

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

May 4, 2022 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, James Williams, Emerson Reams, Rod Beard and Patti Moore.

Guests: Willard Verbeck, Tom Crain, Jr., William Clark, Fred Little, Charles Wilson, Sara Wilson, Chris Williams, Dana Coval-Dinant, James Coval. Reporters from the Philipsburg Journal and The Progress.

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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

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

Planning Commission: None

Solicitor Report: The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to advertise the amendment to Ordinance 1983-03 with the addition of the travel trailer correction. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Rod Beard stated he spoke with Heather Bozovich, Solicitor for the Municipal Authority regarding a lease agreement between Morris Township and the Municipal Authority to lease space at the Municipal Building. Solicitor Beard will draft up a lease agreement.

Public Comments: Jill Korn, 200 Church St. Duplex with mobile home in rear of the property. Ms. Korn was given permission to proceed with her renovations to this property.

Charles Wilson, Gray Hollow Road. Mr. Wilson complained of trash on Gray Hollow Road. Josiah Jones stated Rails to Trails will be contacted to help with cleanup of trash. The ROW is 60 ft., 30 ft from center of the road. Supervisor Reams stated there was a windrow of dirt placed on the township ROW, placed by Mr. Wilson. Supervisor Reams stated this windrow of dirt must be removed by Mr. Wilson. The township will stake out the ROW and if needed the township will remove the windrow of dirt but if the township crew removes the dirt, Wilson will be billed. Solicitor Beard stated the township is not permitted to pick up trash on private property.

Dana Coval-Dinant questioned if there will be a police force put in place. Josiah Jones explained it is not feasible for the township to start a police force, however Morris and Cooper Townships must pay into the pension fund as long as required.

Fire Protection Update: Willard Verbeck stated the tickets for the 2022 Gun Bash are being sold. Supervisor Jones stated there is a letter of intent for a study to be completed by DCED for the merge of Morris Township Volunteer Fire Company and Wallaceton Borough Fire Company. Supervisor Williams stated this merge will help with grant funding, and due to few members for Wallaceton Borough Fire Company, Morris Township currently covers this area.

The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to submit the Letter of Intent for the study to DCED. **James Williams abstained.**

Road Masters report: Emerson Reams provided the Roadmaster Report.

Code Enforcement Update: Josiah Jones submitted a code progress report.

Morris Township Recreation: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and James Williams seconded to approve the purchase of a Field Liner for the Recreation Fields. The amount of \$366.63 from Amazon. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris: Meeting was canceled. Letter was sent out by the Municipal Authority they now accept credit and debit cards as forms of payment.

King Coal Bond Release: Supervisor Reams and Supervisor Williams discussed the damage of Myers Road. It was decided to table this for further discussion.

Grass Cutting: The Board of Supervisors discussed the mowing of the Recreation Area as well as the cemeteries and Supervisor Reams suggested the teams take care of the inside of the fields. It was decided until a final decision is made, the road crew will take care of the mowing the 4 abandoned cemeteries and the recreation area and advertise for bids for the cutting of the recreation.

Executive Session: Not required

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to adjourn at 5:19 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectively Submitted. Patti Moore, Secretary