

Supervisors' Meeting

August 10, 2021



Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Vice-Chair Dan Carr. In attendance were Supervisors Hunsinger, Klinger, and Howell. Chairman Morrow was absent. Meeting was held at the Buckhorn Fire Company.

Approve July minutes – On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, July minutes were approved. Motion passed 4-0.

Solicitor – Solicitor Lewis gave an update on the new restrictions for the agenda. We must post the agenda on our web page and at the physical location. We must stick to the agenda. If an item is brought up that is not on the agenda, it must wait until the following month's meeting to be put on the agenda. If an item comes up that is necessary to act on, the agenda must be amended. These rules go into effect September 2021. Supervisor Carr recommended calling the township office several days ahead of the meeting and ask to put your item on the agenda.

Police – Reported by Chief VanDine. See attached.

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

Planning Commission – Reported by Melissa Matthews. See attached.

Park Committee – Reported by Reverend Moore. See attached. He also brought a handout for the supervisors regarding a teeter-totter to be placed in the park. Reverend Moore was in touch with Tom Hughes from PEMA, and he did not have a problem with it. They were planning on using safety mulch around the teeter-totter. On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, the park committee may purchase the teeter-totter as long as it is approved by PEMA and FEMA and has an evacuation plan. Motion passed 4-0.

SEO – Not present

Roadmaster – Reported by Jeffrey Sutton. See attached. Mr. Sutton informed the board that the transmission went out on the old Case backhoe. The estimate to fix the backhoe was about \$7,000.00 at the high end. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion, the backhoe can be fixed at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00. Motion passed 4-0.

Emergency Management – Scott Traugh will be meeting with Jeffrey Sutton, Melissa Mathews, and Eric Stahley on August 16th, regarding flood mitigation action plan.

Mr. Sutton reported that an employee of the township filed FLMA paperwork for extended leave and to take time off for doctor visits.

Manager's Report: Mr. Sutton presented the financial report. See attached.

Citizen's Comments: Reverend Moore, Fernville: He stated that the police, road crew and supervisors are doing a great job for the township.

Joe Yodock, Duke of Gloucester Rd – Mr. Yodock stated that there are probably about a dozen dead trees that need to be removed on Dahl, Rambo, and Orchard Drive. He also stated that when you go out Firehall Road and turn right on to 44, there is a site distance issue. Mr. Sutton stated that he drives that intersection frequently and feels there is no distance issue. He stated that PennDot would decide that issue and come fix it if necessary.

Old Business:

1. **Engelhardt Sub-Division** – This subdivision involves four lots located on Frosty Valley Road and County Line Road. This subdivision already had conditional approval. The plans just need to be signed by the supervisors.

2. **Landmark Signature Homes Land Development Plans** – These plans are for Horse Farm Court. This land development plan already has conditional approval. The plans just need to be signed by the supervisors.
3. **Dead Trees** – Mr. Sutton reported that there are about fifteen dead trees in the vicinity of Creek Road, Dutch Hill, and Schoolhouse Road. Two estimates from tree services were received with the lowest was \$4,000.00 from Kennedy Tree Service. After further discussion, a Carr/Klinger motion was made to advise the Roadmaster proceed with the contractor by taking down the identified dead trees. If this works out, we will do another round when we have the funds. Motion passed 4-0.
4. **Lowes Community Project** – Lowes will provide all materials for the project that is to be done at Fernville Park. This includes putting shrubbery up as a barrier to slow traffic at the stop sign on Drinker Street, and to place a tree and a round plant display around the tree. The park committee may then place a plaque in the ground in recognition of Mr. Shaffer. All they request is that the township place the 811 calls and dig the ditch for the work to be done. On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, Lowes can proceed with the project and the township will take the responsibility of the 811 calls and the ditch digging. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business:

5. **Foust Holdings – Sub-Division/Add-On** – A 12.5-acre parcel is proposed to be subdivided leaving a residue of 27.3 acres on the north side of the mall. The planning commission recommends conditional approval of this plan. Those conditions were met – plan was signed and notarized. On a Klinger/Hunsinger motion, the sub-division/add-on is approved. Motion passed 4-0.
6. **Landmark Signature Homes Land Development Plans** – Requesting a six-month extension for the Landmark/Tru hotel/restaurant plans. They are not ready to move forward. On a Hunsinger/Klinger motion, extension was granted. Motion passed 4-0.
7. **Matthew Hess – Columbia County Redevelopment Authority** – Mr. Hess addressed the accessibility modifications for the township buildings. He presented three different ideas that include changing the current ramp at the police station. He will have the final drawings ready for the September meeting and hopes to start the work before the cold weather. After further discussion of the options, a Carr/Hunsinger motion made to have redevelopment authority provide drawings to the police department to decide on which plans they would like, then back to the supervisors by the September meeting for approval and them back to the county. Motion passed 4-0.
8. **Christ Lutheran Church** – The church contacted Mr. Sutton and asked to be removed from the agenda.
9. **HMGP Grants 4267 & 4292** – Mrs. Bella informed Mr. Sutton that these two grants have been closed out. The final project cost for Grant 4267 was \$1,173,480.25 and Grant 4292 was \$801,495.55.

Other Business:

Supervisor Klinger brought up the issue of the overhanging bushes at Nancy Webb's property on Klingerville Lane. He received several calls about the overhanging bushes. Ms. Webb will not allow the road crew to trim any of the bushes that hinder the drivers view of the road curve in that area. After further comments by Solicitor Lewis, he stated that this has been discussed in the past regarding the cost of using imminent domain for her property with the township responsible for all the costs. The township did not want to spend funds for this. Supervisor Carr recommended we put money in the budget to take care of this issue.

Reverend Moore asked the board about fencing off a section of parking lot at the rear of the old firehall for fair parking. Moore stated they have done this in the past and just wanted to get permission again before doing so. Moore was advised that as long as they stayed off the firehall property there would be no problem with putting up the fence. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion permission is given as long as they stay off the old firehall property. Motion passed 4-0

Reverend Moore asked if the police have to pay for their own bullet proof vests. Chief VanDine told him no.

Approve Bills as Posted – Several bills were questioned and addressed. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion, bills as presented are approved. Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment of Meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Larina S. Kramer
Township Secretary