

## MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### REGULAR MEETING

MAY 5, 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, and Patti Moore. Dan Nelson was absent.

**Guests:** Mikayla Heiss, The Progress, Willard Verbeck, William Clark., Fred Little, Mark Rusnak, Andrea Wesesky, Todd Howe, Kevin Hubler

**Minutes:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to accept the minutes from the April 7, 2021 Board of Supervisors 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:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to approve the Jeremy Lake DEP Documents submitted by Wilson Fisher. Motion Carried with all supervisors voting yes.

The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the Kevin Hubler Subdivision presented by Kevin Hubler, prepared by Curry and Associates. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Solicitor Report:** No Report

**Police Consolidation Update:** No Update

**Public Comments:** Todd Howe questioned the status of complaints made on a house located on Whitman St. Hawk Run. Scott Holencik stated he is in the process of dealing with the occupant of this property.

Bill Clark stated Troy Hill Road needs the stone rolled in and suggested checking with Tim Tekely from PennDOT to see if the township can get road millings for use on the township roads.

**Fire Protection Update:** Bill Verbeck stated the tickets for the gun bash are sold out.

**Road Masters report:** Report submitted. John Saggese stated the resident on Seymore Road in Hawk Run is very happy with the work by the crew regarding his complaint.

**Code Enforcement Update:** Scott Holencik reported he and Armida are continuing work on the issue of Blighted properties as well as the abandon cars on Lamb Drive. He said the process is to try to work with the property owner to correct the problem, if that fails to issue a written warning giving 15 days, then citation. He also reminded residents when mowing grass, do not blow the grass onto the roadway and any Ordinance questions or issues, he is available to the residents for their concerns.

**Morris Township Recreation:** Andrea Wesesky stated things are going well. Gravel was placed around the dug outs by the township crew. The new refrigerators are ordered and being delivered. The concrete work was pushed ahead

and will happen around July. James Williams will contact Penelec regarding Arc lights being placed at the upper parking area.

The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the change in the purchase limit amount for the refrigerators from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris:** Reports were submitted. John gave a brief report. Josiah Jones questioned Vic being appointed Chairman on the Municipal Authority. He stated Vic is not a board member and cannot be Chairman stating someone should have been appointed Chairman at the Reorganization meeting. There was ongoing discussion on the problem area in Munson with the sewage issue. Discussion will continue on finding available grants or some type of funding to help for this extension project.

There was a letter of interest submitted from Mark Rusnak to be appointed to the Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris. The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to appoint Mark Rusnak to the Municipal Authority Board. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

There was a letter of interest submitted from Mark Rusnak to be appointed to the Moshannon Valley Joint Sewer Authority to represent Morris Township. John Saggese disagreed with this stating years ago this power was given to the municipal authority. James stated until proven otherwise they will proceed. The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned and Josiah Jones seconded. Motion carried with 2 supervisors voting yes. John Saggese Opposed.

**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 **June 2, 2021** Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Denochick Bond Release:** This release was tabled until the June meeting due to damage repair.

**Colorado Bridge:** Construction will be starting within the next few weeks with completion before June 30, 2021.

**Resolution 2021-5-5** The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to authorize the Vice Chairman to sign the Reimbursement Agreement and authorizes the secretary to attest and seal the same. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Resolution 2021-5-5(2)** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to adopt the resolution, A resolution setting, affixing & adjusting fees & costs for certain township services. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Allport Memorial:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to approve the purchase of flowers from Best Buds for the Allport Memorial in the event the recreation board also approves. The cost will be expended from the Allport Recreation fund upon the Recreation Board approval. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Tree removal on Troy Hill:** Mark Rusnak requested a large pine tree be removed on Troy Hill at the entrance to his driveway due to safety issues. The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the removal of this tree. 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 7:46 PM. Respectively Submitted, *Patti Moore*, Secretary