

## MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

June 19, 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, Fred Little, Patrick White and Patti Moore. Emerson Reams and Rod Beard were not in attendance.

**Guests:** Willard Verbeck, Jeff Corcino The Progress, Stan Minko, Ed Andrasko, Jr., William Clark, Paul Tarbay, Patty Tarbay, Jen Tarbay, David Karcewski, Jarrad Little

**Executive Session:** None required.

**Minutes:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the May 1, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

**Financial Reports:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the financial report. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

**Bills:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with both 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:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the Sewage Module prepared and submitted by Curry and Associates for the Betty Welker Project. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

**Public Comments:**

Paul Tarbay stated he requested and received a copy of the Property Maintenance Ordinance from the township office. He stated he does not feel he should be told when to mow his grass when he feels the township has bigger problems than his grass. He continued to state his objection to the grass ordinance.

Stan Minko questioned why the recycling bins were removed from the township building. Patti replied that they were removed because residents were dumping burn barrel ash into the recycle bins.

Paul Tarbay questioned why there is not snow removal in the ordinance and Josiah Jones stated that is something the supervisors can investigate if they feel it is best. Paul continued to question if

the township has the grass cut that is township responsibility and questioned a piece of property in Hawk Run, he claims was turned over to the township many years ago, but Ed Andrasko stated that property is not township property but instead is owned by the McDowell Family.

Paul Tarbay also questioned the issue with the Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris Board and wanted to know how much money was spent on the board issue. Josiah Jones stated this information was sent to him, but he stated he did not receive it. Patti Moore stated there was \$4,126.00 spent to resolve the issue, Patti also stated Jim Hummel is no longer the Chairman, and the issue is resolved.

Paul continued to show objection to being warned to cut his grass, stating the township has “bigger fish to fry than worrying about Paul Tarbay’s grass”.

**Fire Protection Update:** Willard Verbeck stated he will speak for the Fire Police. He stated they are coming into parade season. He stated they need Fire Police members. Anyone willing to volunteer their time to be a part of the Fire Police can call Willard Verbeck. There is training involved, 16 hours of flagger training. Willard Verbeck stated there is concern of the Fire Police being disbanded. Josiah asked that PSATS be contacted regarding the Fire Police situation.

Josiah spoke regarding the Moshannon Valley EMS, Josiah met with Tyler Thomas regarding the EMS and stated Moshannon Valley EMS needs funding. Josiah stated there are Memberships available for Ambulance Service, and suggested they EMS attends municipal meetings to get the word out.

**Morris Township Recreation:** No Report

**Municipal Authority:** Municipal Authority submitted their meeting packet from the prior meeting.

**Resolution 2024-6-19:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to allow the sale of millings to residents, limited amount, by request on a first come, first served basis according to the resolution. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

**Crosswalk Request:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the request for the crosswalk at the St. Agnes Church on Deer Creek Road according to PennDOT approval. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

**WB School Fire Police Request:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the use of Morris Township Fire Police for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

**Adjournment:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted Patti Moore, Secretary