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**Marion Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Held March 10, 2022 at the Township Building**

**Present:** Archie Gettig Jr., Herbert Chapman, John (Rick) Dillon (via phone) and Angel Emery

**Guests:** Brian McCauley (Tax Collector), Jim Burris, Rich Moyle and Tim Weight

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gettig at 7:34 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Gettig, motion passed to approve the February 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented 2-0.**

**Public Comments:** Brian McCauley presented his tax collector dates for April 2022. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to approve the tax collector dates as presented 3-0.** Emery will contact the Marion Grange to let them know that the building is not available on their normal date.

Jim Burris questioned if HRI has mentioned any future meetings? Gettig has not heard anything regarding a meeting. Burris mentioned in his opinion, HRI is changing the land and he doesn’t agree that it’s staging material but that they’ve built a base on the property. Burris questioned the probability of it being turned back in to ag land as it was supposed to, due to the burying of boulders and not being able to plant on it.

**OId Business:**

**NVLL- On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to send NVLL and FYI that Marion Township needs their insurance certificate before any activity can happen on the field 3-0.**

**New Business:**

**Rich Moyle, EMC/Howard Fire Company-** Rich Moyle had nothing to report.

Gettig summarized Howard Fire Company’s information at the last township meeting. Gettig reported that Howard Borough and Curtain Township both donated half of their ARP monies to the Howard Fire Company to help with the equipment purchase. Marion Township will be receiving $132,929.90 total in ARP money, so far the township has received half ($66,464.95). Gettig has been working with Don Franson and Brian Chilton on the substation addition. Gettig noted that we do pay Howard Fire Company tax millage as well the township’s contribution with the substation. Dillon spoke about a DCNR grant and finding a grant writer, recommended reaching out to the county for assistance. Would like to use a grant for the parking lot at the park but if that’s not possible, look in to the possibility of a grant to help with building expenses. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to donate $40,000 to Howard Fire Company at this time and if the township has extra later, more could be donated 3-0.**

**Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission**- Nothing to report, last meeting was canceled. Next meeting March 17th.

**Planning Commission**- Dillon reported that Biancuzzo, the Planning Commission Secretary, should be sending something to Emery regarding the DCNR grants.

**Park & Rec-** Gettig will put the tables out at the park when the weather permits. NVLL called Gettig to level the field out when it dries out.

**Zoning Report-** Gettig mentioned a garage on Nittany Ridge operating as an inspection station. Weight reported that a letter has been sent regarding the matter and they were instructed to cease operations within 30 days. Gettig questioned a pipe being installed without an HOP on Nittany Ridge as well, Weight noted that the Road Master does the HOPs. Gettig also questioned a mailbox on Sand Ridge that is on the township right of way. Weight reported that we have no ordinance against that and he suggest getting the advice of the township solicitor on the matter. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to send a letter to Louis Glantz about 3’ square block mailbox at the Two Mile and Ponderosa intersection on the township right of way and ask if the township can do anything about it 3-0.**

Conversation continued about the pipe on Nittany Ridge, it does not meet regulations. Pictures were observed and Weight will address the matter with the owner.

Chapman spoke about the zoning officer wages and the unfairness of everyone else getting raises except the zoning officer. Chapman would like to increase the pay to $20/hour. Chapman asked Weight if he would rather be hourly or salary. Chapman does not like that every other employee has almost doubled in wages and Weight has stayed the same. Weight would rather stay salary as it’s a lot of tracking every time there’s a phone call or email answered. Gettig presented a complaint received from Stan Wallace regarding Tim Weight not getting back to him in a timely manner. Weight spoke with Wallace and had phone records to show that he called him back a couple hours after he was contacted. Weight has been with the township almost 30 years and has never left. **On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Dillon, motion passed to increase the Zoning Officer pay by doubling his monthly rate to catch him up with everyone else 3-0.** Gettig wants to review Zoning Officer duties, Dillon recommended writing up a job description for the zoning officer position.

**Head Road Master Report**- Gettig reported that the Kioti tractor was delivered with the mower attached. Gettig would like to purchase a back blade and carryall. Dillon asked Gettig to get prices and look at power assisted blades to compare costs. Gettig will get prices for carryall and back blade.

Gettig discussed an additional bay on the salt bin. Gettig will price out salt buildings.

Line painting prices have increased significantly this year from previous years, the township might not do as much as originally planned. The Slaughter house project needs completed before painting; the township is still waiting on paperwork. Emery spoke with Mr. Rhodes today and he updated that he is waiting for the paperwork from Mr. Hart then the project can proceed.

**Bellefonte EMS**- Chapman was thinking $5,000 donation, conversation ensued and **on a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Dillon, motion passed to donate $5,000 to the Bellefonte EMS for 2022 3-0.**

**Resolution 2022-2-**  The county liquid fuels grant was discussed. Gettig reported that it was mentioned to him that the township purchasing and tearing down the house on Slaughter House for better visibility helped in getting the grant. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Dillon, motion passed to approve and sign Resolution 2022-2 accepting the county grant funding 3-0.**

**Hanley-** Orie Hanley paid in full for the surveying and lot addition, Emery will send paid notice.

**Watershed Clean-Up Day** April 23, 2022, Emery will post the information on the township website.

**Strouse Electric-** Proposal for work was done in December in the amount of $7,552, price has probably increased since then. Once West Penn says they’re ready to move the pole, Gettig will contact Strouse if the other board members wish to do so. Two other people were offered a chance at the job but weren’t interested due to not having the proper equipment. **On a motion by Dillon and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to get the work done by Strouse Electric if the new proposal comes in at $8,500 or less 3-0.**

**EMC Insurance- On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to pay the insurance premium in full 3-0.**

**Other Discussion Items:**

$200 check received from Bellefonte Moose Lodge 206 as a donation to the township park. Gettig asked Emery to send a thank you for the generous donation.

There was an email received from Marcella Hoffman, a resident of Marion Township, regarding a community yard sale in Marion Township. The Board discussed; Dillon recommended trying to correlate the dates with another event in the township. Chapman recommended during the Jacksonville festival as it might help bring more people to the festival as well. Gettig will contact the cemetery association to see if this is something they would like to do. Emery will contact Mrs. Hoffman to see if she wants to head the planning of the yard sales.

**On a motion by Getting and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to accept and pay bills as presented 3-0.**

**Motion to adjourn 8:56 p.m.**

Treasurers Report: including the list of checks written to date for approval with Treasurer’s report. (Some checks were mailed and the balance is being presented for signatures at this meeting). Checks listed above are from February 11, 2022 through March 10, 2022. Check numbers and the amounts are on the listings and it will be included with the official minutes for filing. Additional checks written after the above dates may be presented for approval at the monthly meetings. The above additional checks will be included again on the monthly listing for approval at the following months meeting.

PLEASE NOTE ALL BALANCES BELOW ARE AFTER ALL CHECKS LISTED IN ABOVE REPORT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN.

General ---- $169,336.96 State liquid fuels fund-- $113,049.80

Park Fund ---- $2,752.31 State Equipment Fund--$13,292.68

ARP Funds --- $66,464.95

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Archie Gettig Jr., Head Chairman

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John (Rick) Dillon, Vice-Chairman

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Hebert Chapman, Supervisor