

Supervisors' Meeting

September 12, 2023



Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Mark Morrow. Also in attendance were Supervisors Klinger, Hunsinger, Carr and Howell. The meeting was held at the township office.

An Executive session was held prior to the meeting at 8:00 am regarding personnel matters.

A Conditional Use Hearing was held prior to the meeting at 8:30 am.

Approve August minutes – On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion minutes as presented were approved. Motion passed 5-0.

Solicitor – Solicitor Lewis mentioned that Chipotle is on hold due to other conditions that have not been met yet. Foust Holdings had to make a few changes due to a telephone pole sitting in the middle of their driveway, but they are ready to move forward without moving the telephone pole. Geisinger has asked for an extension.

Police – Reported by Chief VanDine. See attached.

Zoning Officer – Reported by Renee Moist. See attached.

Planning Commission – Ms. Moist said that they held a meeting last Tuesday to discuss potential ordinances for storm water. The ordinances are under review and are tabled until next month. There are a few plans that are waiting on Conditional approval, these include, Hacks Land Development, Chipotle which has several conditions that they are waiting on, and the Hotel. Arby's is currently digging.

Park Committee – Reverend Moore mentioned that they are purchasing new equipment and permanent picnic tables.

SEO – Not present.

Roadmaster – Reported by Mr. Sutton. See attached.

Emergency Management – Not Present.

Manager's Report – Mr. Sutton asked the board of Supervisors to set the Budget meeting for September 18 and 19 at 9:00 am to be held at the Township office. On a Morrow/Howell motion, the meeting time and location was approved. Motion passed 5-0.

The Vanderslice Cemetery is currently being cleaned up by Jacob Miller for an Eagle Scout project.

There was some cruiser damage last month from an officer that was backing up from an accident scene who failed to see a pole behind the rear passenger side of the cruiser in the back. An insurance claim has been filed and the cruiser is on a waiting list to be repaired. The car is still drivable.

Mr. Sutton presented the financial report.

Citizen's Comments:

Reverend Moore said that the road crew had done a wonderful job with the oil and chipping of the township roads.

Reverend Moore questioned if the Monthly minutes are posted on the township website. Mr. Sutton explained that they are except for this meeting. September minutes will be posted after they are approved at the October Supervisors meeting.

Old Business:

1. **Generators** – After being tabled at last month's meeting Mr. Sutton checked on small portable generators as well as an extra set of back up batteries as was requested. Each traffic signal takes three back up batteries that are \$300.00 per battery. Lowes has small Westinghouse generators that will be beneficial for about \$550.00 per generator. On a Morrow/Klinger motion, it was agreed that Jeff Sutton will move forward with the purchase of two generators. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business:

2. **MMO - PMRS** – The estimated amount for the non-uniform contributions for 2024 is \$55, 204.00 and the police pension plan for 2024 is \$71,007.00.
3. **Police Officer Resignation/Discussion** – Thomas Crawford resigned effective August 31, 2023. Mr. Sutton advised the board that Chief VanDine is still in the process of finding a replacement. Chief VanDine requested to be listed on the agenda to present hiring options to the board after no applications have been received while the job listing has been posted on multiple sources. Chairman Morrow has suggested that Mr. Sutton schedule a work session to discuss hiring options.
4. **Road Crew New Hires** – Mr. Sutton, Mr. Carr, Mr. Howell and Shawn Donbach interviewed two experienced applicants that he received after listing the part time road crew job on Indeed.com. He hired Christopher Carroll. On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion, it was agreed to hire Christopher Carroll as a part time road crew member effective September 11, 2023. Motion passed 5-0. The other part time road crew employee that we currently have has notified the township that he will be retiring in late July of 2024. Mr. Sutton suggested that the township consider hiring the other part-time applicant, Ronald Young, that the panel interviewed now to replace Phil Shultz when he retires. On a Klinger/Howell motion, Mr. Sutton is to hire Ronald Young part time effective September 25, 2023. Motion passed 5-0.
5. **Sweep Program** – Mr. Sutton advised the board that a member of the First Columbia Bank approached the township about the Sweep Program. This program takes the money out of the general fund at the end of each business day to sweep it through their system to pick up a higher rate for revenue and then transfers it back into the townships account. The bank is insured through bonds and there is no chance of loss of funds. PSATS informed Mr. Sutton that several municipalities are beginning to get involved with this new Sweep Account and that they are legal. Solicitor Lewis stated that the Borough Association magazine had mentioned that it is not lawful. On a Carr/Klinger motion, Mr. Sutton can enter the Sweep program with First Columbia Bank as Solicitor Lewis follows up on it and makes sure that it is lawful. Motion passed 5-0.
6. **Storm Water Ordinance Update/Hearing** – The Storm Water Ordinance needs to be updated to meet the townships MS4 requirements which will need to have a public hearing. The Zoning Officer would like to schedule the Public Hearing on October 10, 2023, at 8:30 am. On a Howell/Morrow motion, the township will hold a Public Hearing on October 10, 2023, at 8:30am. Motion passed 5-0.
7. **Foust Holding Conditional Use** – Foust Holdings is asking for approval of a Conditional Use with a flex interchange overlay for the Hotel at Mall Blvd. On a Hunsinger/Klinger motion, approval was given for Foust Holdings Conditional Use with the condition that the second use be within five years of the original submission. Motion passed 4-0 with Supervisor Howell abstaining.

8. **Hack Landscaping – Conditional Approval Extension** – Hack Landscaping had a Conditional Use that will expire on September 13, 2023, and there are still three items that are pending. The Developers agreement that needs to be signed, the bond, and a Storm Water management calculation that they need to address. Therefore, Hacks Landscaping is requesting an extension for their Conditional Use. On a Howell/Klinger motion, the request was granted to extend the Conditional Use to December 13, 2023, Motion passed 5-0.
9. **Sd Force – PB&J – Land Plan Review Extension** – Ted Oman has requested that the township grant an extension on the Land Plan Review for the proposed PB&J restaurant. On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion, the request for a 90-day Land Plan Review extension was granted. Motion passed 5-0.
10. **County Convention** – The township has an invitation to the 109th County Convention held at the Columbia Montour Vo Tech School on October 11, 2023, at 5 pm.

Supervisor Howell requested Mr. Sutton amend the agenda to include Oiling Complaints in Fernville and a Maintenance/ Safety issue. On a Morrow/Carr motion, the agenda has been amended to include items 11 and 12. Motion passed 4-0, with Supervisor Hunsinger abstaining.

11. **Oiling Complaints in Fernville** – Supervisor Howell received an email from Karen Baker addressing concerns that Fernville residents were unaware of the oil and chip being done other than the signs posted along Drinker Street. They would like to be made aware ahead of time in the future. It will be posted on the Website as soon as the township is aware.
12. **Maintenance/Safety Issue** – Supervisor Howell mentioned that Dutch Hill Road and Howell Drive. has areas that have washed out from previous storms. The road department will address these areas that have washed out.

Other Business:

Approve Bills as Posted – On a Howell/Hunsinger motion, the bills as posted were approved. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment of Meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Weaver
Township Secretary