

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 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, Jacob Michael (The Progress), David Karcewski, William Clark, Josh Pennington, Randy Verbeck, Willard Verbeck.

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to accept the minutes from the June 7, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

Financial Reports: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Josiah Jones 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 approval is required to include the 2003 debt of the Municipal Authority. DCED also requires for a sinking fund, which is required to be included in the Ordinance, this will need to be done by amendment to the ordinance for the August meeting.

The Empire Road property which the municipality was interested in purchasing does have a mortgage attached to it. Solicitor Beard stated the mortgage holder is UMLICEP, LLC out of Charlotte North Carolina. There are also taxes currently due, which is the responsibility of the seller. Josiah Jones stated he would like to hold off on this matter, until further research is done.

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

Planning Commission: None

Public Comments: Josh Pennington asked what the planned trail is expected to be. Josiah Jones stated this project is very preliminary and Josiah stated he had reached out to the solicitor for RJ Corman, and they have not reviewed the lease documents yet. Josiah stated Morris Township asked for the extension of the entire railbed. Josh is concerned with the impact on his business. Emerson Reams stated there have been 4 months of meetings on this subject. Emerson stated RJ Corman is not interested in leasing to residents and would like to lease to a municipality. Emerson again stated this project is extremely preliminary.

Bill Clark questioned the Troy Waterline Fund and the stipulation of use. Patti will attempt to research the grant and stipulations associated with its use.

Fire Protection Update: Willard Verbeck gave the fire update.

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

Morris Township Recreation: Recreation Board submitted the minutes from the Recreation meeting. Josiah asked Fred to review the minutes and take care of what is necessary.

The Supervisors received a letter from Nikki Smith to be appointed to the recreation board as Chairperson. The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to appoint Nikki Smith to the position of Chairperson on the Recreation Board. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

Municipal Authority: Meeting Documents submitted.

Farmers Market: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and Emerson Reames seconded to approve the Morris Township Farmers Market to be located at the Allport Playground beginning every Saturday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM until the end of September. All vendors are required to complete an application and be issued a permit to participate. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

Varsity Football Schedule: Dave Williamson submitted the schedule for the upcoming Varsity Football season for Fire Police coverage.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted Patti Moore, Secretary