

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

VIA TELECONFERENCE February 3, 2021 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Morris Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman James Williams with a salute to the flag. A roll call of officers showed James Williams, Josiah Jones, John Saggese, Dan Nelson, and Patti Moore.

Guests: Ed Andresko, Chad Baughman, Tyler Kolesar (The Progress), Vic Couturiaux

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to accept the minutes from the **January 4, 2021 Board** of Supervisors Reorganizational meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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Financial Reports: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the financial report. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Bills: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Planning Commission: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the **Sanderson Farms Lot 10/ Joel Albert** presented by John Koptchak from GeoTech. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Solicitor Report:

- **Resolution 2021-2-3:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to adopt The Township of Morris Adopting Rules of Decorum for Public Meetings, Ethical Standards, and Other related Standards for Township Officials. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.
- **Resolution 2021-2-3 (2):** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to adopt a resolution, A resolution to fix the percentage of all taxes received and collected to (5%). Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.
- **LGUDA Ordinance:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to advertise the ordinance consistent with the advertising requirements outlined in the Local Governmental Unit Debt Act (LGUDA) for the Colorado Bridge at the cost of \$275,000.00. Dan Nelson will take care of advertising.
- **Blight Properties:** Code Enforcement Officers have been red tagging these properties. Josiah met with the county to see what properties are up for sale due to back taxes. The county offers programs to help with this expense. Upset Tax Sale was discussed. Judgement and Liens must be searched prior to moving forward. The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to solicit for professional services to investigate these blight properties. Motion made with all supervisors voting yes.

Police Consolidation Update: Josiah discussed the police consolidation, stating with the current projects going on he does not feel this will happen this year, but this project will be revisited at a later date. Bonnie can be contacted for future meeting dates.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Fire Protection Update: No Update

Road Masters report: James stated the Colorado bridge paperwork is underway. James commented the crew has been doing an excellent job. James stated he has met with Shawn Agosti regarding the end of Maple Street, Munson. He stated there needs to be something done with this road due to it being unsafe for plowing, so until this road is made safe, so the township will not be plowing it.

Code Enforcement Update: No Update.

Morris Township Recreation: No Report.

Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris: The December 2020 and January 2021 meeting paperwork was submitted. John Saggese gave a report on the recent municipal authority meeting. John suggested the supervisors attend a municipal authority meeting to have questions answered. A lengthy discussion ensued; Josiah Jones stated the difficulty he had obtaining after requesting job descriptions/salary information required by the bylaws. John Saggese stated the sewage authority is a separate entity and the supervisors can give their opinion to the board, but the sewage board makes the decisions. Josiah stated it is a conflict of interest when the Chairman is the worker, and his wife works there as an employee. Vic Couturiaux stated he cannot find official by laws, but the rules of the authority are motions/votes of the board at the meetings. Vic stated he is an operator for the municipal authority and the board decided the duties of the employees. James Williams questioned the requirement of an operator for the authority. James requested a copy of the motions, legitimate by-laws by requesting the board or secretary get this in order and place a copy with the supervisors. Vic stated the sewer authority has 5 board members and the supervisors can request the board for this information, but no one can "make" them do this. Vic said the only way to accomplish this is to appoint a 5-member board willing to do this. James stated this would make it easier for the new board members, at the time there is a change in the authority board members. Vic stated everything is written in the minutes.

The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and James Williams seconded to appoint Jim Hummel on the board for the remainder of the term of Dane Danko. Motion carried with 2 Supervisors voting yes. **John Saggese Opposed.**

Declaration of Disaster Emergency Extension: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to extend the existing Declaration of Disaster Emergency to be reconsidered at the **March 3, 2021** Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Colorado Bridge Update: Morris Township was awarded a grant from Clearfield County in the amount of \$32,000.00. The bridge quote is \$275,000.00.

Eagle Street Daylighting Grant: Morris Township was awarded a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 from the Clearfield County Conservation District.

2020 Disclosure Statement: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to adopt the Disclosure Statement for 2020 as required by Chapter 7-A of Act 44 of the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Executive Session: Not required.

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to adjourn at 8:29 PM. Respectively Submitted, *Patti Moore*, Secretary