

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

April 7, 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: Mikayla Heiss, The Progress, Willard Verbeck, Jim Hummel, William Clark, Chad Baughman, Stan Minko, Edward Andresko, Jr., Fred Little, Dean & Deb McKee

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to accept the minutes from the March 3, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting and the March 31, 2021 Special Meeting for the Colorado Bridge. 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: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to approve the Beveridge Subdivision presented by Henry Surveys. Motion Carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Solicitor Report:

- **Resolution 2021-4-7:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to adopt the resolution to open for motor vehicle and ATV/UTV joint use ALL Township roads within Morris Township. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.
- **Blighted Property Update:** Dan Nelson provided a report on the blighted properties within the township. He will write letters to the property owners and will focus on the first 3 on the list. First being the Mitch Evans property.
- **LGUDA Update:** The LGUDA Debt Statement Document was signed and was returned to Dan for submittal to DCED as required for applying for a loan for the Colorado Bridge Project.

Police Consolidation Update: No Update

Public Comments: Dean and Debra McKee requested Hemlock Road be repaired. Josiah Jones stated Hemlock is on the list for repair next week.

Stan Minko requested the ditch at Second and Seymore Street in Hawk Run be cleaned out.

Fire Protection Update: James Hummel and Chad Baughman stated the fundraiser is underway and tickets are on sale for the annual gun bash. Also, Jim requested during the winter months the township take care of the recreation center parking area to allow the fire company to schedule building rentals for the winter months. The supervisors agreed the township will provide snow removal at the recreation center as was done in years past.

There was discussion on Glendale Ave regarding a drainage issue.

Road Masters report: Josiah Jones provided the Roadmasters report. Josiah stated maintenance is continuing on the dirt roads in the township, as well as brooming the roads will continue. Hemlock Road is scheduled to be completed next week.

Code Enforcement Update: No Update. Meetings are always the Thursday following the township meeting.

Morris Township Recreation: No report.

Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris: John Saggese gave a report on the municipal authority meeting. There was ongoing discussion on the Munson Sewage issue.

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 **May 5, 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 NorthRock Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Colorado Bridge in the amount of \$118,994.00. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Colorado Road Pipe issue: There was discussion on the ditch issue on Colorado Road. It was decided to send a letter to the resident, Bob and Traci Callahan, who installed an inadequate pipe in the township R-O-W, without first obtaining a permit. The Supervisors agreed 15 days notice.

Resolution 2021-4-7 (2): The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to sign the Business Partner Agreement and authorizes the secretary to attest and seal the same. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Road Bonds Approved:

- Denochick Logging Bonded School House Road. 1/10 mile on 3/9/2021 with Hauling starting 3/11/2021.
- A&M Logging Bonding same 1/10 mile of School House Road with paperwork submitted and signed.

Stone Bids: Limestone (More or less to be delivered as directed.)

- 2A 600 Ton
- 2B 600 Ton
- 1B CLEAN 1000 Ton
- #3 200 Ton

The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to advertise the stone bids. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Troy Hill water line reimbursement: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to reimburse Robert Gray for the installation of a water line on Troy Hill Road from the Troy Hill DEP Fund in the amount of \$691.83. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

White Goods Day: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to approve Saturday May 15, 2021 for White Goods Day. Metal Only. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Executive Session: Not required.

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to adjourn at 8:32 PM.

Respectively Submitted, *Patti Moore*, Secretary