

# Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting November 9, 2021

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

**Solicitor:** Joseph McGraw      **Secretary:** MaryAnn Tayoun

Business meeting held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at the Clifford Township building. Chairman Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Mr. Knowlton opened the floor for public comment. Nothing offered. Motion by Mr. Searle to approve minutes for Township Budget Work Session, Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2021 by Mr. Knowlton, seconded by Mr. Searle, All in Favor. Treasurer's report reviewed and will be put on file. List of bills reviewed. Mr. Marcho requesting to add the Parking Lot Line painting bill to list. Motion to pay all bills except Clifford Home & Auto by Mr. Searle, seconded by Mr. Knowlton. Mr. Searle motion to pay bill for Clifford Home & Auto, seconded by Mr. Knowlton. No comment from the floor. Supervisor Marcho abstains due to conflict of interest. Floor addressed for public comment, nothing offered.

**Old Business: Winter Road Maintenance/Plowing Bids:** 1 bid received from Barhite Excavating Plowing & Cindering 5500 single axle 4 wheel drive dumps 8-10 ton capacity:\$95/hr. Graders/wheel loaders for heavy snow removal: \$135/hr. Motion to accept bid by Mr. Marcho, seconded by Mr. Knowlton. No questions or comments from the public. **2022 Budget:** Mr. Searle reports the budget work session was held. The township has no debts, has not borrowed nor made any interest payments this year. Money was able to be put in reserve to cover miscellaneous expenses. The Township was progressive with help of many people in getting grants and using Act 13 funds. The township was able to absorb the Police cost of \$60,000 year. It's estimated the EMS services for 2022 will cost \$40,000. There will not be an EMS tax increase in 2022 but there most likely will be a half mil EMS tax increase in 2023 due to lack of volunteers. No comment or questions from public. Motion made by Mr. Searle to post the budget as proposed and vote on Budget for December Meeting. Mr. Searle reports Susq. County Recovery Alliance would like to give a presentation on opioid and narcan rescue kits. Mr. Searle reports PSATS is pushing to: Tailor Fire Co. personnel training, changing requirements for Townships to purchase cinders and antiskid, Townships can perform standard flood mitigations, do away with municipalities & townships. Mr. Searle also reports PSATS requesting a Resolution be passed, Due to lack of information regarding the America 250 PA Resolution, the Supervisors tabled the Resolution. All in favor. Mr. Searle & Mr. Price attended the County Hazard Mitigation and the Township is up to date.

## **New Business:**

### **Township Representative Reports:**

Police- Not present due to car accident.

Road Report- Road Master reports numerous calls for road issues, most resolved, contractors completing prewinter road touchups. Cinders have been received, salt deliveries have been delayed-vender assures salt is coming. Trees on Tinkerbook too big of a project, Four Seasons to assess and remove.

Planning Commission- Sally reports the Planning Commission voted for Supervisors to approve Pettinato Minor Subdivision related to the Dollar General Project. Motion by Mr. Marcho, seconded by Mr. Knowlton. Sally also reports a follow-up of the subdivision will be a land development. Planning Commission recommends conditional approving a land development based on: Subdivision finalized, filed & recorded.-Change of ownership from Pettinato to Dollar General.-An executed developer's agreement- approved NPDES permit- approved Sewer Component 2.

Mr. Knowlton and Mr. Searle voiced concerns about when they will be able to see a prototype of the building they have in mind, Mr. Searle voiced that he's asked multiple times and for several months for the Dollar General to use the "Jersey Upgrade" type plan that was an option for the building style. Travis, the representative for DG, reports the building plans weren't back from the architect yet but reports the developer is willing to work with the township. After Travis explained what it would look like Mr. Knowlton voiced that it sounded like the standard box Dollar General. Mr. Knowlton and Mr. Searle voiced they'd like to talk with the architect, Travis was unable to give contact information but said he would forward the information along. Motion by Mr. Knowlton to accept a conditional approval, seconded by Mr. Searle. Public comment included a resident making Travis aware that the dollar general is a big deal for the community and the community would like a little input with the style.

Park and Recreation- Parking lot & wellness loop, soccer and parking projects complete finished. Mr. Marcho feels a fence may be needed along with a gate at some point.

Permit Officer- 1 permit for Mr. Storage shed for Knowlton.

Sewage Office – 1 soil per test on Elk View Drive for Justin Carlson and repair on Church Rd for Robert Astegher..

Tax Collector- not present

Fire Company- not present

Historical Society- not present

Solicitor- Swynn Production Co. sent notice they received permit to drill by Ordie Price's Sawmill, documents will be on file.

**Next Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting**

**December 14, 2021 at 7:00pm.**

**MaryAnn Tayoun, Secretary**

**Adjournment 7:46pm**