

# Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting March 10, 2020

**Supervisors Present:** Dennis Knowlton, Barry Searle and Chris Marcho

**Solicitor:** Joseph McGraw

**Secretary:** Joan Hertzog

Business meeting held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the township building. Chairman Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion to approve February 11 2020 township minutes by Mr. Searle seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Treasurer's report reviewed and will be put on file. List of bills reviewed. Mr. Knowlton made a motion to pay all bills except Clifford Home and Auto. Second by Mr. Searle. All in favor. Motion to pay Clifford Home and Auto made by Mr. Searle. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Mr. Marcho abstained due to a conflict of interest.

## **Old Business –**

Agreement with Barhite Excavating, Supervisors and Bassett Engineering - Mr. Searle made the motion to sign the agreement for the Welsh and Tinkerbrook Bridges bid. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Wind Turbine Ordinance – Atty. McGraw will send the proposed updates to the county for review.

Mt. View Student Government Donation – Mr. Searle made the motion to donate \$1,000 of Act 13 money. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Ordinance 1-20 Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement for Police Protection Service – Greenfield representatives Mike Mancuso and Jeff Martin responded to Atty. McGraw's inquiry noting that they would pay for any court time/court appearances. Mr. Searle made the motion to sign the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Mr. Marcho made the motion for Mr. Searle to act as Police Liaison. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Emergency Management Coordinator Price inquired what would happen when 911 is called. Greenfield Township Chief of Police, Jeff Martin, stated Susquehanna County would notify Lackawanna County. Mr. Searle noted letters of intent will be mailed out to inform 911 and the State Police.

## **New Business –**

Re-Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan – Mr. Searle made the motion to review and re-adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan for this year and then again annually as part of the yearly organization meeting followed by sending a copy of the approved minutes to the county. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Road and Public Safety Advisory – Mr. Searle suggests adding an information tab on the township website for residents to remain informed on road issues and safety information.

Property Improvement Grant – Mr. Marcho made the motion to approve payment of \$1,100 from Act 13 to Mr. Savino for property at 3433 SR 2014. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Lenox Gas Well Application Review – Two applications were reviewed.

DCNR Land Acquisition Grant and Paved Path Grant – Mr. Marcho made the motion to undertake applying for both grants. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Mr. Searle reported Ag Day meeting with legislators – Report PennDOT works not doing their jobs or dangerous road conditions by taking pictures and send them with information to Representative Fritz. He recommends the Mt. View School Board to ask bus drivers for their input as well. He asks everyone to complete their Census information. Spotted lantern fly and the invasive tree of heaven information will be put on the township website.

2019 Audit completed – Mr. Marcho made the motion to advertise. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor.

Right to Know Request – Mr. Mazza submitted a RTKR.

Mr. Marcho reported the Clifford Market is up for sale, the Mt. View Complex is hoping to open April 4<sup>th</sup> and the Clifford Community Alliance purchased new floor mats for the community center.

Road Report – Road Master Booths reported he is updating road signs, any needed contact the secretary. Most roads are in good shape and due to mild winter. He will get a jump on ditching and cleaning.

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Planning Commission - Chairperson Fischbeck recommended supervisors to sign the Graham/Newman subdivision. Mr. Marcho made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor. Application for Larkin Land Development may be ready for approval next month.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Marcho reported the Annual Spring Clean Up and Recycling Event is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed. Furnace is running in the garage, shower has a heater in the building, lighting for the playground and pavilion has been installed, working on the blacktop bid.

Permit Officer – Secretary Hertzog reports two building permits issued.

Tax Collector – Tax Collector JanPrice reports that tax bills were mailed out and her office is open for business.

Fire Company – EMC Philip Price reports 50 EMS and 20 fire calls. The state is reinstating expired EMT's after some new testing. The annual fund driver will be starting soon.

Historical Society – Sandy Wilmot reports the museum will be open this Sunday 1-4pm. Donations and matching challenge is making the Yarns Cider Mill very close to becoming operational. Barry Searle will be presenting a sap to syrup exhibition at the Fireman's Picnic. Thank you to all who donated and volunteers for helping to accomplish so many things. The Elkdale Bridge will be closed by March 15<sup>th</sup> for repair by PennDOT.

Joan Hertzog Secretary/Treasurer  
Adjournment 7:40 pm