

Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting February 11, 2020

Supervisors Present: Dennis Knowlton, Barry Searle and Chris Marcho

Solicitor: Joseph McGraw

Secretary: Joan Hertzog

Business meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the township building. Chairman Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion to approve January 6, 2019 organization minutes and township minutes by Mr. Searle seconded by Mr. Marcho. All in favor. Treasurer's report reviewed and will be put on file. List of bills reviewed. Mr. Searle made a motion to pay all bills except Clifford Home and Auto. Second by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Motion to pay Clifford Home and Auto including payment from last month made by Mr. Searle. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Mr. Marcho abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Old Business –

Culvert Construction Bids for Welsh & Tinkerbrook Bridges – Britt Bassett from Bassett Engineering opened 15 bids received from Penn Bid. Low Bid: Barhite Excavating, LLC - \$172,450 to Highest Bid: Insinger Excavating, LLC \$559,131. (Full list attached) Upon Mr. Bassett's recommendation Mr. Marcho made a motions to award the lowest bidder, Barhite Excavating. The bid is contingent upon review of paperwork and to include fish baffles installed by Contech at \$3,500 and guide rails. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor. Thank you to all bidders.

Wind Turbine Ordinance Update – Chairperson Fischbeck recommended supervisors to accept and send to the county for review updates to the township ordinance recommended by Thomas Shepstone. Mr. Searle made a motion for Atty. McGraw to update the ordinance with the changes prior to the county's review. Seconded by Mr. Marcho. All in favor.

Property Grant – Mr. Marcho made a motion to pay a rate \$.50 per sq. ft. to help with demolition costs of blighted properties. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Mr. Marcho presented a Property Grant application for Jeffery Mikloiche, property location: 1857 SR 247. After paperwork was reviewed Mr. Searle made a motion to pay \$2,200. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Parking Lot Paving Project – Mr. Marcho made a motion to bid out work for paving the township parking lot in the near future. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor. A concrete pad will be poured in front of the garage.

Park Bridge - Mr. Marcho made a motion to put out a bid for the structure of the park bridge once permits are complete. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor.

New Business –

Police Coverage - Mr. Searle discussed negotiations with Greenfield Township for police coverage seven days a week. Act 13 funds will be used this year and, if continued, next year the cost will be put in the budget without creating a tax increase. Mr. Marcho stated Greenfield will have a full time police force and Clifford will have coverage. Resident, Joseph Laguzzi remarked that as a Clark Summit police officer he is aware of other townships partnering for coverage and it works out well for everyone.

Active Living Center – Supervisors will allow the Active Living Center the use of room two as a computer room if needed in the future.

Hold Harmless Agreement – Atty. McGraw drafted an agreement for a portion of the Jones property that is adjacent to the park. Mr. Searle made a motion to accept and sign the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Clifford Fire Police Recommendation – Mr. Marcho made a motion to accept the recommendations for fire/police. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor.

Envirothon Donation – Mr. Searle made a motion to make the same donation as last year of \$250. Seconded by Mr. Marcho. All in favor.

Clifford Annual Spring Clean Up – Mr. Marcho reports Saturday, April 4, 9am to 12pm for the annual clean up. New this year, electronics will be accepted for free for township residents, \$.50 per lb. for non-residence. Act 13 money will be used. A flyer will be added to the township newsletter. Mr. Knowlton made a motion to accept. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor.

Mt. View Student Government Association – Sydney Barhite presented fundraising initiative for hosting a three day state conference at Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. Donation information can be found in the township office.

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Road Report – Road Master Booths reported cinders are good, Barhite has been doing various touch ups and he will be attending a training regarding pedestrian cross walks with Mr. Marcho in March.

Planning Commission - Chairperson Fischbeck received a response from the county regarding the Kazmierski minor subdivision and recommends to approve. Mr. Searle made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Marcho. All in favor. Chairperson Fischbeck recommends supervisors to sign the sewer module plan for DEP for the Graham subdivision. Mr. Marcho made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Marcho reported work is continuing on the park bridge, the land grant acquisition grant for the newly acquired property and historical signage and tree identification grant.

Permit Officer – Secretary Hertzog reports two new sewer permits.

Tax Collector – Tax Collector Jan Price reports that taxes are being prepared to be mailed out in March.

Fire Company – EMC Philip Price reports there were 877 calls in 2019. They are using a lot of supplies that are being stored in the township garage and they are in need of a food storage location. Also, Election Day is April 28 and the township will be getting five voting machines. The old voting booths have been removed.

Historical Society – Secretary Hertzog reported for Sandy Wilmot that the new Historical Society Newsletter is now available.