

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

February 7, 2024, 5:30 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, Fred Little, Patrick White, Rod Beard, and Patti Moore.

Guests: Willard Verbeck, William Clark, David Karcewski, John Koptchak, Josh Pennington, WB School Board Members

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to accept the January 2, 2024, Reorganizational and Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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

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

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Beard is continuing to work on the municipal Lien on the Carles Property. Rod also discussed the Property Maintenance Ordinance currently in place, he stated the current Property Maintenance Ordinance allows Code Enforcement to go after the tenant and the property owner for any property maintenance issues, including garbage.

Township Manager: Patti Moore provided the Managers Report.

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

Planning Commission:

- **Renovations/Additions to the West Branch Elementary School:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the West Branch Elementary School renovations presented by Integrated Consulting and members of the West Branch School Board. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.
- **Shaw Subdivision:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the Shaw Subdivision presented by John Koptchak-GeoTech. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.
- **Appointment to the Board:** There is a Letter of Interest submitted from Dana Coval-Dinant to be appointed to the Planning Commission Board. The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to appoint Dana Coval Dinant to the open seat on the Planning Commission Board. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Public Comments: No public comment

Fire Protection Update: Willard Verbeck stated tickets are for sale for the upcoming cash bash. Bill, being a member of the Morris Township Fire Police questioned if a key can be provided to him to access the traffic light at the 9th Street intersection in the event of an outage. The supervisors unanimously agreed to supply him with a key for this purpose.

Morris Township Recreation: No report

Municipal Authority: The supervisors reviewed the meeting packet submitted.

2023-1 Excess Maintenance Agreement: The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the release of Bond 2023-1 Smith Timbering for Gray Hollow Road T-679 to Graham Station T-676, Gray Hollow to Decatur Township Line. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Blight/Outstanding Sewage Bill: Morris Township and the Redevelopment Authority have been working together to make a positive impact on the community by removing blighted structures within Morris Township. The Redevelopment Authority requested forgiveness from the Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris, for the outstanding sewage bill, so they could move forward with the sale of the property located at 4926 Morrisdale Allport Highway but was denied. The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to pay the outstanding sewage bill for the property located a 4926 Morrisdale Allport Hwy owned by the Redevelopment Authority of Clearfield County. This money will be expended from the LSA monies reserved for blight projects. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Stone Bids for 2024: Tabled until the April 2024 Meeting.

There was discussion regarding the Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris and the verbal resignation of a board member. Solicitor Beard will contact the solicitor for the Municipal Authority and will report back to the board.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and Fred Little seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted Patti Moore, Secretary