

Supervisors' Meeting

November 12, 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 stated that was executive session prior to the meeting regarding personnel matters.

Approve October minutes – A Carr/Klinger motion was made to approve the minutes for the October 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 Dennis Garrison. See attached.

Sewage Officer's Report – Not present.

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

Emergency Management Coordinator's Report – Scott Traugh will be attending a mandatory training tomorrow.

Manager's Report – Mr. Sutton discussed the patch repair work that Suez Water is responsible for in Fernville. They are only responsible to repair the cuts they made. After discussing pricing with Suez, it was decided that the Township contribute ten thousand dollars to have it paved.

Mr. Sutton received some information on FirstNet regarding the cell service they would provide for first responders, police etc. This plan would give priority services to emergency personnel over everybody else during emergencies. This plan is through AT&T. They would provide five new cell phones to the police and township with a 25-year price lock. No contract is necessary, and the cost is very close to what we are paying now with Verizon. He was advised to follow this up.

Mr. Sutton read the financial report. See attached.

Citizens' Comments:

Melanie Mills, Lover Drive.: She asked to township to send a letter to all the residents on Lover Drive explaining why the road work was postponed. Mr. Sutton explained the township could not get in the habit of contacting everyone when road work is rescheduled. He did state that this information could be posted on our web page.

Jane Hack, Fernville: Asked who owned of the Fernville Fire Hall. She was told it is Mr. Ron Whispell. She also asked if a sign can be put up near the bridge informing people that they are entering the Village of Fernville. Most believe this is part of Bloomsburg. She also wanted to thank Supervisor Klinger for the work done on Walnut Street.

Marge Owen, Dahl Road: Wants to know when the traffic lights at the intersection of Mitchell Drive and Gus Avenue will be fixed. She said the Mitchell Drive side seems to stay green for a much shorter time. Chief VanDine stated that once the traffic lights are upgraded that should take care of the problem.

Old Business:

1. **Traffic control signs along Mall Boulevard** – Mr. Sutton has not received any bids so far.
2. **Fernville drain project** – The grate and pipe located on Sunny Side Avenue and Maple Alley was located by Supervisor Klinger. The pipe was cleaned out and the water should run to the correct location.

New Business:

3. **Adopt 2020 Budget** – On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, the 2020 Budget that was presented was approved. Motion passed 5-0.
4. **Tax Resolution 11-12-2019** – Resolution was presented to raise taxes by ¼ mill. Supervisor Howell suggested the township borrow money instead of raising taxes. Further discussion followed. On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, Resolution 11-12-2019 was approved. Motion passed 4 – 1 with Supervisor Howell voting against it.
5. **Lover Drive road project update** – Discussed earlier.
6. **Tax Anticipation Note** – Mr. Sutton requested the board to allow him to apply for a Tax Anticipation note in the amount of \$75,000 through First Columbia Bank. He stated that the note would be paid back when the April/May tax collection is received. On a Klinger/Morrow motion, permission was given to present paperwork to the bank. Motion passed 5-0.
7. **Advertise Zoning Hearing Board Meeting** – Ms. Matthews requested to advertise for a Zoning Map Amendment Meeting to be held on December 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm. This is regarding property changes for the Autotores. On a Morrow/Klinger motion, permission to advertise was given. Motion passed 5-0.
8. **Landmark Blu – Hotel and Restaurant** – Ms. Matthews stated that Dynamic Engineering has requested a ninety-day extension to work through their plan revisions. This will extend the date to 3/29/20. On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, extension is approved. Motion passed 4-0 with Supervisor Morrow abstaining due to his employer being involved in the sale of buildings with this developer.
9. **Moe's Restaurant** – Ms. Matthews presented the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Moe's Restaurant. She asked to board for approval with the following conditions: Execution of a Developer's Agreement, obtaining Financial Security, having the plans signed and notarized and a letter of full compliance from Hemlock Township on outstanding comments. On a Morrow/Car motion, conditional approval is accepted. Motion passed 5-0. The following waivers were requested: Allowing the use of a 12" diameter storm sewer pipe instead of a 15" pipe; to allow the use of a 10' radii on the north side of the drive-through access. On a Morrow/Carr motion, the above listed waivers were approved. Motion passed 5-0.

10. **Junk Yard license** – The 2020 transfer license for Direct Recovery has been received and they submitted their Junk Yard license for approval. On a Carr/Klinger motion, Junk Yard license is approved. Motion passed 5-0.
11. **Christmas Luncheon** – Will be held on December 18th at the Buckhorn Firehall. Scott Traugh will confirm that the firehall is available.

Other Business:

Supervisor Morrow stated that the executive session discussed the on-going litigation of the township with the engineering firm that has not been paid. He made a motion to allow Solicitor Lewis to enter into mediation with the engineering firm. Motion passed 5-0.

The Township Supervisors Re-organizational meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 6, 2020. The regular Supervisors meeting will follow. The Planning Commission Reorganizational meeting followed by the regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

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

Adjournment of Meeting – Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larina S. Kramer
Township Secretary