

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 9th, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

The Highland Township Board of Supervisors met on this date @ 7:00 p.m., as publicly advertised, at the Highland Township Municipal Building located at 3641 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Craig Rockey, Supervisor Ed Steinour, Supervisor Gary Dingle

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See attached sign-in sheet

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisors Meeting Minutes June 11, 2019:

Supervisor Steinour moved, seconded by Supervisor Dingle to approve the June 11th, 2019 Supervisor meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORTS:

The 2016 Mack truck sold for \$110,990.00

PLGIT CD #2 matured on July 19th. Supervisor Rockey made a motion to reinvest the CD for 12 months at a rate of 2.25%. Supervisor Dingle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The June 2019 Treasurers report was discussed in detail. The Treasurers report was accepted as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID AND PAYROLL

Supervisor Steinour moved, seconded by Supervisor Rockey to approve the June 2019 reports as presented. The vote was unanimous.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT:

New Truck Purchase:

The new 2020 International truck will be delivered on July 17th. The plow will arrive in September and will be installed by VALK on site.

Hidden Driveway sign:

The residents at 1315 Knoxlyn-Orrtanna Road contacted the township to request a hidden driveway sign be placed near the entrance to their driveway. Because it is a state road, the Secretary called PennDot in Harrisburg and was instructed that it is the townships responsibility to purchase, erect and maintain the sign. The township would be required to have a traffic impact study done by an engineering firm and have the logistics of the study be reviewed by PennDot first. Supervisor Steinour suggested that the Secretary contact KPI for a referral to an engineering firm who performs these studies and what the cost would be to the township.

Line Painting:

The bid for the line painting will go out this week.

Tar & Chip Project:

Supervisor Steinour contacted Hammaker East and was told the tar&chip project is scheduled for the last week In July.

Ditch work:

Supervisor Dingle and Roger started the ditch work on July 17th and will continue it throughout the summer months.

Flail Mower:

The flail mower is repaired, and Roger is currently mowing the roads for the 2nd time this summer.

Boom Mower:

The boom mower is scheduled to be delivered on August 5th. The township will have it for one month. The Supervisors will assist Roger with brush clearing along the township roads.

Road salt:

The final load of salt from the 2019 contract was delivered today. Two truckloads of anti-skid will be ordered and will be mixed with the salt for the upcoming winter season.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

None

LAND AND SEA SERVICES:**June 2019 Reports:**

The June 2019 reports were reviewed and discussed. The Supervisors agree to accept the reports as written.

RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUEST:**Ian McCurdy, Etters Pa:**

Property information on 590 Railroad Lane from mortgage lender.

Gil Pringle:

Records, minutes, notes, correspondence, all materials relating to the nuisance ordinance draft from January 2018. On July 4th, Mr. Pringle requested the same materials from June 10th to the present. It is currently under review by the township solicitor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COG: The next meeting is July 25th, 2019. Mary Sherman will attend.

YATB: The next meeting is July 29th @ 6:30 in York. Supervisor Dingle will attend.

Fairfield Fire Department meeting: The next meeting is July 15th, 2019 @ 3:30.

FREMA: The next meeting is July 15th @ 6:30 pm.

Hower drainage complaint:

As requested, KPI has investigated the drainage complaint at 2944 Fairfield Road. It appeared that several roof drains were discharging directly onto the neighbor's property. The roof drains are causing flooding in the back yard. There appears to be leader pipes that discharge into the roadside ditch along Fairfield Road, from which the roof drains have been disconnected. KPI is recommending that the leader pipes be reconnected or reinstalled if they are failing. The Wagners have been notified in writing of the violation and have been given a defined amount of time to remedy the situation. KPI will follow up for compliance.

Nuisance Ordinance and Township Survey:

Approximately 60+ residents of the township attended the meeting to inquire about the proposed draft nuisance ordinance. The Supervisors received a lot of negative feedback on the draft as it is currently written. Supervisor Steinour stated that he is not in favor of the ordinance as it is written. Supervisors Rockey and Dingle both agree. The township survey will not be sent out at this time. Supervisor Steinour stated that he would recommend letters to be sent out to the few properties of concern stating that they need to try to make improvements and clean up. Supervisor Steinour made a motion to table the draft nuisance ordinance for 6 months. Supervisor Rockey seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Orrtanna Transmission Substation open house:

First Energy Company held a public information meeting to discuss its proposed Orrtanna Transmission Project on June 19, 2019. Supervisor Rockey and Dingle attended.

NEW BUSINESS:**House Bill 1400:**

PA House Consumer Affairs committee cancelled its vote on House bill 1400. The bill would have undermined municipal zoning authority over wireless poles and antennas in the rights-of-way, while drastically cutting fees that the municipalities could charge. This is the third time that Verizon, AT&T and Sprint have tried and failed to get a bill passed. They will most likely try again in the Fall of 2019.

Supervisor Rockey moved, seconded by Supervisor Steinour to adjourn the meeting @ 9:45 pm.

Mary Sherman
Secretary/Treasurer
Highland Township