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**Marion Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Held December 8, 2022 at the Township Building**

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

**Guests:** Mike Shuey, Scott Leaper, Brian McCauley(Tax Collector), Ken Roan, Tim Weight and Josh Collins

Meeting was called to order at 7:33p.m. by Chairman Gettig at followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**On a motion by Dillon and 2nd by Chapman , motion passed to approve the November 3, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented 3-0.**

**Public Comments:** First National Bank presented the information they provided. Mike Shuey, the Government banking officer for FNB spoke about the rates and how the accounts would benefit the township. The board will make a decision at the January Reorganizational Meeting.

**OId Business:**

**NVLL-** Gettig took the flag down.

**Park & Rec** – Walking trail still being discussed in the future.

**Garage on Nittany Ridge-** Gettig read an email received from Solicitor, Mark Lingousky, regarding the garage on Nittany Ridge not falling under the defined home occupation. Three options were given to remedy the situation. **Dillon motioned to go with the second option, which would be to enact a conditional use ordinance for that district, Chapman seconded and motion passed 3-0.** Dillon explained that there is a new planning commission board and they’re planning to work on something to present to the solicitor for his input. Dillon will send Emery something regarding the matter in about a week for the BOS to review and revise as they see fit then pass on to the solicitor.

**New Business:**

**Rich Moyle, EMC/Howard Fire Company-** Josh Collins spoke regarding the email Collin Alterio sent about the I-80 fire boxes. With the substation in the township, HFC would like to know if the supervisors would like HFC to cover all of Marion Township as was done in the past. Chapman questioned if HFC could keep with all of the township, they are confident they can and that the response time is about equal. HFC would just like to know how Marion Township would like to proceed. HFC would need a letter from the township stating that they desire that HFC cover all of Marion Township, including from 161-163, if that is what the Board wishes to do. **On a motion by Dillon and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to send letter regarding the township’s wishes to have HFC cover Marion Township 3-0.**

2023 Emergency Service Fee in the amount of $11,280.54 , no discussion just an FYI.

**Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission**- Not much pertaining to Marion Township. Fire hydrant billing was briefly discussed, there was no contract in place so the solicitor will draft a letter to WTWA letting them know that we will not be paying their bill due to their being no agreement in place stating that that would need to be done. Gettig questioned who would be the NVJPC representative since Christie Holloway has resigned, the BOS would like to recommend Casey Dillon. Emery will email Biancuzzo regarding the matter.

**Planning Commission**- Nothing to report.

**Park & Rec-** Gettig reported.

**Zoning Report**- Weight reported. He did contact the gentleman about the logging, he’s working on getting it all taken care of.

**Head Road Master Report**- Gettig reported on the work done during the month of November.

Gettig questioned the inquiry that Weight received about putting a building on an empty lot. This was asked because of someone wanting to raise 4H goats. Weight recommended adding a medium size animal to the livestock ordinance, Dillon reported that the planning commission is currently working on that.

There was discussion held about if an HOP would be required for a lot that doesn’t have a residence but a building.

The basketball hoop that was accidentally hit while snow plowing was discussed, the solicitor said if the basketball was hoop was in the right of way, the township is not responsible or liable. Chapman went and looked at it and spoke with the owner, who showed him the pin. Chapman believes that the hoop was on township right of way but it would need to be proved by surveying. **On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Dillon, motion passed to have the solicitor send a letter stating that if they want the hoop replaced, the township will have it surveyed, if it is on their property, we’ll replace the hoop. If the surveying shows it was on the right of way, the property owners would be responsible for the cost of the surveying and fixing the truck, with a response back to the solicitor within 15 days 3-0.**

Gettig spoke about a residence on Walnut Ridge that are parking their vehicles right along the road which makes it difficult during snow plowing. Chapman recommended having the solicitor send a letter reminding them that they are not permitted to park along the road.

**Centre County Planning-** Lot addition/replot proposal for Jerry, Thelma and Chad Weight. Planning commission already reviewed and recommends that the BOS approve. **On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Dillon motion passed to approve the proposal 3-0.**

**Centre County Ag Land Preservation Board-** Board reviewed just an FYI.

**Budget- On a motion by Dillon and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to adopt the proposed 2023 budget 3-0.**

Possible fire tax increase was discussed. One mil would raise about $25,000. The BOS asked the current audience what they thought about it. McCauley is ok with it, but mentioned it may decrease donations to the fire companies. The township has not raised any taxes in about 20 years. **On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Gettig motion passed to raise the fire tax by one mil 3-0.**

**Appoint CPA- On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to appoint Baker Tilly to**

**Appoint Auditor-** **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to appoint Autumn Dillon as auditor for the 2022 audit 3-0.**

**Other Discussion Items:**

Gettig would like to recognize the KOA being named the Campground of the year.

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

**Motion to adjourn 8:47p.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 November 4, 2022 through December 8, 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 ---- $70,622.99 State liquid fuels fund-- $144,183.15

Park Fund ---- $3,897.71

Building Fund Reserve- $91,274.00 State Equipment Fund--$21,837.32

ARP Funds --- $93,140.04

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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