

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

March 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: Willard Verbeck, William Clark, Tyler Kolesar (The Progress), Fred Little, Jason Gallaher, Vic Couturiaux, Theresa Couturiaux, Wilson Fisher, Jim Moslak

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to accept the minutes from the **February 3, 2021** Board of Supervisors Reorganizational 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, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Planning Commission: No Meeting in February, 2021

Wilson Fisher attended and discussed the Moslak Sewage System.

The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the proposed sewage system for this property. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Solicitor Report:

- **2021-3-3 LGUDA Ordinance:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to adopt the LGUDA Ordinance 2021-3-3 for the Colorado Bridge Project of \$275,000.00. 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 Williams stated roadwork is continuing. James stated he and John Saggese met with PennDOT Randy Albert and Shawn Agosti and PennDOT will be reimbursing Morris Township 80% of the project. The Bridge must be completed and invoiced by June 30, 2021.

Code Enforcement Update: No Update.

Morris Township Recreation: Jason Gallaher spoke regarding the recent recreation meeting. Jason stated the concession stand will be open this year following COVID Guidelines. He stated there will be a softball fundraiser held the 3rd weekend in September. This fundraiser will be a chicken Dinner.

The recreation board is requesting stone in front of the dugouts. Concrete in front of the concession stand and around the building at the bathroom area. This request was approved by the supervisors and concrete work will be done by the road crew. Also requested is a new refrigerator and a new freezer, purchased each year until the old equipment is updated with new.

Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to allow the recreation board to get prices for a new refrigerator and a new freezer with a limit of \$1,000.00 to be expended from the recreation fund. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Field fees will remain at the \$225.00 per year, per team for field use. Meetings will be held the 4th Monday of the month and all are invited to attend.

John Saggese suggested the issue of a light being put at the upper parking lot be revisited. It was discussed and Jason stated he believes there the issue is with Penelec. It was decided to check with Penelec once again regarding this issue.

Jason stated the Pavilion needs a new roof and its in the townships best interest to get this repaired. It was suggested to get quotes for metal or whatever is needed to get the pavilion repaired.

Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris: No Report

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 **April 7, 2021** Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Colorado Bridge: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to accept the bid received from US Bridge, for the materials in the amount of \$81,262.00 which is item 2 the galvanized steel, open grid deck option to be delivered by May 24,2021. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Dilapidated Properties Update: Josiah Jones discussed 27 properties, narrowed down to 7 properties for offset tax sale. The township will attempt to purchase these properties and seek grant money to have the buildings removed. There will be further research on the process.

Road Masters: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to make all 3 supervisors roadmasters. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Foreman/Lead Worker: John Saggese suggested and it was approved to promote Fred Little to the Lead worker position.

Executive Session: Not required.

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Respectively Submitted, *Patti Moore*, Secretary