

Supervisors' Meeting

JUNE 11, 2019



Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Morrow. In attendance were Supervisors Hunsinger, Klinger, Carr and Howell. Supervisor Morrow announced there was an executive session prior to this meeting regarding personnel issues.

Approve May minutes – A Klinger/Carr motion was made to approve the minutes for the May meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Solicitor's Report – No report.

Police Report – Reported by Chief VanDine. See attached.

Zoning Officer's Report – Reported by Melissa Matthews. See attached. Ms. Matthews asked the board to waive fees for the demolition of the homes in the buy-out. On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion, demolition fees will be waved. Motion passed 5-0.

Planning Commission Report – Reported by Melissa Matthews. See attached.

Park Committee Report – Reported by Dennis Garrison. See attached. He would like to use the lot across the park to put a basketball park. Ms. Matthews stated that FEMA doesn't allow any buy-out property to be used for that. The flags are getting shabby so Reverend Moore will help with the replacement. The park committee also received a certificate for the Columbia County Visitors Bureau.

Sewage Officer's Report – Not present.

Roadmaster's Report – Reported by Supervisor Klinger. See attached.

Emergency Management Coordinator's Report – No report.

Manager's Report – Gave an update on the Lowes tax appeal. They reached an agreement prior to going to court. It was agreed that for the year 2019, the appraised value would be 5,200,000.00 and in 2020 it would be 6,200,000.00. Mr. Sutton included resolutions that were passed through PSATS in their packages for review. The financial report was presented. See attached.

Citizens' Comments: Melanie Mills, Lover Drive: She asked Supervisor Klinger when the road work will be done. He said he needs to replace the pipe which will be done by Sokol, level then raise the road. This should be completed by the end of August.

Dan and Holly Dragonet, 215 Snyder Drive: He presented a map to the board. He asked that the part of the road where they live be abandoned. Mr. Dragonet feels that crops have been damaged by cars, a lot of littered cans, bonfires, road hunters, poaching, etc. He says that there is very little traffic that will be affected. He mentioned that the logging is being done and he mentioned to Supervisor Klinger about putting up safety signs. A log was going to put across the road and road closed signs was put up. Supervisor Klinger agreed to that. Vehicles have been going around the road closed signs and/or hitting them. Supervisor Carr and Mr. Sutton went to check the road and said they did not see any road closed signs. Mr.

Dragonet asked why Mr. Sutton drove across the fields and had the tree removed. Mr. Sutton responded that Snyder Drive is a township road, not a private driveway, and opened to the public so the road will stay opened until the board of supervisors decides to close it. Before the road was closed, this issue should have been brought back to the board. Mrs. Dragonet said the only time she hears cars is at one in the morning speeding up and down and throwing out trash. She was told to call the police when these activities occur. Supervisor Carr asked other residents to comment on this issue.

Artie Kissinger, Snyder Drive: Mr. Kissinger felt that Mr. Dragonet embellished the problems on the road and hoped the road would stay opened. He would like to get out of his driveway and go either way.

Travis Carr: He purchased property and would need to have access to Snyder Drive. He states that the snow drifts in the winter and would like the option of having a second access off his road.

Anna Kissinger, Snyder Drive: She has been a resident on Snyder Drive for over thirty years. She has not seen any safety issues on the road besides someone getting stuck now and again. She would like to keep the road open. She does not agree that the road is not safe.

Tim Carr: He would like to continue using that road and having it maintained. He co-owns some of the land on Snyder Drive. He uses it several times a month. Only had his crops damaged twice in forty years. Feels the road should be kept open.

Much further discussion followed. Supervisor Morrow said the board will take the road closing under advisement and get further information prior to making any decision. The question is when to keep the road closed sign up. Mr. Sutton stated it is the contractor's responsibility to put up the signs with the township's permission.

After further discussion of the issue, Supervisor Morrow said the board will take it under advisement and get more information, then a decision will be made. On a Klinger/Morrow motion, the road closed sign will be put up when logger is doing his work and removed when he is done. Motion passed 4-0. During this time Supervisor Hunsinger needed to step out of the room so he was not present to vote.

Kevin Martz, Orchard Drive: Stated that there is a ditch that has washed out about two and one-half to three feet in some areas and the macadam has chipped away. The pipe that goes under his driveway is completely clogged. The water goes over the pipe and down onto the road. Is there any plan on cleaning ditches? They will be putting in three cross pipes, so they don't get the volume of water coming down. This will be done by July and August.

Joe Carr, Mailman: Asked the supervisors when a pipe will be put in his road. Will it be this year? He has been told by Supervisor Klinger for the past four or five years that this will be taken care of. After further discussion, Supervisor Morrow will meet with Sokol at the end of the week. He will get an answer by Friday.

Julie Klinger, Maggie Springs: Thanks to Supervisors Howell for bringing state representative to meet with her to see what can be done on the road and to Supervisor Klinger for working on the pipe and ditch.

Dennis Garrison, Spring Garden Ave.: Thanked Supervisor Klinger for opening his drain line and cleaning it out.

Bob Beishline, Pony Trail Dr.: The water jumps the curb and runs and brings stones. There needs to be work on the shoulder up the road. Will put pavement near the drain.

Reverend Moore, Fernville: Thanked the Chief of Police for sending two officers to do fingerprinting. Also thanked the Supervisors that attended the get together at the park.

Old Business:

1. **Managers Bond** – Jeffrey Sutton is now bonded through our insurance company.

2. **Road Dust Oil** – Seven residents signed up for dust oil with a total of 2,220 feet of road. Supervisor Klinger and Mr. Sutton will meet with Midland to get the date and time schedule.
3. **Message Board damage/repair** – The message board that was damaged during the high wind-storm. It has been repaired and put back in service and the bill was paid by our insurance policy.
4. **Madison Township/Millville Borough Police Contract renewal** – Mr. Sutton and two supervisors met with Chief Van Dine and Sergeant Traugh to discuss the contract. Michelle Densburger, Madison Township Supervisor, said the current contract has 16 hours but does not include calls for service, the new contract would be 20-hour patrol and includes calls for service. The new contract starts in 2021 and she asked if the contract could be for five years instead of three. Further discussion followed. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion, the township can set things in place within Hemlock Township to document all the proposed language for the new five-year contract starting in 2021, base amount of \$56,314.00, 20 hours of service that include calls for service, Hemlock retains 100% of fines, and we share the cost of legal fees. Motion passed 5-0.
5. **House Bill 349 – PA Construction Code Inspector list** - There is a bill in the senate to require second inspector. Tri-County COG stated that there is no need for a second inspector to be offered in the township because they are intergovernmental. According to Solicitor Lewis, the bill states this is required even if you are intergovernmental. We will wait to see if the bill passes.

New Business:

6. **Lap Top purchase** – According to FEMA, we can purchase a computer to use for the work we are doing for documentation and processing the reimbursements. A computer was purchased.
7. **Class 8 truck grant** – There is a grant through Driving PA forward that will replace the old GMC truck with environmentally friendly vehicles. We would pay 10% out of pocket. On a Hunsinger/Morrow motion, permission is given to apply for the grant. Motion passed 5-0.
8. **Traffic light repairs** – The township will have to pay \$3,813.00 for work done on the light at Millville Road. It malfunctioned during the last storm. The Columbia Mall will be responsible for \$4,298 for work done on their traffic signal.
9. **Orchard Drive – Citizen concern** - The Brokenshires spoke with Mr. Sutton and asked if Rambo Drive and Orchard Drive can be chipped or blacktopped. Supervisor Klinger stated that he has applied for a dirt and gravel grant for this area. If we don't get the grant, we will use about \$10,000 to do work in that area. Tar and chipping won't work on that area.
10. **Waive Township Taxes** – Ms. Bella asked if the township would wave their part of the taxes for the houses in the blood buy-out. On a Morrow/Car motion, township taxes from the buy-out will be waived. Motion passed 5-0.
11. **MJ Real Estate Preliminary/Final Subdivision** – The county comments were that the plans need to be signed and notarized. The other request was to review the plan that shows a little strip which was approved in the 1990's but never transferred. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion, approval was given to transfer add on lot to two properties as presented by Mr. Oman. Motion passed 5-0.
12. **Maggie Springs** – Discussed above.

Other Business:

Livic Civil represents a developer who would like to build a Moe's restaurant and other retail business on the property next to the car wash across from Walmart. They presented an informational plan to the supervisors it will be presented to the planning commission next month.

On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion, approval is given for the township to cooperate with the show 48 hours and use Solicitor Lewis as legal counsel. This is about the Spencer murder that occurred in the township several years ago. Motion passed 4-1 with Supervisor Howell voting against. .

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

Adjournment of Meeting – Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larina S. Kramer
Township Secretary