

Supervisors' Meeting

June 9, 2020



Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Morrow. In attendance were Supervisors Hunsinger, Klinger, Carr and Howell. Meeting was held at the Buckhorn Fire Company. Chairman Morrow stated that there were two executive session held – June 4th and today. Both were regarding personnel matters.

Approve May minutes – On a Carr/Klinger motions, May minutes as presented were approved. Motion passed 5-0.

Solicitor – A law was recently passed regarding on-lot sewer systems stating that you are allowed to put any type of system as long as it meets the standards for land development.

Police – Reported by Chief VanDine. See attached.

Zoning Officer – Reported by Ms. Matthews. See attached.

Planning Commission – There are three sets of plans to be presented for conditional approval further down in the agenda.

Park Committee – Supervisor Morrow stated that the park committee is having a difficult time getting volunteers to join. If they do disband, Supervisor Morrow said that everything will be on hold for a year, at which time we may have people interested in volunteering. Dennis Garrison stated that the committee will try to hold on for now.

SEO – Not present.

Roadmaster – Presently the road crew is mowing and opening up pipes and storm drains. The Lover Drive project through the county has been completed and they are doing berm work in Fernville.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Township Manager – Mr. Sutton stated the Swat Team has a new vehicle donated to them from Danville and asked if the township would get insurance coverage. They will reimburse us for the cost. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion, insurance coverage for the new vehicle was approved. Motion passed 5-0.

Sunland Development – They are moving a lot of tonnage of dirt and are moving it to Mount Pleasant Township. This is causing a lot of dust for the residents in Hunters Chase Development. Mr. Sutton explained that because this is construction, we cannot do anything. He also found out that today or tomorrow the project will be done. He also found out that the road bond has expired. If they continue to haul out of there will have water trucks available to wet down the dirt. Solicitor said we should have a system for the bonds, so they do not expire. Mr. Sutton and Ms. Matthews are working on a spread sheet to keep track. The police will get involved and cite them if need be.

The park committee asked if the porta-potty can be returned to the park. The rules for the coronavirus state porta-potties must be sanitized on a daily basis. Mr. Sutton was advised to tell them no.

Mr. Sutton presented the financial report. See attached.

Citizen's Comments: None.

Old Business:

1. **Road Dust Material** – We have received nine requests for the road dust work. Supervisor Klinger will start the preparation work toward the end of the week and Midland will start their work between June 17th and June 20th.
2. **Millville School District** – The Millville School District requested a discount on the bill for the second half of 2020 due to a shortened school year. The school resource officer worked for the township during that time. After further discussion, a Howell/Morrow motion was made as follows: No discount for the second half of 2020, but there will be no increase for the 2021 contract. The contract prices would increase in 2022. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business:

3. **Planning Commission plan reviews (3)** – Autotore plans were presented to the planning commission and they recommended conditional approval. The conditions have been met. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion, the plan is approved. Motion passed 4-0, with Supervisor Morrow abstaining due to his employers' involvement with the property.

The Emery/Rupert/Davis subdivision plan was presented. There was much discussion about no right of way given to Key Trucking so it would not be landlocked. According to Solicitor Lewis, Key Trucking would need to request a right of way, but that should not prevent the plan from being approved. On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion, the plan was approved as presented. The conditions were met. Motion passed 5-0.

David Drumheller presented the Diana Mourey/Peter Rickert subdivision plan. The parcel is about seven plus acres and they would like to subdivide to build a single-family home. The planning commission suggested approving the plan with the condition that the sewer module gets signed. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion, conditional approval was granted pending the sewer module signature. Motion passed 5-0.

4. **Release Road Bond Mourey Drive** – Edwin Johnson & Son completed the timbering on Mourey Drive. Their bond is up for renewal and they would like the bond to be released. No damage was done to the road. Mr. Sutton gave them a written notice of satisfactory completion but needs the have final approval from the board. On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, permission was given to release the bond. Motion passed 5-0.
5. **Police Officer Step Promotion** – Officer Craig Johnson is due for a step promotion from Patrol Officer 1 to Patrol Officer 2 as defined in the police contract. On a Hunsinger/Klinger motion, the promotion is approved. Motion passed 5-0.
6. **Paper Alley Abandonment Request**– Russell Pennypacker, a resident of Fernville, requested that the township abandon the Paper Alley that wraps around from Apple Avenue to Spring Garden Avenue. Cars drive on that alley even though the road stops and continues to drive on the grassy area. Mr. Sutton was asked to research if there are any easements and also if a cul-de-sac would be required for emergency vehicles to have access. Another option would be to put up a sign such as “Dead End” or “No Outlet”. Mr. Sutton will contact Mr. Pennypacker.
7. **Police Special Duty Assignment/Service Request** – Chief VanDine stated that a request was made for police presence at several events being held at Fire Pit Campground this summer. Two officers were requested. The cost would be \$60 to \$65 per hour per officer. There needs to be a Memorandum of

Understanding provided. On a Carr/Howell motion, the police can provide an officer and a car if there is an agreement made at a rate of \$65.00 per hour. Motion passed 5-0.

8. **Fernville Drainage Issue** – The McCafferty's, who live on Ferncliff, reported that there is run off from the hill causing water problems on their property. The drain was dug out and cleaned and the pipe is partially blocked. We will contact Chip Adams to flush out pipe and get debris out. We will need to replace pipe and box and 36-inch pipe across the street. After further discussion, a Morrow/Klinger motion was made to have Mr. Sutton contact Chip Adams to flush out the pipe. Cost is not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion passed 5-0.
9. **Target Shooting** – A complaint was made by Judy Snyder regarding her neighbor shooting his guns for an extended period of time. She asked if the supervisors could restrict target shooting to certain parts of the township. Police responded to a complaint when it was called in and found that the homeowner was shooting in a safe location away from other homes in the general area. There was no violation of any current law. No action taken by Supervisors.
10. **Fruit Fuel** – Sent a request to be offered an opportunity to supply fuel oil to the township. Supervisor Klinger was advised to call him when fuel oil is needed to get a price. The board would like to use businesses in the township if their price is comparable to other companies.
11. **Health Insurance Renewal** – Mr. Sutton presented several options of health insurance provided to him by Creative Benefits. In order to avoid a 24% increase, Mr. Sutton suggested to purchase 1, which will be a 21% increase, but the township will be responsible for the deductible. After further discussion, a Klinger/Hunsinger motion was made to accept option 1. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Sutton had met with Officer Traugh, who presented the plan to the police department.
12. **Resolution 06-09-2020 Amendment to Police Contract if agreed to insurance renewal above** – The Hemlock Township Police Department agreed to using Option 1, discussed above, for their health insurance. On a Howell/Carr motion, Resolution 06-09-2020, to amend the police contract medical insurance section, was approved. Motion passed 5-0.
13. **Police Cruiser** – Chief VanDine requested a new police vehicle with an estimated cost of \$46,500. First Columbia Bank offers an interest rate of 2.59%. There was discussion regarding the loss of revenue for the township during the Corona Virus and how that would affect our spending. Supervisor Morrow made a motion to table this until January and if feasible, order the car for the second quarter. Motion died for lack of second. On a Carr/Morrow motion, it was decided to table this discussion until the township works on its 2021 budget later this year. Motion passed 5-0.

Other Business: No other business.

Approve Bills as Posted – There was a question regarding the bill for mowing in Fernville. Mr. Sutton and Supervisor Klinger will work together on finding a solution for mowing the properties in Fernville that the township now owns. On a Klinger/Carr motion, bills as presented are approved. Motion passed 5-0.

Chief VanDine notified the board that there was damage done to the ENRAD by horses from a buggy running over the speed timing devise. The owner of the buggy offered to pay for the damages.

Adjournment of Meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 8:41.

Respectfully submitted,

Larina S. Kramer
Township Secretary