

Supervisors' Meeting

February 14, 2017



Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Morrow. In attendance were Supervisors Hunsinger, Bardo, Klinger and Carr.

Approve January Reorganization and regular Supervisors minutes – On a Carr/Klinger motion, minutes as presented are approved. Motion passed 5-0. Supervisor Morrow stated that on February 9th the board met regarding a personnel matter.

Solicitor's Report – No report.

Police Report – Reported by Chief Van Dine. See attached.

Zoning Officer's Report – Reported by Ms. Matthews. See attached. Ms. Matthews requested that the fee for the pavilion at the park be waived. On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, the fee is waived. Motion passed 5-0.

Planning Commission Report – Meeting will be held next week. The plans for Harbor Freight have been signed.

Park Committee Report – Reported by Maryann Dalkiewicz. See attached.

Sewage Officer's Report – Not present.

Roadmaster's Report – Snow events and tree clean-up. Supervisor Klinger contacted PennDot regarding Maggie Springs. He gave Julie Klinger an update.

Emergency Management Coordinator's Report – No report.

Manager's Report – Reported by Ms. Bella. See attached. She stated that there has been no news from Harrisburg regarding the buy-out. She also said that the township received permit applications for driveways and road cuts from the pipeline company. The driveway permits need to have signed agreements from the owners and still waiting for bond and liability insurance for the road cut permits.

Citizens' Comments:

Denny Stahl, 203 Wagner Drive: Back in the fall he brought a concern about Route 42 and Frosty Valley Road regarding the danger of passing in that area. He did not think he would get a response. Supervisor Bardo handed Mr. Stahl a letter several weeks later that did address this issue. He thanked the board.

Scott Traugh stated that the Fire Company would like to have the Easter egg hunt on April 15th at 10:00 at the Fernville Park. Last year we approved this as a yearly event so no motion needs to be made. Mrs. Bella said she would put the information on the website.

Derek Martin, the owner of Booth and Sons Recycling will be asking for a request for an amendment of the 1995 special exceptions for his business property. The original conditions of the permit did not allow the storage of whole tires outside. Mr. Martin provided pictures of his operation. The tires are shredded and the chips are stored outside and then picked up by the loader. DEP does not have an issue with the request of keeping the chips outside for a short amount of time, but they deferred to the township for permission. Further discussion ensued and more information was given. This was informational only.

Old Business

1. Cable Franchise Proposal for Franchise Fee Audit Services– The town of Bloomsburg has a cable franchise. Ms. Bella spoke to the manager who recommended doing an audit. When Bloomsburg did their audit, it showed that they missed out on quite a sum of money from Service Electric. On a Bardo/Hunsinger motion, permission was given to move forward with an audit from Cohen Law Group. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Workshops for Zoning Ordinance Amendment Review – Will be held on Tuesday, February 21st from 6 to 8 pm.
3. MS4 Update – Supervisor Carr stated that last week was the second meeting. In attendance were Eric Stahley and Scott and Montour townships. Jen Wizner from Bloomsburg University said that several students will help with the mapping. They will provide the equipment for us. Tim Murphy was not at the meeting but will provide maps. They will work in half day blocks with the students. The submission date is September 10th and must be advertised by August 3rd. The estimated amount for each municipality will be about \$7,000.00.

New Business

4. Resignation of full-time police officer - Officer Kevin Malukas handed in his resignation with final day of February 6, 2017. On a Bardo/Klinger motion, resignation is regretfully accepted. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Hire full time police officers – Interviews were held on February 2nd with Officers Kurt Henrie and Charles Dietterick. After some discussion of their abilities, it was decided that both officers be promoted to full-time status. On a Bardo/Klinger motion, Officers Kurt Henrie and Charles Dietterick are promoted to full time status as of today, February 14, 2017. The next opening in the police department will revert to a part-time position at 32 hours. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Consideration of police officer advancement – Chief VanDine stated that Officer Michael Quaranta has reached the time requirement to be advanced to Patrolman II. On a Bardo/Klinger motion, promotion is approved beginning February 17, 2017. Motion passed 5-0.
 7. Consideration to add SWAT team equipment truck to Township Insurance – The SWAT team would like to purchase a truck to add to its fleet with an insurance cost of \$391.00 per year. They will reimburse the township. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion, truck will be added to the township insurance policy. Motion passed 5-0.
 8. Consideration to adopt the Columbia County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan (Res. 02-14-2017) -This is an update to the current Hazard Mitigation Plan to determine how prepared we are to deal with disasters. On a Hunsinger/Morrow motion, Resolution 02-14-2017 is adopted. Motion passed 5-0. Ms. Matthews discussed the issue of radon in the county and the township. This information can be posted on our web site or in our next newsletter.
9. PMRS Annual Police Waiver of Contributions (Res. 02-14-2017A) – This is a resolution that needs to be done on a yearly basis waiving police contribution to the pension plan. On a Hunsinger/Morrow motion, Resolution 02-14-2017A is adopted. Motion passed 5-0.
10. Adopting written procedures in how professional services are chosen for pension plans to comply with Act 44 of 2009 and the Auditor General's recommendation (Res. 02-14-2017B) – The PMRS audit had no findings but stated that a written procedure of hiring professional services for our pension plan is required. On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion, Resolution 02-14-2017B is adopted. Motion passed 5-0.
11. Authorization to advertise for equipment and hauling to open in April – Supervisor Klinger requested permission to put his yearly bid out for material delivery and equipment operator. On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, authorization is given for advertising the bid in March and the opening in April. Motion passed 5-0.
12. Discussion of Township Manager's pay rate – Mrs. Bella informed that board that she did not update her pay rate for the 2017 year. She should be receiving \$20.60 per hour, an upgrade from acting manager to manager. On a Bardo/Carr motion, pay rate is

amended to come in to line with the other employees and will be retroactive to January 1, 2017.

13. Consideration of Tax Collection Committee request – The Columbia County Tax Collection Committee has not been able to get a forum at every meeting. Do we want a tax committee officer to vote if we do not have a representative at the meeting? Decision to leave the meetings the way it is currently set up.

14. Appoint voting delegate for PSATS Conference – Supervisor Carr is the only person attending the PSATS Conference this year. On a Morrow/Klinger motion, Supervisor Carr is nominated as the township's voting delegate at this year's PSATS conference. Motion passed 5-0.

Other Business

15. PSATS conference, April 23 – 26, 2017 – Just a reminder.

Approve Bills as Posted – On a Klinger/Bardo motion, bills as presented are approved. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment of Meeting – Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larina S. Kramer

Township Secretary