

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING

October 6, 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: Mike Lannen, Rebecca Lannen, Willard Verbeck, Dianne Burns (The Progress), William Clark, Bob Smith, Brady English (Rec Board), Stan Minko, Ed Andrasko, Jr.

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to accept the minutes from the **September 1, 2021 and September 22, 2021 Special Meeting.** Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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: None

Solicitor Report: Dan gave a report on the MVJSA appointment Controversy. Dan will attend the MVJSA Meeting. Dan requests an executive session be added to the November 3, 2021 Meeting Agenda.

Dan sent a letter to the Cooper Township Supervisors regarding the property/contents in the Morris Cooper Regional Police Department. He will await their response.

Dan sent requested information regarding Blight to Lisa Kovalick, including condemnation letters, warnings, etc.

Police Update: Josiah Jones spoke regarding the regional police department. A meeting was requested for October 18 to meet with Cooper. James will attend the meeting on October 18.

Public Comments: Bill Clark questioned if a grant was applied for through T Mobile. James stated we have not. Mr. Smith has questioned the status of the Firemans Drive patch project. James stated it should be done within the next 2 weeks.

Fire Protection Update: Willard Verbeck stated there will be a Trunk or Treat Event held at the Gethsemane Church on October 30, 2021. There will be a tractor parade on Oct. 9 in Palestine. There are 2 remaining football games. James stated there will be an open house on October 10 and Grassflat VFC will have their open house on October 9, 2021.

Road Masters report: James stated there has been pipe replacement on Old Turnpike Road/Colorado Road and Emigh Run Road will be completed. There will be paving completed in the next few weeks. Josiah stated the crew has been busy and completing projects.

Code Enforcement Update: Josiah Jones gave a report on Code Enforcement. There was illegal dumping with the resident cited, many letters have gone out regarding code violations. Josiah stated there are residents who are complaining regarding the 88 Wallaceton Road residence. Josiah stated the occupant has 30 days to be out of the residence. Josiah stated this is in the hands of the magistrate. He also stated if the residents continue to contact the township regarding this issue, the State Police will be called and harassment charges filed. John Saggese questioned why the Constable was not called in to remove the residents. Dan and Josiah explained the procedure of eviction. Discussion with the Supervisors and the resident continued. James stated the resident cannot continue

to cause a nuisance and should be fined daily if he does so. Josiah stated he has already given a verbal and written warning to the resident. Dan suggested the supervisors go to the Clearfield State Police and speak to the Sergeant and explain the problem, being this is criminal behavior.

The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned and James Williams seconded to cite the residents living at 88 Wallaceton Road. Motion carried with 2 supervisors voting yes. **Josiah Jones Opposed.**

Morris Township Recreation: Brady English stated the concrete work was done and a new roof on the pavilion. There is new security at the recreation area. There will be tournament dates set at the next recreation meeting.

Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris: Josiah stated there are a lot of updates being done to the system. Greg and Dayna doing a great job. HRG has all drawings on digital format.

A letter of interest was received from Mark Rusnak to be placed on the MVJSA Board to represent Morris Township. Dan Nelson explained the reason for the appointment. Dan explained the township feels the reappointment of Vic Couturiaux was improper.

The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and James Williams seconded to appoint Mark Rusnak to the Moshannon Valley Joint Sewer Authority Board to represent Morris Township. Motion carried with 2 Supervisors voting yes. **John Saggese Opposed.**

Stone Bids: 800 Ton 1B Stone:

• Woodland Equipment	<u>\$21.12</u>	<u>\$16,896.00</u>
• Bucktail	<u>\$19.47</u>	<u>\$15,576.00</u>
• Hanson	<u>\$21.35</u>	<u>\$17,080.00</u>
• Hawbaker	<u>\$24.54</u>	<u>\$19,632.00</u>

The Chairman entertained a motion, James motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to award the bid to Woodland Equipment at \$21.12 for a total of \$16,896.00.

James stated the lowest bid received was Bucktail but the Supervisors chose to exercise their right to accept or reject any or all bids and reject the Bucktail Bid for unsatisfactory service in the past.

Kind Coal/Dragon Mine: James stated anyone within a ½ mile of the blasting site for the Dragon Mine Blasting should have received a letter with the opportunity to have a survey completed. The supervisors recommend all residents request this survey. This is located on the 4400 Block, south side of Morrisdale Allport Highway.

Resolution 2021-10-6: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to adopt the resolution providing for supplemental appropriations for the 2021 Budget. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to approve the annual membership dues in the amount of \$100.00 for the 2021/2022 year. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Halloween: The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to set Halloween (Trick or Treat) for October 31, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Executive Session: Not Required

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned, and James Williams seconded to adjourn at 8:13 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectively Submitted. Patti Moore, Secretary

