

Supervisors' Meeting

OCTOBER 8, 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.

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

Solicitor's Report – No report.

Police Report – Reported by Chief VanDine. See attached.

Zoning Officer's Report – Reported by Ms. Matthews. See attached.

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

Park Committee Report – Reported by Mary Ann Dalkiewicz. See attached.

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 – Andy Keister from McTish-Kunkle & Associates is preparing the bid packet for the demolitions of the first round of properties that were bought out.

Mr. Sutton stated that Nancy Webb's property was deeded to her prior to getting a right-of-way in 1972 from Mr. Klinger. There is no encroachment on upper properties.

Mr. Sutton discussed the impact the road crew employee injury is having on work done. The employee is currently the only one who can drive the grader. The road crew has been busy doing the smaller jobs, but the time frame for the employee coming back to work is not known yet. Mr. Sutton is afraid that the projects will not be completed before the snow falls. Supervisor Morrow said the roads should get cleaned up before the snow comes and if the employee is not back to work by next Tuesday, Supervisor Klinger needs to contact Sokol for the work that needs to be done. The projects are as follows: Lover Drive, Susie's Lane from Gotshall Drive to the top of Susie's will be the major section worked on, Mourey Drive has the lower half that needs to be regraded and rolled and then PennDot needs to put the pipe in. Work from Brent Hock's property up to the top of Fairview Drive at Whitenight Drive should be done along with the upper part of Mailman. Mr. Sutton will follow up with Matt Crone regarding bulldozer work they could be doing. Supervisor Klinger expects to have two days' work on Susie's and three days on Lover Drive for grader work. The extension of Whitenight Drive will be done when everything else is completed. Mr. Sutton suggested that there should be a second person that can drive the grader. When Shawn Donbach returns to work, he will train another employee on the grader. Supervisor Klinger stated that there are street signs being broken (about ten) and they need to be replaced. Three hundred and thirty dollars was spent to replace the signs. Supervisor Klinger and Mr. Sutton will put together a press release about the signs.

Citizens' Comments:

Reverend Moore, Drinker St.: Asked about the paving on Drinker street. Was told that Pioneer will pave it in the next two weeks. He also asked if someone would contact Suez Water regarding the work they are doing. Mr. Moore said that there are no signs on Drinker Street and Red Mill Road. Chief VanDine said that the signs are placed very high on the pole. The reverend also wanted to thank everyone who helped with parking for the fair and putting in signs.

Old Business:

1. **Traffic control signs along Mall Boulevard** – Mr. Sutton has been working with PenDot for the last month and one half to get updated maps for signs. He will find out what signs need to be replaced and who is responsible. The timing on the traffic signals was changed for Fair week and it worked so well that it has not been changed back. Chief VanDine will check about the turn signs at the 80 Ramp at Route 42 and Buckhorn Road.
2. **ADA Compliancy grant** – Mr. Sutton has the final prices for the ramp work to be done at the township building and the police office - \$149,129.00. This includes engineering fees and advertising fees. Work done at the police department would include a sidewalk to the ramp, pre-cast steps and one concrete parking space will cost \$78,500.00. The township building will remove barrier of sunken ramp, add five-foot wide ramp with handrail at the cost of \$50,615. Once the building is handicapped accessible, the inside needs to be accessible also. The lady's room will turn into a family restroom and the door to the meeting room will be changed. An intercom system will be with the new township door so the secretary can communicate with people. The township is not responsible for any cost sharing. On a Howell/Hunsinger motion, Mr. Sutton was advised to move forward with the grant. Motion passed 5-0.
3. **Advertise 2020 Budget** – Mr. Sutton asked permission to advertise the 2020 budget as completed at the workshop. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion, advertisement is approved. Motion passed 4 -0 with Supervisor Howell abstaining because he was not present at the workshop and has not reviewed the budget that was presented.
4. **Junk Yard transfer license – Booth & Sons to Direkt Recovery Bloomsburg LLC** – Booth and Sons junkyard would like to transfer his business to Direkt Recovery Bloomsburg LLC. The new owners will not accept any tires, but everything will remain the same. After a brief discussion with the new owners, Brant and Kali Arnold, a Morrow/Klinger motion was made to approve the transfer. Motion passed 5-0.
5. **Intern from Bloomsburg University** – Mr. Sutton asked the board if we could hire an intern for the zoning department from Bloomsburg University for the summer of 2020. He asked Ms. Matthews to give the board some information. The department at BU is called the Environment -Geographical -Geological Sciences (EGGS) She stated she would like to write a letter to this department requesting an intern for three months next summer. She will include a brief description of what the township is looking for. On a Hunsinger/Carr motion, permission is given to hire an intern if someone is available. Motion passed 5-0.
6. **Buy-out update** – Twenty-three properties were moved on to FEMA for the buyout. The last round of applications was sent to FEMA for review. The two applications that were denied were Kressler (business part of property) and Millard (elevation).
7. **Drone – initial introduction** – Mr. Sutton stated that there is interest in having a drone available for police use. Officer Daniel O'Donnell is a certified FFA pilot. Drones are used in search and rescues and investigations. Mr. Sutton contacted the insurance company and was given an estimate of \$2,000. Chief VanDine will look for donations to cover the cost. There are several options the township has regarding purchasing or leasing a drone, but we would need to have liability insurance. The options are: 1) Buy a drone for around \$1500.00 and pay the liability and damage insurance; 2) Agree to sign a lease with Officer O'Donnell for a nominal fee; 3) Officer O'Donnell would keep the drone but the township and the

officer both need to get a liability policy. After further discussion, it was decided that Attorney Lewis would research this issue and see if a contract can be drawn up between the township and Officer O'Donnell. This conversation was tabled until our Solicitor can write an agreement and present it to the township.

8. **Trick-or-Treat hours/date** – On a Howell/Morrow motion, trick or treat in the township will be on October 31st from 6pm to 9pm. Motion passed 5-0. Ms. Kramer will contact the paper with the time and date.

Other Business:

None.

Approve Bills as Posted – After discussion of several bills, a Klinger/Hunsinger motion was made and bills as presented are approved. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment of Meeting – Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larina S. Kramer
Township Secretary