

Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting March 9th, 2021

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

Business meeting held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the Clifford Township building. Chairman Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. Motion to approve, February minutes by Mr. Searle. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. Treasurer's report reviewed and will be put on file. List of bills reviewed. Motion to pay all bills except Clifford Home & Auto made by Mr. Knowlton, seconded by Mr. Searle. Mr. Searle motioned to pay bill for Clifford Home & Auto Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. Motion carried. Supervisor Marcho abstains due to conflict of interest.

Old Business –

GC Pipeline– Attorney, Michael Cefalo and Sara Cremer, representatives for Pennsylvania Midstream Holdings, the organization that “owns the asset” are looking to put a midstream asset in play in Susquehanna into Lackawanna County down to the railroad corridor into Lackawanna County. They report they’ve accumulated a significant amount of right of way from area property owners and an option for their route is a Clifford Township Property (the old dump) which would allow them to get to the Kelley property. They report having easements with Andzulis, Kelly and “a whole list of owners”. Attorney corrected and reports Anzulis hasn’t signed but “we’re going back and forth with paperwork”. Mr. Cefalo presented the proposed route, offer of easement agreement and language. That includes a 24 inch pipeline, 75 foot right of way. 50 ft. of permanent, 25 ft. of temporary. Pay is same amount per acre for permanent and temporary space. \$12,000 dollars per acre, 9 thousand dollars for permanent, 3 thousand dollars for temporary. A two year option agreement and 500 dollar fee. Mr. Knowlton asked type of pipeline, - natural gas. Mr. Marcho asked where it starts and ends and number of routes. - Starts in Susquehanna county, Valentines station to the Lackawanna County Pennsylvania Northeast Railroad Association corridor. Mr. Cefalo reports having a “number of routes available.” Ms. Cremer brought copies of agreement, and aerial maps. Mr. Searle asked if there’s a list of property owners/lands approved. Ms. Cremer reports having a list of property owners they’ve acquired easements from and are still negotiating with but says she doesn’t give that information out due to confidentiality reasons. They report having an “active dialog with people up stream and downstream of the property” owned by the Township. Ms. Cremer reports Mr. Burdick, next to the property is also in agreement and that the Township should be aware, as it’s (the proposed pipeline) is close to his home. Mr. Marcho asked about property limitations if a pipeline was placed, - can’t be built on, can plant/farm as long as it’s not deep rooted plants. With a proposed start date in 12 to 15 months. (Copies/map on file with Secretary for residents to review)

Pedestrian Bridge – Mr. Marcho reports core samples were taken. Bids process of purchasing bridge superstructure through Costar process to begin. Mr. Searle made the motion, seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

New Business –

Clifford Twp. Vol Fireman Annual Picnic– Scheduled for July 29th, 30th & 31st of 2021. With a parade starting on the 29th. Motion made by Mr. Searle to approve picnic, seconded by Mr. Knowlton.

Spring Road BID- Motion to start process, advertise and open bids for next month’s April meeting by Mr. Marcho, seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Spring Mowing Bid- Motion to start process, advertise and open bids for next meeting in April by Mr. Knowlton, seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor.

Spring Clean Up- Motion to approve annual spring clean-up and E-recycling for April 17th 9am -12noon by Mr. Marcho, Seconded by My Knowlton.

High Speed Internet- Mr. Searle reports the county has budget to put loop for high speed internet in for Clifford Twp. and they will be planning a meeting to talk with the Twp. in the near future regarding the same. Mr. Marcho reports receiving information regarding workers comp insurance and rate increasing related to Fire Company covering areas. And concerns with volunteers being covered for things like the picnic. Mr. Marcho and Road master to coordinate process of getting trees cut down. Requesting motion to begin process including adverting for tree trimming bids. Motioned by Mr. Knowlton, seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor. Mr. Knowlton asked if there was any new business.

Mr. Knowlton checked for any new business. Continued on to reports.

Township Representative Reports:

Police – Not present

Road Report – Road Master Booths reports slow month, no calls. Road inspection with PennDOT Consultant during the week to discuss trees and guardrails.

Planning Commission- Mr. Marcho reports Planning Commission has 3 sets of maps to be approved & signed. 1 minor & 1 Major for Barhite & Spedding property. Motion to Approve by Mr. Searle, seconded by Mr. Knowlton. New, Cobb/Keating lot line adjustment, Dave Potis minor subdivision.

Park and Recreation – Mr. Marcho reports donation from Cindy Urbas and donation from Alexandra Conley & Dan Leonardi. Half of trail grant received, plans to clean up property and trails. Letters to recycling violators to be mailed out.

Permit Officer – Twp Secretary Reports 1 subdivision, 1 building permit.

Sewage Office – SEO, Justin Ford reports 1 repair permit, John Watt brought in because of conflict of interest. Also, reports going back & forth with DEP related to Ron Annas property. Property was permitted for garage with electric only and is now trying to get sewage into the structure. DEP sent back with more recommendations of soil testing and sewage flows documented better. The size of the property, shared wells by 3 other cottages near and shared sewers raise concern in case of failures occur. Planning commission recalls a variance given for the garage structure. Residents voiced concerns with lot size and exemptions with community systems breaking down in the future.

Tax Collector – Not present

Fire Company –Not present

Historical Society – Sandy Wilmot reports Jellies for sale. Reports distributing newsletters to all residents. And plans to update their website. Glacier project should be starting in near future.

Next Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting
May 11th, 2021 at 7:00pm. MaryAnn Tayoun, Secretary/Treasurer

Adjournment 8:10pm

MaryAnn Tayoun, Secretary