

Supervisors' Meeting

June 14, 2022



Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Mark Morrow. In attendance were Supervisors Carr, Howell, Klinger and Hunsinger. Meeting was held at the township office.

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

Solicitor – Attorney Lewis

Police – Reported by Chief VanDine. See attached.

Zoning Officer – Reported by Mr. Sutton. See attached.

Planning Commission – No report.

Park Committee – Not Present.

SEO – Not present.

Roadmaster – Reported by Shawn Donbach. See attached.

Emergency Management – No report.

Manager's Report – Mr. Sutton reported

Mr. Sutton presented the financial report.

Citizen's Comments:

No report.

Old Business:

1. **Mower/Fernville** – Mr. Sutton and Shawn Donbach looked at a Kubota Zero Turn mower available for sale at C. H. Waltz & Sons. The price of the mower is \$16,876.70 through Costars with a two-year extended bumper to bumper warranty for \$1325.00. The mower would be ideal for the thirty-five to forty-one properties that would need to be mowed. Supervisor Howell suggested looking for a contractor to provide the mowing services. Chairman Morrow stated that having a contractor would be more costly than the purchase of the Kubota. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion decision was made to purchase the Kubota and a trailer to transport it. Motion passed 3-2 with Supervisors Klinger and Howell voting no.
2. **Scratch Pave** – Mr. Sutton advised the board that Shawn Donbach has contacted Paul Sokol to do our scratch paving and is interested in doing so. Supervisor Klinger suggested reaching out to HRI for the material.

New Business:

3. **Resolution 06-14-2022** – Berkheimer requires a resolution to appoint Denise Weaver as Representative for Hemlock Township and to remove Larina Kramer. On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion it was agreed to enact Resolution 06-14-2022. Motion passed 5-0.
4. **Sewage Modules** – Mr. Sutton stated that the Planning Commission suggests sending the sewage modules for Buckhorn Road, near Jace Moore's property, 165 Wagner Drive and 179 Frosty Valley Road to DEP for final approval. On a Hunsinger/Morrow motion decision was made to send the plans to DEP for final approval. Motion Passed 5-0.
5. **Road Crew** – Shawn Donbach, Mr. Sutton and Supervisors Carr and Howell interviewed Jeremy Hort for the part time Road Crew position. On a Carr/Howell motion, Jeremy Hort was hired with a start date of May 28, 2022. Motion passed 5-0.
6. **Police Officer Step Promotion** – Mr. Sutton indicated that Officer Daniel O'Donnell is due for a step promotion from Patrolman II to Patrolman III. On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion Officer O'Donnell will step up from Patrolman II to Patrolman III effective June 12, 2022. Motion passed 5-0.
7. **SRO/SRO Replacement/Part Time Officer** – The current School Resource Officer, Chris Prescott has turned in his letter of resignation effective June 20, 2022. Chief VanDine spoke with Bradley Sharrow who is currently a Bloomsburg Police Officer and soon will be retiring. Bradley Sharrow had also served as Bloomsburg's School Resource Officer in the past and is interested in Chris Prescott's position as SRO. Chief VanDine has requested to re-hire Michael Reffeor as a part time officer to fill in as needed. On a Morrow/Howell motion it was decided to accept Chris Prescott's resignation effective June 20, 2022. Motion passed 5-0. On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion to hire Brad Sharrow part time for now and then full time once he retires from Bloomsburg or when school starts in Millville, contingent upon Act 57 background check. Motion passed 5-0. On a Morrow/Hunsinger motion it was also agreed upon to re-hire Michael Reffeor part time, as needed, contingent upon an Act 57 background check as needed. Motion passed 5-0.
8. **Swat Training** – Mr. Sutton mentioned that the Swat Team asked for permission to use two of the houses in Fernville for training. On a Howell/Carr motion permission was granted for the Swat Team to use two houses in Fernville for training. Motion passed 5-0
9. **Police Donation Solicitations** – The Police Department is looking to solicit local businesses for donations to complete their firearms upgrade. They are looking to raise about \$8,000.00 of which they currently have around \$3,400.00. On a Klinger/Morrow motion the Police Department has been approved to solicit local businesses with collections being turned into the township to cover the cost. Motion passed 5-0
10. **Demo Bid** – Mr. Sutton advised that Michelle Bella would like permission to advertise for bids to demolish the eight properties bought in the current buyouts. On a Howell/Carr motion Ms. Bella can advertise for demolition bids on buyout properties and to supply grass seeding. Motion passed 5-0
11. **Home Depot Tax Refund** – Home Depot appealed Columbia County's decision to not lower the property value to County Courts. The County Courts have agreed to lower their taxes. We need to refund Home Depot in the amount of \$3,987.26 due to already paying their 2022 taxes. On a Howell/Hunsinger motion a refund will be made to Home Depot in the amount of \$3,987.26. Motion passed 5-0

12. **Township Truck/Police Vehicle** – After discussion on purchasing an F500 truck for the township the Roadmaster decided that a tractor would be more efficient at this time. It was decided that Shawn Donbach should research tractors and bring the information to the July township meeting. Chief VanDine discussed the options of purchasing a truck or a Tahoe for the police force. There are currently no Tahoe's available and that there are only a few trucks available. On a Carr/Hunsinger motion it was decided that Chief VanDine order a Tahoe. Motion passed 4-1 with supervisor Howell voting no.

13. **Police Base Station** – Chief VanDine requested purchasing a Base Station Radio for the office. It will cost \$4,413.81 and Mr. Sutton suggested we would use the Stimulus Funding as a communication upgrade. On a Morrow/ Hunsinger motion it was agreed to use the Stimulus funds to purchase the Base Station Radio. Motion passed 4-1 with Supervisor Howell voting no.

14. **Eager Beaver Trailer** – Shawn Donbach had taken the flatbed trailer in for inspection and let Mr. Suttton know that trailer needed suspension work and deck boards before it can be inspected. On a Morrow/Carr motion it was decided to sell the trailer on municibid rather than making the repairs. Motion passed 5-0

Other Business:

No report.

Approve Bills as Posted – On a Howell/Hunsinger motion, bills as posted were accepted. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment of Meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Weaver
Township Secretary