

NOVEMBER 19, 2018 SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Polk Twp. Supervisors Brian K. Ahner, Carl S. Heckman, & Michael D. Hurley met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 165 Polk Twp. Rd., Kresgeville, PA., Solicitor James V. Fareri, Engineer Russell R. Kresge, Jr., Zoning/Codes Official Justin Burkner & Treasurer Beverly A. Christman were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Student Volunteers: The Supervisors, Senator Mario Scavello and Representative Jack Radar presented commendations to Logan Mackes and August (Gus) Randazzo and for an extraordinary amount of volunteer hours at the Twp. Nature Park. Logan rebuilt 6 walking bridges and their approaches. Gus organized clean-up of the park twice and removed many invasive species and replanted local species.

Minutes: Hurley moved to approve the 10/22/18 minutes. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Correspondence: (1). PSATS Fall Defense News; Week in Review-10/26/18 & 11/9/18. (2). CJERP 10/18/18 Agenda/Plan & 8/30/18 minutes. (3).MCCC-2019 Operating Budget. (4). MCPC 11/13/18 agenda/reviews & 10/9/18 minutes. (5). COG-10/29/18 agenda & 9/24/18 minutes. (6). NPDES Workshop-Feb. 5-6, 2019 @ NCCC-Monroe. (7). 10/16/18 Support Thank-you from MC Youth Field Day. (8). House of Worship Safety & Security Workshop-12/4/18 @ JT Lambert Intermediate-6:30-8:30pm. Resident Vincent Morello was informed that the workshop involved safety measures at churches, in light of the current shootings at a PA synagogue.

REPORTS:

Polk Twp. Vol. Fire Chief Tippett: (1). Calls: Oct.-12; Nov.-5; YTD-182. (2). They are reapplying for a FEMA grant to secure air packs. Cylinders must also be replaced. (3). LSA grant funding is being considered for regular & communication equipment. (4). They are looking into securing a tax-free loan for upgrades to the firehouse, to take place from Dec. 17th to the middle of February. Scavello & Radar stated their support of the project and discussed additional means of funding. The Board confirmed their support of the project and wanted to know requirements on their part. Toner had contacted the loan representative, who stated the process was not far enough along to determine procedure, but it will probably be a revenue bond.

West End Community Ambulance Assoc.: Oct-30 calls

Treasurer Christman: (1). Deposits-\$65,279.30. (2). Bills-\$94,352.86. Ahner moved to pay the Bills; seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (3). **11/19/18 Report:** Total General Fund-\$1,312,179.90; comprised of: [PLGIT-\$306,372.45; Checking-\$670,714.16; Payroll-\$29,494.23; ESSA account-\$605,599.06]. Highway Aid Fund-\$296,054.52. **All Funds Total:** \$1,608,234.42. Total Escrow Funds-\$50,228.14 comprised of: [Driveways-\$17,596.17; Camp Harlam Girls Septic-\$2,002.22; Detention Basins-\$30,629.75]. Heckman moved to approve the 11/19/18 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Roadmaster Ahner: (1). The salt barn is full and ready for the season (200 tons of salt & 110 tons of Clearlane). A good amount of material was used in the storm last week and the crew did an excellent job. The new spreader on the pick-up truck was a big help. (2). The contact for the Kresgeville bridge stated the completion is still on schedule. Ahner also informed the bridge representative that the Township does not have manpower to plow the bridge & work site, which is a PennDOT project. (3). The signs are ready for Floyd Dr. (4). The '86 sign truck used for sign replacement has mechanical issues. A Ford Transit Truck is about \$29,000. Ahner will obtain additional quotes. (5). The crew will crack-seal depending on the weather & also begin using cold patch on the potholes. (6). Resident Robert Andre relayed there is a settling issue across the road on both sides of the Hell Hollow Rd. Bridge. The Twp. is holding a maintenance bond on the work; therefore, Ahner requested Kresge conduct a site visit.

Solid-Waste/Recycle: (1). The roll-off truck is at the body shop. (2). The 902 Grant was approved for \$154,433.00

Secretary: (1). The 21st Tree Lighting at the Memorial is Dec. 9th at 5:30. The event includes: candle-lighting, refreshments, crafts, singing, Santa arrives on firetruck, Scrooge, and Grinch. Christman stated refreshments are

available after the meeting for a time of fellowship with the two young volunteers, thanked earlier this evening. Toner noted Gus will also be receiving his Eagle Scout Badge on Dec. 9th. Supervisor Hurley will attend.

Solicitor Fareri: (1). **Robinhood malfunction:** The property owners have been served and a complaint filed in the Court of Common Pleas. There has been no response; therefore, in the next 10 days a judgement will be rendered. (2). **Pine St. malfunction:** The bank owned property and the realtor have not responded to requests. Christman stated, the sewage enforcement officer might have information about work at the property. Fareri will contact Shupp. (3). **Jonas Snyder Property:** Fareri's 10/30/18 letter explained his review of the numerous deeds relative to a .545 acre property next to the township property by the fire company. Heckman moved to contact Jonas Snyder to determine an agreement of sale for the .545 acre property that allows for an action to Quiet Title in the name of Snyder. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Zoning/Codes Official Burkner: The Board was in receipt of Burkner's November report. (1). Zoning permits - 2 / 71-YTD with income of \$7,956.67 YTD. A permit application has been submitted for the first home to be built in "The Woods" development. (2). Five complaints involved burning, a dangerous structure and solid waste.

Parks: (1). Park Board Chairman Robert Butler provided background. (1). Members attended a DCNR Workshop on Oct. 25th to learn about submission requirements. The proposed bridge location would require a subdivision/consolidation Plan for DCNR funding. Since community surveyors are a requirement, a gift card drawing was suggested as a means of receiving a greater number of responses. (2). On Nov. 10th the members walked the park and discussed locations of paths, pavilions, play area, extending the parking lot, and possibilities of obtain facility donations. (3). The next meeting is Nov. 29th. (4). Ahner explained that the plans for the Walking Park might need to be at a slower pace, due the damage at the Nature Park that must first be addressed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Borger's Vacant Parcel for Sale: An agreement of sale has been received. Heckman moved to proceed with the agreement of sale to purchase the vacant Borger property along Polk Twp. Rd. for the appraised amount of \$30,000 and authorized Fareri to conduct a title search. Seconded by Hurley. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Social Media Site: Employee Rebecca Tippett had prepared the information for the site and a list of types of posts. Hurley moved to approve the Polk Township social media site information and the list of posts. Seconded by Heckman. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Office Rooms Roof: Hurley moved to award M.J. Shisslak General Contractor the replacement of the roof over the office rooms for the 9/27/18 estimate of \$7,200.00 to be placed on the contractor's 2019 Spring work schedule. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Spotted Lanternfly: A Penn State Extension representative met with the Supervisors to explain the seriousness of the invasive pest and provided information that is available at the twp. office. The pest will destroy fruit trees and grape wines, thus detrimental to our agricultural industry. The USDA will be surveying the area and is asking residents to look for egg masses and notify them. This area is the next line of defense. The extension welcomes the opportunity to speak to organizations and provide educational handouts.

Aggregate Bid for Hell Hollow Rd. Project.: Bids for FOB (freight on board, aka for pick-up) and delivery of aggregates had been received from four suppliers and were opened at 12:15 today. Heckman moved to award Eureka Stone Quarry for the delivery of the following aggregates to Polk Township thru May 30, 2019 for the Hell Hollow Rd. Grant Project: \$5,900.00 for 400 Tons of AASTO #1; \$2,929.00 for 202 Tons of AASTO #57; \$1,059.50 for 65 Tons of R-4 rip-rap; and \$26,520.00 for 2,400 Tons of #2A subbase. Seconded by Ahner. Vote, 3-0. Motion carried. (total-\$36,408.50)



NEW BUSINESS:

Request for 'Use' to be added to the R-3 Zone: Chris Blass represented Fry's Plastics and discussed the company's need to increase their storage area. They have looked at two properties in the R-3 district; however, the current zoning has no provision for outdoor storage areas. Since a zoning amendment is currently be worked on by the PC, Blass asked if a provision could be included for an outdoor storage area in R-3 as a permitted or conditional use. Kresge noted that a retail use is allowed in the R-3; however, a wholesale use is commercial. Kresge suggested the PC might consider "Retail/Wholesale" as a Conditional Use in the R-3 District. Fareri agreed that the conditional use direction would allow for a review of each individual case, and explained the process to Blass. A written request to the Planning Commission should be made by Blass on behalf of Fry Plastic's, since the PC is currently working on amending the zoning tables.

Planning Commission Solicitor: Attorney Jerry Hanna has been the Solicitor with the Polk Township Planning Commission for 30 years and has decided to retire. Fareri will provide names of possible attorneys.

Public Comment: Ted Holmes, Chairman of the El-Do Lake Property Owner Association has received complaints in regards to renters and was told there is a Township ordinance that requires registration of tenants. Holmes had 3 questions: **(1)**. How does the Township know who is renting? **(2)**. If someone reports a renter, what would the Township do? **(3)**. If the landlord does not comply with the ordinance to register their tenant, what would the Township do, since there is a penalty? Fareri replied that the ordinance has been made public and the township contacts landlords for compliance. The ordinance was adopted to capture local income tax from renters.

Holmes also asked about a situation at the entrance of El-Do Lake; whereby the site distance is obstructed by tall grass. Ahner informed Holmes that the township had notified the property owner, who stated he will cut the grass along the road.

Chairman Ahner adjourned the Regular Supervisors Meeting at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Ruthanne Toner, Secretary

