

November 12, 2020
Lickdale, PA

The Union Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, November 12, 2020. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building, 3111 SR 72, Jonestown, PA.

Dennis Firestone called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present:

Dennis Firestone, Chairman
Kerry McCrary, Vice Chairman
Gary Longenecker, Secretary
Brent McFeaters, Township Manager
Elizabeth Krause, Zoning Officer
Bryan Michael, Road Crew Supervisor
Paul Bametzreider, Township Solicitor
Steve Sherk, Township Engineer
Six (6) Residents

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glenn Rudy asked what is going to be done about the fading arrows on Jonestown Road coming East from Ono. Bryan Michael, Road Crew Supervisor said he will check the arrows and report back to Brent McFeaters, Township Manager.

APPROVE BOS MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 14, 2020 MEETING

Gary Longenecker made a motion seconded by Kerry McCrary to approve the October 14, 2020 the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. All approved

FINANCIAL REPORT -

Kerry McCrary made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to approve the Financial Report. All approved.

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP – DAVID WEISNIGHT

Mr. Weisnicht did not attend the meeting

STATE POLICE – MONTHLY REPORT

The report is available with handouts when provided by the State Police.

NORTHERN LEBANON FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (NLFES)

The report is available with Handouts (only when provided by the NLFES)

PLANNING COMMISSION – LIZ KRAUSE

There was no November Planning Commission meeting

ZONING OFFICER REPORT – LIZ KRAUSE

Liz Krause reported that five (5) permits were issued totaling \$196.00 and \$6,081.03

was received in reimbursement of fees.

Zoning Hearing Board Case #20-04 & Case 20-05 were held on Monday October 26 at 7:00 p.m:

Setback variances were granted to Dane DiAngelis for his proposed subdivision of his Commercial Zoned property located at 10696 Allentown Blvd. upon which he wants to separate the residential apartments from the storage unit complex.

The Zoning Hearing Board also granted variances to Jason Propst (Case #20-05) who petitioned the Zoning Hearing Board for variances regarding the farm occupation requirements on behalf of his neighbor who is interested in purchasing his property at 288 Ft. Swatara Road.

- There has been no change on the John and Linda Light property on Yingst Drive.
- There are no changes on the property at 15 Campmeeting Road. DEP has served Jonathan Kennedy with a "Clean-up Order" which states that the tires must be removed by December 4th or legal action will be pursued. Atty. Bametzreider informed the Board that the Township has a judgement of \$15,000 which is the only lien against the property and he recommends proceeding with foreclosure to sell the property in order to get reimbursed for cleaning up the property. Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to authorize Atty. Bametzreider to proceed with taking the necessary steps to get the property at 15 Campmeeting Road cleaned up. All approved.
- All but two unlicensed vehicles have been removed from the property at 97 Moonshine Road, so the property appears to be in compliance. Atty. Bametzreider said he will review everything to determine if there is anything procedurally that needs to be done so the Board can make a decision next month as to whether or not to discontinue any legal action.
- There have been no changes on the Fake property at 47 White Tail Lane.
- It doesn't appear that any additional vehicles have been removed from the property at 239 Awol Road. Atty. Bametzreider said he will check with Atty. Race to find out if there has been any communication from Mr. Gipe's attorney regarding the status of obtaining the car titles from PennDot.
- The owner of 107 Hemlock Hill Road contacted me asking for more time to bring her property into compliance and said that they have been working hard but needed a little more time to get the vehicles removed from the property. Atty. Bametzreider added that at this point he sent a 10-day notice to the property owner, and the Township would be in a position to take default judgement. Liz Krause said that upon doing a drive-by of the property on Tuesday, 11/10/20, all the unlicensed vehicles have been removed from the lower area of the property, and it appears that the property has been brought into compliance. We are scheduled to meet with the property owner next week. Atty. Bametzreider recommend that Liz Krause, Zoning Officer, & Brent McFeaters, Township Manager visit the property and if it is

brought into compliance, they can discontinue the action or if it's not cleaned up satisfactorily the Township can enter judgement. The Board agreed that since the property owner was working to bring the property into compliance, to hold off on any action until the compliance status of the property is determined.

- Last month I reported that a certified letter was sent to the owners of 152 Silvertown Road regarding several unlicensed vehicles and other miscellaneous items scattered throughout the property. One of the unlicensed vehicles was removed earlier this week, but there are four remaining unlicensed vehicles on the property which must be removed by tomorrow (11/13). If the vehicles are not removed, I will send an official Enforcement Notices to the property owners.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – BRYAN MICHAEL

Bryan Michael reported that the road crew has been busy installing signs, collecting tires for the tire collection, and getting the trucks ready for the winter weather.

ENGINEERS REPORT – STEVE SHERK

1. Atlantic-Sunrise Pipeline. All pipeline installation and restoration work in the Township was completed and the laydown yard on Wolf Lane was restored. Brent and I met with Allan Berenbrok on October 15th for a final inspection of restoration work on the Township's roadways and confirmed that all the designated haul routes, utility crossings and driveways were repaired to equal or better condition than prior to the start of the pipeline work. Therefore, I recommend the Township sign Transco's "Road Inspection and Release – Closure of Driveway Permits – Closure of Utility Crossing Permit" form and approve release of the remaining \$75,000 performance bond. Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Kerry McCrary authorizing the release of the \$75,000 performance bond (or escrow). All approved.
2. Ridge Road Culvert Replacement. We are awaiting DEP's approval of the GP-11 application. We will prepare bid documents after the GP-11 application is approved.
3. Sand Siding Road (Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road (DGLVR) Grant. – We submitted a GP-11 application to DEP to authorize installation of a 15'-0" span x 4'-8" rise aluminum structural plate (ASP) arch culvert with open bottom bearing on concrete strip footers. There are wetlands within the project limits so USFWS clearance is required for potential bog turtle impacts. We screened the project site and confirmed that bog turtle habitat does not exist and submitted documentation of this screening to USFWS. We also submitted the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road (DGLVR) grant application to the Lebanon County Conservation District requesting \$167,513.60 to fund construction of the culvert, including raising the road's profile.
4. Lamar Sensenig Poultry Operation. – As noted in my letter dated October 28, 2020, I am recommending the Township release \$15,675.00 from the established letter of credit. This will leave a balance of \$1,650 as security for the required as-built plan and certificate of completion. Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to release \$15,675.00 from the Lamar Sensenig Poultry Operation established Letter of Credit

leaving a balance of \$1,650.00 as security for the as-built plan and certificate of completion. All approved.

SOLITOR'S REPORT – PAUL BAMETZREIDER

WILLIAM DENGLER STORMWATER PLAN

Atty Bametzreider said that William & Lisa Dengler of 58 Hoover Drive filed a Stormwater Plan and submitted a letter asking the Board to conditionally approve the plan so they can get their financing approved. Steve Sherk said he is satisfied with the plan and Atty. Bametzreider added that he received the signed agreements that are ready to be signed by the Board as well. Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to authorize the signing of the agreements and approve the William Dengler Stormwater Plan contingent upon receipt of the Letter of Credit. All approved.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR TO ADVERTISE THE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S AUDITOR/CPA SERVICE.

Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Kerry McCrary to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Public Notice for the Township's Auditor/CPA service. All approved.

LEBANON FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Atty. Bametzreider said he saw copies of the Letters of Credit for the Lebanon Federal Credit Union and said the Board can sign the plans when Brent verifies he has the originals of both Letters of Credit. Brent McFeaters said the Credit Union also has outstanding fees to be reimbursed to the Township and Liz Krause said they will be bringing the checks for the outstanding fees first thing Thursday morning. The Board agreed that once it is verified that we have the Letters of Credit and the fees are paid, the plans can be released.

JOHN & LINDA LIGHT SIGNED STIPULATION

Atty. Bametzreider informed the Board that John & Linda Light have signed a Stipulation with the Township which will be submitted to the Court which states that they have until April 30th to get their property located at 26th Yingst Drive cleaned up. If they fail to do so by then, they've agreed that they will pay all the costs, and the Township has the right to go on the property to clean it up. Kerry McCrary asked Liz Krause, Zoning Officer what has to be done on the property to consider it cleaned up, and Liz Krause said the foundation of the previous house that was destroyed by fire must be covered, and the truck/storage trailers have to be removed, along a few other miscellaneous items. Atty. Bametzreider added that the property must be brought into compliance with everything listed in the Zoning Enforcement Notice. After a brief discussion, Atty. Bametzreider said he will review the agreement to validate that all violations including the trailers are covered in the signed stipulation. No action was taken, and the John & Linda Light Stipulation was tabled until the December meeting

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE 2021 UNION TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Kerry McCrary to advertise the public notice for the 2021 Budget. All approved.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR THE TREASURER BOND WITH H. A. THOMPSON COMPANY.

Kerry McCrary made a motion seconded by Dennis Firestone to approve the renewal contract for the treasurer bond with H. A. Thompson in the amount of \$3,030.00. All approved.

RECYCLING CENTER UPDATE

Brent McFeaters, Township Manager explained to the Board that the card reader system for the recycling center will be installed by Reed's Locksmith & Access Control Systems, Inc. who is a Costars participant at a quote for \$13,561.43. Brent explained to the Board how the gate will work and said he is looking into getting fobs for each piece of Township equipment so the road crew won't have to get in and out of their truck to get inside the gate. A discussion was held regarding the regulations that will put into place regarding the recycling center, the cost of the issued card and limiting it to just Township residents.

MOTION TO APPOINT LARRY HERR TO A 5-YEAR TERM AS THE UNION TOWNSHIP GLRA REPRESENTATIVE WHICH STARTED IN 2020

Kerry McCrary made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to appoint Larry Herr to a 5-year term which began in 2020 as the Union Township GLRA representative. All approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OTHER COMMENTS

Glenn Rudy asked what the ambulance bill in the amount of \$9,500.00 was for, and Brent McFeaters said it was for the annual fee to Life Lion per the contract.

BILLS PAYABLE

Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to pay the bills in the amount of \$103,902.24 from the General, Recycling, Liquid Fuels Street-Light, & Payroll Funds. All approved.

TIM & DEB SHUEY PROPERTY

Brent McFeaters explained to the Board that a few years ago Tim & Deb Shuey did a land development plan for two poultry buildings on their property on Ft. Swatara Road which is

zoned Agricultural and met all the ordinance requirements. He said the neighbor who owns a home across the street has called the Township several times complaining about the Shuey property. Atty. Bametzreider said the neighboring property owner is allowed to make all the complaints he wants to make, but as long as the Shuey property is in compliance, there is nothing that the Township can do. A discussion was held about the costs that are incurred by the Township and passed onto the Shueys whenever the Township Engineer or someone is sent to the property regarding the complaint and Atty. Bametzreider said he would put the matter to rest by just stating that the property is in compliance and the Township won't be sending anyone out to the property. Tim Shuey noted that their lighting is in compliance, but to make the neighbor happy they are going to install lower-density lighting.

DATE OF NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 - 7:00 PM

DATE OF NEXT LICKDALE TREATMENT PLANT MEETING

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 - 6:30 PM

DATE OF NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 - 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Krause
Recording Secretary