

# Supervisors' Meeting

April 11, 2023



Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:18 am by Chairman Mark Morrow. In attendance were Supervisors Carr, Howell, Klinger and Hunsinger. The meeting was held at the township office.

A Conditional Use Hearing was held prior to the meeting.

Approve March minutes – On a Howell/Carr motion minutes as presented were approved. Motion passed 5-0.

Solicitor – Barry Lewis stated that he spoke to Drew Barton regarding Wedgetown Road. Mr. Barton asked if the Township was ready to propose vacating the portion of Wedgetown Road that is now closed. A public hearing is needed before the township can vacate the road. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion, approval was given to advertise the vacation of that portion of Wedgetown Road and the dedication of the new Wedgetown Road pending approval of the Engineer. Motion passed 5-0.

Police – Reported by Jeff Sutton. See attached.

Zoning Officer –Renee Moist stated that she had an error in her report. There are two permits issued which are 2858 and 2857. See attached.

Planning Commission – Reported by Renee Moist. See attached.

Park Committee – Denny Garrison reported that Fernville Park has their benches placed and is now open. The Fire Company held its annual Easter Egg Hunt and was successful. Mr. Garrison also mentioned that the road crew had been working on filling in potholes in the park and are getting ready to begin mowing.

Reverend Moore commented on the excellent job that the firehall had done with the Easter Egg Hunt.

SEO – Not present.

Roadmaster – Reported by Shawn Donbach. See attached.

Emergency Management – No report.

Manager's Report – Mr. Sutton stated that the township has MS4 projects that need to be done within five years with a permit through DEP. Within those five years there are several projects that need to be completed. The township is in the second permit year and is in the process of working on a project on Dahl Road for which a grant was received. Michelle Bella discussed using the engineer to assist with completing the required annual report to DEP. Supervisor Carr suggested reaching out to the Engineer for a list of MS4 projects and estimated costs. On a Morrow/Carr motion, it was agreed to move forward working with the Engineer and getting a cost list. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Sutton presented the financial report.

## Citizen's Comments:

Reverend Moore commented on the great job township manager Jeff Sutton is doing. He also asked if the township is charging for the equipment being parked in Fernville. Mr. Sutton stated that the township is not charging because the equipment is being utilized for the projects to tear down the properties there.

Reverend Moore stated that Hemlock Police attended the Easter Egg Hunt and feels they should be commended for their good work.

## Old Business:

1. **Streetlights – Mitchell Drive** – The township purchased twelve streetlights from Bloomsburg as discussed at the March meeting. Mr. Sutton is working with Tra Electric to schedule the installation.

Supervisor Dan Carr questioned whether the township had a report back from the Engineer regarding the Columbia County Christian School's escrow monies. Michelle Bella said that she and the Engineer visited the sight but did not get the report back. There are a few items that need to be completed.

Dan Carr asked for an update on the Fernville lots. He questioned when they would be completed. Michelle Bella replied that they were putting topsoil and seeds down this week.

### **New Business:**

2. **Resolution 04-11-2023 County Hazard Mitigation Plan** – This resolution is to adopt the county plan as the township's and have it on file in the event of another flood or major storm that would require federal funding. On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, it was agreed to enact Resolution 04-11-2023 County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion passed 5-0.
3. **Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership** – The Chamber of Commerce is requesting the township's support in continuing their Membership of \$185.00 annual fee. On a Carr/Howell motion the Membership and annual fee will continue for 2023. Motion passed 5-0.
4. **Columbia County Township Officials Association Membership** – The dues for Columbia County Township Officials Association Membership are \$50.00. On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion, it was agreed to pay the membership fee of \$50.00. Motion passed 5-0.
5. **Road Crew Ceiling Heater** – Mr. Sutton was to get an estimate on a ceiling mounted gas heater for the township garage. The company he was working with that did the work at the township building had not responded after several attempts. Mr. Sutton found a company called Gas Works who gave an estimate of \$1,800.00 to \$2,000.00 for the complete unit to be installed. On a Hunsinger/Klinger motion, the purchase of the heaters was approved. Motion passed 5-0.
6. **Ratify Hiring Police Officer** – Kenneth Flewelling interviewed very well for the police officer position and was offered the job. The supervisors were asked to ratify his hiring with a start date of April 1, 2023. On a Klinger/Morrow motion, it was agreed to ratify Kenneth Flewelling's hiring with a start date of April 1, 2023. Motion passed 5-0.
7. **Preliminary/Final Land Plans – Foust Holdings** – This plan has been approved by the planning commission and is ready for the board's authorization. On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion, plans were accepted contingent on the list of conditions. Motion passed 5-0.0
8. **FinnGard Conditional Use Application** – On a Klinger/Howell motion, the Finn Gard Conditional Use Application was accepted. Motion passed 5-0.
9. **Scratch Paving** – On a Howell/Klinger motion, it was approved to move forward with the advertising for scratch paving. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Other Business:**

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

**Adjournment of Meeting** – Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Weaver  
Township Secretary