

May 10, 2023
Lickdale, PA

The Union Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday May 10, 2023. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building, 3111 SR 72, Jonestown, PA.

Dennis Firestone called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Present:

Dennis Firestone, Chairman

Kerry McCrary, Vice Chairman

Gary Longenecker, Secretary

Brent McFeaters, Township Manager

Bryan Michael, Road Crew Supervisor

Paul Bametzreider, Township Solicitor

Steve Sherk, Township Engineer

Chief Farneski – Cleona Police Department

Twelve (12) Residents

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Heather Manz is asking for permission to widen her existing driveway. The board granted her permission only if she would follow through on her building permit. Dennis made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker. All approved.

Lucille Conahan is asking for a letter to be sent to Penndot to reduce the speed along route 72 near Lickdale. The Board requested that Brent send a letter to Penndot asking them to review the speed near her house and provide Ms. Conahan with a copy of the letter.

James Skipper was here on behalf of the Jonestown Group and is going to provide a proposal to amend the existing Text Amendment for their project.

APPROVE BOS MINUTES – April 12, 2023

Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2023, meeting. All approved.

APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT – April Financials

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

CLEONA BOROUGH POLICE SERVICES – CHIEF JEFF FARNESKI

Chief Farneski reported that the Cleona Borough Police handled another fatal accident on route 72 and the investigation was ongoing. There was a trash incident at the recycling center and two people were cited for unlawful dumping. The Chief stated that the trailer on Penny Lane was moved now moved west, so the trailer can't be seen from route 72. The Chief is working through a court order and then will take the proper steps to have the trailer and truck moved completely. The Chief stated that there were approximately 50 incidents in the Township in the month of April.

NORTHERN LEBANON FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – ROB TAYLOR
The report is available with handouts (only when provided by the NLFES)

LIFE LION AMBULANCE SERVICES – JOHN SHOOK
Monthly report is available with handouts (only when provided by Life Lion)

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – BRENT MCFEATERS

1. Home 2 Suites Land Development Plan

The Planning Commission recommends the Board accept the 90-day time extension as granted in Chrisland Engineering’s letter dated 4/25/23. Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Kerry McCrary. All approved.

2. Miller Bed & Breakfast Subdivision & Land Development Plan

The Planning Commission recommends the Board accept the 90-day time extension as granted in Chrisland Engineering’s letter dated 4/25/23. Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker. All approved.

3. 19 Silvertown Road Minor Subdivision Plan

The Planning Commission recommends the Board approve the following waivers as requested in Chrisland Engineering’s letter dated 4/6/23.

- Section 144-13e to allow piping below 15” in diameter.
- Section 144-11.i.1 to allow the plan to be approved without BMP infiltration
- Section 144-12 to allow the plan to be approved without groundwater recharge requirements and with a stormwater limiting zone separation of 12” from the BMP location. Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker. All approved.

The Planning Commission recommends the Board approve the 19 Silvertown Road Minor Subdivision Plan. Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Kerry McCrary. All approved.

4. Collins Self Storage, LLC Preliminary Land Development Plan

The Planning Commission recommends the Board approve the Collins Self Storage, LLC Preliminary Land Development Plan. Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Kerry McCrary. All approved

ZONING OFFICER REPORT – BRENT MCFEATERS

1. KOA Jonestown/Hershey – Andrea Smith – wanting to hold a Flea Market at the KOA campgrounds in Lickdale, on weekends. No show.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – Bryan Michael

Bryan Michael reported that they had finished the mowing and were going to be completing Maple Lane tomorrow.

ENGINEERS REPORT – STEVE SHERK covered the following items.

1. Ridge Road Culvert Replacement. Work is substantially completed. We issued a Certificate of Substantial Completion on January 3rd along with a punch list of items to be completed or corrected prior to final payment. All punch list items are still pending, including repairs to roadway surface and contract closeout documents. A.H. Moyer has indicated that Martin's Paving will repair the road's oil & chip surface in June when working on another project that is close by in Bethel Township.
2. Statewide Local Share Account (LSA) Grant. Union Township was officially awarded an LSA grant in the amount of \$73,001 to improve the intersection of Fisher Avenue, Old Forge Road, and the I-81 NB ramp. The Township will soon be receiving a grant commitment letter and contract. This grant funding only covers work within the intersection proper (traffic signal work, restriping, etc.) and does not include any work needed to widen the I-81 on-ramp, as the grant program manager stated that work within the federal ROW is not eligible for reimbursement under this program. However, we confirmed that the Township will still be able to complete necessary improvements within the federal right-of-way as part of the project. We simply need to include a breakdown of the "LSA eligible costs" on the invoices submitted to DCED for reimbursement. Any other project-related costs, which will be covered by the Green-Light-Go funding or other Township funding sources, would be listed separately.

We are working with Mark Henise of ELA Group (our traffic subconsultant) on the required PennDOT permitting (e.g. HOP and Traffic Signal Plan) and bid document preparation. As previously discussed, the LSA and Green-Light-Go project improvements will be combined and bid on the same contract. Mark from ELA Group expects the project will be ready to advertise for bids by fall of this year.

3. PennDOT Green Light-Go Agreement – Fisher Avenue - Signal Improvements. See item 2 above as the LSA and Green-Light-Go project improvements will be combined and bid on the same contract. The Township has until May 15, 2024 to complete construction of the project and the final invoice must be submitted to PennDOT by May 31, 2024. Due to the delay with announcement of the LSA grant and potential supply chain issues, the Township will likely need to request up to a 12-month time extension from PennDOT for construction completion.
4. Quartermaster Road Culvert Replacement. Work is substantially completed, and the road is reopened to traffic. We issued a Certificate of Substantial Completion on March 3rd along with a punch list of items to be completed or corrected prior to final payment. The base paving course was milled last week in anticipation of the wearing course installation on Thursday or Friday of this week.
5. 2023 Paving Projects. The 2023 paving contract was awarded to H&K Group. A pre-construction meeting with H&K's project team was held last Thursday. H&K expects to start work later this month following the Township's preparation of road widening areas

at the intersection of Jonestown Road and Maple Lane. The contract requires work to be completed by June 30, 2023.

6. Lickdale Associates, L.P., Truck Parking Lot. We received a revised Stormwater Management Site Plan submission last week. A few outstanding comments remain, including execution of the Stormwater Management BMP O&M Agreement, posting of financial security, and execution of a Developer's Agreement. As previously reported, the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer has determined that portable toilets are not permitted for permanent commercial uses and that permanent restroom facilities with a public sewer connection will be required. These outstanding issues must be addressed before a Zoning Permit is issued.
7. Culvert Replacements at 10/15 Campmeeting Road and 112/129 Campmeeting Road. We are preparing DEP GP-11 permits to authorize the replacement of these two culverts. There are wetlands located at the 10/15 Campmeeting Road culvert which are potential bog turtle habitat. Therefore, we are proceeding with a Phase 1 bog turtle habitat survey. If no bog turtles are found, we expect USFWS will provide the necessary project clearance with time of year restrictions, which means the culvert replacement and associated work would need to occur between November 1st and March 31st.

Kerry asked Steve if there was any conversation with HK Group, Inc. to make sure water would not travel into a few existing driveways along Jonestown Road prior to repaving. Steve said he would address the concern to the HK Group, Inc. Project Manager.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – PAUL BAMETZREIDER

Paul commented that before M-950AA form can be signed for the Lickdale Hotel a Indemnification Agreement must be executed by the Township.

NEW BUSINESS – Election Day is Tuesday May 16th, doors open at 7:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS – None

BILLS PAYABLE -

Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to pay the bills in the amount of \$71,248.87 from the General, Recycling, Liquid Fuels, Street Light, Payroll and ARP Funds. All approved.

DATE OF NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 - 7:00 PM

DATE OF NEXT LICKDALE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT MEETING:

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 - 6:30 PM

DATE OF NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING:

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – Commencing right after the Lickdale Sewer meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7.39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent McFeaters, Township Manager