

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

September 1, 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: William Clark, Mark Crompton, Kevin Myers, Mike Lannen, Amanda Nelson, Joyce Knepp, Stan Minko, Ed Andrasko, Jr., Kyle Eyerly

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to accept the minutes from the August 11, 2021. 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, John Saggese motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission has made the recommendation to create a Revitalization Task Force for Morris Township. The entire township will be included as a revitalization area.

The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to create this Revitalization Task Force for Morris Township consisting of 5 members with no term limit. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to appoint the initial Morris Township Revitalization Task Force for Morris Township as follows: Lisa Kovalick (Redevelopment), Dana Dinant (Planning Commission/Resident), Mark Crompton (Chairman, Morris Township Planning Commission), Scott Holencik (Code Enforcement) and Josiah Jones (Morris Township Supervisor). Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Resolution 2021-9-1: A Resolution Identifying & Determining Certain Properties as Blighted and Dangerous; Defining the Same; Delegating and Appointing an Outside Agency to Act for and on Behalf of the Township; & Designating a Redevelopment Area. The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to adopt resolution 2021-9-1. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Solicitor Report: No Update

Police Update: James Williams stated the last meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum. James stated they are moving forward with getting the prior police department cleaned out. Josiah Jones stated they have had a feasibility study done with the state and it is not feasible to move forward with this Regional Police Department.

Public Comments: Bill Clark mentioned an available grant through T-Mobile. Bill offered information for further research.

Mike Lannen and Kevin Myers stated numerous complaints on 88 Wallaceton Road. Both residents complained of various ordinance violations and requests help getting this resolved. Mike Lannen has requested a sign be placed near this property. James explained a no parking sign cannot be placed unless Wallaceton Road in its entirety would

have to be posted and that is not possible. James stated code enforcement will need to handle this with documentation and follow up with the district magistrate.

Joyce Knepp requested permission to hold a fireworks event to be held October 2, 2021 from 6PM to 9:30 PM with no loud bangs after 8:00 PM. Joyce supplied insurance information. A 25.00 fee is required for the permit. The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to approve this event. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Fire Protection Update: James Williams stated the gun bash was a huge success.

Road Masters report: James has requested a schedule from the crew as to what work is planned. John Saggese stated there are numerous complaints about pot holes that need filled. James stated grading and berming needs to be completed. Bill Clark stated there is a sink hole on Troy Hill near the end of the blacktop.

Code Enforcement Update: no report

Morris Township Recreation: Amanda Nelson provided the report for the recreation board. Amanda stated at the recreation meeting it was discussed to look into a walking trail around the fields, sealed bids will be accepted. James suggested contacting the township engineer for a site plan for this project before applying for the grant. She also stated the electrical was discussed for the scoreboard and the pavilion and sealed bids will be accepted for this project as well. There continues to be issues with four wheelers ripping up the parking lot. They discussed getting estimates on either repairing or replacing the batting cages. Lastly, they are trying to contact Royer's concessions regarding the planned carnival for next year. Kyle Eyerly discussed holding fund raisers, holding tournaments etc. The township has purchased cameras for the recreation area. Kyle requested 2 more refrigerators to be purchased for the concession stand. The recreation board will submit a list of needed/wanted items.

Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris: Josiah Jones gave a report on the municipal authority. Josiah shared a report from the new operator for the past 2 months. Josiah and John also met with the Bureau of Abandoned mines regarding the Old Turnpike Area. The Bureau stated they would take the project back to discuss it but does not feel they can help with the sewage problem in the area.

The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and James Williams seconded to declare a vacancy in the township seat on the Moshannon Valley Joint Sewer Authority and to advertise for interested individuals to reply. Motion carried with 2 supervisors voting yes. **John Saggese Opposed.**

Antiskid: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to put out for bid 800 Ton of 1B antiskid. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Eagle Street Grant: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to apply for phase 2 Grant for daylighting the remaining portion of Eagle St through the Clearfield County Dirt and Gravel Program. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

School House Grant: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to apply for 2 Dirt and Gravel Grants for School House Road for drainage and to apply DSA. Phase 1/Drainage. Phase 2/ DSA. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Executive Session: Not required.

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to adjourn at 8:13 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectively Submitted, *Patti Moore*, Secretary