

Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting Monday, January 3, 2022

Supervisors Present: Dennis Knowlton, Barry Searle, Chris Marcho

Solicitor: Joseph McGraw

Secretary: MaryAnn Tayoun

Business meeting held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at the Clifford Township Municipal building. Chairman Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Mr. Knowlton opened the floor for public comment. Nothing offered. December Meeting minutes reviewed, motion to approve minutes by Mr. Knowlton, 2nd by Mr. Marcho. All in Favor. Treasurer's report reviewed and will be kept on file. Bill list reviewed, motion to pay all bills except Clifford Home & Auto by Mr. Knowlton 2nd by Mr. Searle. Motion to pay Clifford Home & Auto bill by Mr. Searle, No comment by floor, 2nd by Mr. Knowlton. Supervisors Marcho abstains due to conflict of interest. Floor addressed for public comment, nothing offered.

Old Business: none

New Business: Dollar General Developer Agreement- Solicitor reports Dollar General is using Livic Civil as their engineer. Livic Civil is seeking preliminary approval of their final plan, plan approval prior to actual improvements to be made. Escrow amount and proposal has been reviewed by the Solicitor on behalf of the Township. The Solicitor reports the Livic Civil representative is not present for the meeting yet and a typographical error identifying the Township in paragraph two and a security performance amount needs to be negotiated. Solicitor reports that the representative was supposed to be attending the meeting. Motion to Table by Mr. Searle 2nd by Mr. Knowlton. All in Favor. Resolution for bounced checks submitted for tax payments- Solicitor put together an ordinance, ORDINANCE NO 1-22 BAD CHECK ORDINANCE

"The purpose of this Ordinance of Clifford Township is to prohibit the presentation and deposit of bad checks payable to Clifford Township and its agents in the course of official business. Moreover, it establishes a means by which to recover money lost to bad check fees paid by the Township and its agents.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Clifford, County of Susquehanna and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in the presentation of bad checks made payable to the Township.

WHEREAS, This results in the loss of Township funds through the payment of bad check fees incurred when said checks are deposited into township accounts.

ADOPTION OF BAD CHECK ORDINANCE

Section 101 TITLE. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Bad Checks Ordinance.

The Officers and Agents of the township shall have the right to prosecute criminal bad check offenses against any individuals or entities that attempt to make payments to the Township or its Agents while engaged in official business with checks drawn on accounts with insufficient funds. The Township shall further assess a bank recovery fee that shall be set by resolution from year to year by the Clifford Township Board of Supervisors.

Referral for prosecution may be made to the Susquehanna County District Attorney's Office after notice is given to the party upon whom the check is written and following a ten day grace period wherein the party can pay the sum of the check along with the bank recovery fee as set by Resolution of the Clifford Township Board of Supervisors.

Section 107 SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS:

1. Should any part of this Ordinance be rendered or declared invalid, preempted by other legislation, or unconstitutional, by a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of Pennsylvania, such invalidation of such part or portion of this Ordinance should not invalidate the remaining portions thereof, and they shall remain in full force and effect.
2. Any ordinances or part of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective on the

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this day of , 2022.
by the Board of Supervisors in lawful session duly assembled.
TOWNSHIP OF CLIFFORD"

Motion to advertise and post Ordinance for review with vote date at February 8, 2022 business meeting by Mr. Searle, 2nd Mr. Knowlton. SEO Fee schedule- addressed at Reorganization meeting. PSATS Legislative & Act 65 Update- Mr. Searle reports adding a policy statement to the website about Taxpayers and Citizens speaking at meetings, Suggests the Township doesn't get involved with a Public safety advisory committee, reports there's a bill before the House that takes Liability off the Township for volunteers, Legislation that says Township can't pass their our laws restricting gun control.

Township Representative Reports:

Police- not present
Road Report- slow/no calls due to mild weather. Contractors fix water issue on TR Williams Rd. Salt & Cinders are ready.
Planning Commission- No Business
Park & Rec.- No Business
Permit Officer- permit issued for Safeway Heating, Garage on TR Williams for Curtis Althouse
Sewage Office- No new permits, was called out to a garage for investigation
Tax Collector- reports closing out for the year
Fire Company- 700 dispatches for EMS, a compressor fire at a gas pad. Reports they dispatched to fuel oil leak that DEP is now reviewing.
Historical Society- not present
Solicitor- nothing further

Next Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting:
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment 7: 51pm

MaryAnn Tayoun, Secretary