

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

August 2, 2023, 4:30 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, Patrick White, Rod Beard, Fred Little and Patti Moore. James Williams was absent.

Guests: Tommy Crain, David Karcewski, Willard Verbeck, Gary Potts, Helen Swansegar, Kirk Whitaker

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to accept the minutes from the July 19, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

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

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

Solicitor Report: Rod Beard stated for the LGUDA there must be a "sinking fund" established and the ordinance passed in June must be amended to show this. This amendment was advertised so the amendment is ready to be adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the amendment showing County National Bank as the depository for the Sinking Fund. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

Debt Statement Amendment: Required borrowing base certificate remains the same, but the Debt Statement is required to be amended to include a loan balance of \$72,000.00.

The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the amendment to the Debt Statement. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

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

Planning Commission: None

Public Comments: Kirk Whitaker discussed DEP rejecting his issued sewer permit for his facility. Kirk requested in the unlikely event that his sewer system should malfunction, that he be permitted to use the township ROW along Oak Grove Road to install a sewer line for access to the Public Sewage System. Solicitor Beard as well as the supervisors stated this would not be a problem.

Helen Swansegar, and 2 relatives attended regarding an ATV hit their vehicle on Eagle / Pardee Road and requested the Township "do something about it". Solicitor Beard suggested they contact law enforcement if the ATV is located but there is nothing the township can do about it.

Fire Protection Update: Willard Verbeck gave the fire update.

Road master's report: Fred Little provided the Road master's Report.

Morris Township Recreation: The recreation meetings will be held on 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M.

Municipal Authority: Meeting Documents submitted.

Broadband Authority: A letter was submitted to PA Broadband Authority, Mr. Carson, asking for more reliable services within Morris Township.

Clearfield County Association of Township Officials: The Clearfield County Association of Township Officials will hold the Fall Convention on Friday September 22, 2023, at 8:30 AM at the cost of \$8.00 and Guests \$13.00. Patrick White, Fred Little, and Patti Moore will attend.

Amendment to the Agenda: The Chairman motioned to amend the agenda to add Supervisor Health Insurance Change. Motion carried with both Supervisors voting yes.

Supervisor Health Insurance: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to add to the employee handbook after 3 consecutive in person meetings not attended by a supervisor, effective August 2, 2023, Benefits including Health, Dental, Vision are removed for nonattendance. Motion carried with both Supervisors voting yes.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted Patti Moore, Secretary