

# Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting January 4, 2021

**Supervisors Present:** Dennis Knowlton, Barry Searle and Chris Marcho  
**Solicitor:** Joseph McGraw      **Secretary:** MaryAnn Tayoun

Business meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at the township building. Chairman Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Motion to approve, December 8, 2020 township minutes by Mr. Marcho. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Motion carries. Treasurer's report reviewed and will be put on file. List of bills reviewed. Mr. Marcho requested that a bill for Kochmer Graphics for \$120.00 for magnetic dumpster signs be added to bill list. Motion made by Mr. Searle to pay bills including the Kochmer bill. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Motion carries.

## **Old Business –**

**Residential & Commercial Subdivision** – Solicitor, Joe McGraw reports amendment was passed at last meeting and copy of amendment for Clifford Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is to be sent to County Commissioners. Also to be added on Township Website and on file in Office.

**911 Address Ordinance: Joe McGraw** – Joe McGraw reports he received a copy of the Ordinance with clarification of the language from the Township Fire Department. The language added includes, *Signs to be visible both daytime and night time hours, numbers shall be made of reflective material for visibility in the dark,* and clarification that *where driveways are shared by multiple buildings, the front of each building should also be marked with the address number.* Motion made by Mr. Searle to accept ordinance with new additions to language. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

**JC Prime Pipeline** – Solicitor reports he emailed Blue Stone Reality to set up meeting with Supervisors.

## **New Business –**

**Workers Comp/Liability Insurance Renewal**– Mr. Searle reported seeing that the 2021 MCGOWAN Insurance total cost was less than the previous year. Motion made by Mr. Seale to pay MCGOWAN Insurance. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton, All in favor. Motion carries.

**Getzie Subdivision**– Mr. Marcho reports Getzie Subdivision was approved by the County. Mr. Marcho makes a motion to approve Subdivision. Mr. Searle seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Greenfield Twp. Police Addendum & Agreement**– Mr. Searle reports Supervisors had voted and a motion to continue Police coverage with Greenfield Township was previously agreed upon. The agreement was signed by Greenfield Twp. and forwarded to the Clifford Township Supervisors for signature approvals.

**Pedestrian Bridge**– Mr. Marcho reports that per Bassitt engineers we have approval from DEP to build the pedestrian bridge. Mr. Marcho made a motion for permission to start work on bridge project. The current plans are to purchase a bridge and put out bids for installation of the bridge structure or to bid the project out. Cost is unknown until the bids come in but Mr. Marcho estimates anywhere between \$50,000 and 100,000. Motion made by Mr. Searle. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Mr. Knowlton stated “thank you to everyone for the hard work involved with that” project and commended them on their team work.

**Cemetery Building**– Mr. Searle reports the Clifford Cemetery on PA-106 has a building falling apart. “It’s condition is a safety hazard and eyesore”. Mr. Searle made a motion that Township declare the structure a safety hazard and eyesore and request structure to be removed. Mr. Searle recommends The Township send a letter to the owner to tear it down and offer grant program before someone gets hurt. Prior to sending letter, Supervisors request information from insurance carrier to see if there may or may not be insurance coverage by the Township for that cemetery. Motion made by Mr. Searle. Mr. Knowlton seconded. All in favor.

**Approval for MaryAnn Tayoun, Secretary/Treasurer**– Authorization to sign checks and added for bank business. Mr. Marcho made a motion to approve for Maryann to be authorized and with handling bank business. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Mr. Knowlton clarified that Meghan Boylan has been acting Secretary for the last few months and will be helping to transition the role to MaryAnn.

**Recycling Ordinance-** Mr. Searle reports he would prefer to put an ordinance in place in an attempt at stopping the misuse and abuse of the recycling program, as an alternative to shutting down the program and negatively affecting the Township residents who pay for and follow the program rules. Other efforts to assist in stopping violators include surveillance cameras, license plate ID readers, and ID spot checks are to be put in place to catch, deter and or stop Non-residents from using the bins, residents from dumping non recyclables –such as household bags of garbage, wheel barrels, etc. in the bins, and stopping or catching residents from dumping garbage, and or recyclables (Littering) in front of or around the bins when already filled. More efforts including adding signs to recycling bins and educating residents on properly breaking down boxes, what can and cannot be recycled will be added to Clifford Township website. Mr. Searle makes motion to post Littering Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton, All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Township Representative Reports:**

**Police Report** – Greenfield Police Chief, Jeff Martin

**Road Report** – Road Master Booths reports two storms came through with significant snow. Road Master stated “There was a good job cleaning it up” and commended the contractors on their work. He also reports a tree down on Wells Road, contractors assisted with cleanup. A resident from Schoolhouse Road left a message with MaryAnn and complimented The Road Master and contractors on a good job keeping the roads maintained.

**Planning Commission-** Mr. Marcho reports 2 Subdivisions going to the county, one for Barhite and Andzulis.

**Park and Recreation** – Mr. Marcho reports pedestrian bridge reviewed, and also we received two grants. The Property Act Division Grant for \$32,000.00 and the other is a 70,000.00 Grant to pave the loop around park for handicap accessibility. The Property Act goes towards purchases, the other Grant may have to be matched by \$20,000 or 30,000.00 to match that 70,000. Mr. Marcho reports the park and grant people are working on it. Mr. Knowlton commended everyone working on those grants.

**Permit Officer** – MaryAnn Tayoun reported 2 building permits approved, 1 for a house and the other for a pole barn.

**Sewage Office** – SEO, Justin Ford’s report was read and reported 0 permits.

**Tax Collector** –Jan Price reports “it’s the end of the year and the reports due by the 10th and there’s a little more work to do with this one”

**Fire Company** – Phil Price reports multiple calls related to snow conditions but nothing serious. He also reports they are “hurting for EMT’s”

**Historical Society** – No report, however the Supervisors are thankful to the groups affiliated with the Christmas Care Run that was put together.

## **Next Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7:00pm.**

Before the meeting concluded Mr. Barry Searle stated he was approached by several people he respected who asked him to reconsider being reelected. Mr. Searle announced he will be running in November for the Supervisor position and he would very much appreciate the support.

**MaryAnn Tayoun, Secretary/Treasurer  
Adjournment 8:05pm**