rod Beard has the Robert Carles municipal Lien and ready to be filed and stated it would be filed in the next few days.

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: John Frantz had complaints regarding his neighbor, stating the neighbor is spinning mud on his house, questioned the issued junk yard permit, stating there is mud being brought onto the roadway. Patrick White stated this is a PennDOT roadway. Rod Beard stated there is nothing the township can do. He suggested they call the conservation district with their complaints. Janice Frantz complained about the junkyard permit being issued and about the number of vehicles present. Rod suggested they take the resident to court for their complaints.

Bill Clark complained about side by sides, and vehicles coming out of the Geo's Road causing damage to the roadway and pulling out onto the road without looking, causing near accidents. Patti or Fred will contact GEO to make them aware of the issue and request a stop sign.

Eric Rusnak spoke regarding Frantz's house on Empire. He spoke about the property previously being in his family and requested the township do whatever is in their power to improve conditions in that area.

Fire Protection Update: Bill Verbeck gave the report for the Fire Co. He stated they responded to vehicle accidents. He also spoke about the placement of the signs at the 9th St. light.

Morris Township Recreation: The Supervisors reviewed the recreation meeting minutes and the draft agreement, The Morris Township Recreation Facility Usage and Guidelines Agreement, that will be signed by the managers of the teams for the season. The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to approve the use of this agreement. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

The recreation board requested infield dirt for the softball field. Josiah Jones stated the facility, concession stand needs to be cleaned prior to receiving dirt. The chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the purchase of 2 loads of infield dirt, a load for each field. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Municipal Authority: The supervisors reviewed the meeting packet submitted.

2024 Paving Project: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to pave Pine Street and Hemlock Road. \$179,471.72 will be expended from the General Fund and \$117,418.28 will be expended from the State Liquid Fuels Fund for a total project cost of \$296,890.00. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Spring White Goods Day: The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to hold a Spring Cleanup Day on April 27, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and Fred Little seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted Patti Moore, Secretary