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**Marion Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Held February 9, 2023 at the Township Building**

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

**Guests:** David Rosendale, Chantal Fogarty, Don Moore, Brian McCauley (Tax Collector), Anne Messner (CCMPO), Wyatt Harter (NVLL), Mike Brown (NVLL), Steven Rusnak (PennDOT), Rich Moyle and Tim Weight

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Gettig at followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Dillon, motion passed to approve January 3, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented 3-0.**

**On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Dillon motion passed to approve the January 3, 2023 Reorganizational minutes with the corrections below 3-0.**

**Gettig questioned Emery’s hours not being addressed at the meeting, starting mid-September, Emery will be back in the office three days a week.**

**Gettig questioned Weight’s raise since he is salary, Dillon said that he wanted 8% for hourly employees. On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Dillon motion passed to keep Tim Weight’s wages the same 3-0**

**Public Comments: None.**

Solicitors Report- Solicitor Mark Lingousky spoke on the Walker Township Water Authority billing without a contract. He has spoke with their solicitor who agreed to wait on billing until there is a contract in place, he has not received a contract to this point. Discussion ensued regarding if the township is responsible for said hydrants and how often they are really used due to the fire companies using tankers. **On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Dillon motion passed to not pay the water bill and let the water company figure it out 3-0.**

The basketball hoop being hit accidentally by a township truck which was in the township right of way was discussed. The homeowner would like a mutual release with the township so that they are not responsible for the damage to the township truck. Gettig feels the property owners should be helping pay for the solicitor fees pertaining to this. The basketball hoop is still in the right of way according to Gettig. **On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Dillon motion passed to have the attorney send a letter stating that the township is not interested in getting compensation for the truck and the basketball hoop needs to be removed from the right of way 3-0.**

Gettig questioned the garage on Nittany Ridge. Solicitor suggested offering a conditional use ordinance. Gettig is afraid of businesses spreading if they allow this one. Lingousky explained the conditional use and how it would work to the board. **On a motion by Dillon and 2nd by Chapman motion passed for the planning commission with help from the BOS put together criteria for a conditional use permit for home occupation in an out building in a residential area 3-0.**

Gettig requested solicitor Lingousky amend the township mail box ordinance to be built to the USPS standards.

Resolution 2023-3 increasing the fire tax was accepted.

Resolution 2023-5 naming the check signers for the township bank account at FNB was accepted.

Resolution 2023-6 regarding Act 57 of 2022 was accepted.

On street parking was discussed, Weight will look in to the township ordinance.

Steve Rusnak spoke about the Jacksonville Road betterment project. He presented the maps regarding the proposed traffic control. There will be 11’ foot lanes and 4’ paved shoulders at the end of this project. Proposing a one lane detour due to the amount of the work to help keep traffic flowing, all the traffic will flow towards Howard. Chapman questioned how fire trucks would get in from Howard, flaggers were mentioned in case of an emergency. Looking to do the project in two phases now which will hopefully only take about one construction season. Gettig recommended Rusnak speaking to the Bellefonte Area School District as well due the possibility of busses having to get on I-80. Possibly start in June 2024 with drainage and pole removal. Chantal Fogarty questioned what about if I-80 is closed down for an accident and how that will effect this plan. Dillon questioned if they talked to the property owners yet, they have spoke to some. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Dillon motion passed to approve the betterment project plans from Steve Rusnak pertaining to 161 exit to 163 exit on Jacksonville Road 3-0.**

Anne Messner spoke about some projects the Centre County MPO is working on. The last long range transportation update was presented that was done back in 2019. The plan is not due until September of 2025 but they like to give all the municipalities a reminder that it is coming. Gettig mentioned a drainage issue that needs addressed. Gettig also mentioned areas that need addressed from where the new interchange stops about ¼ mile passed, northbound. Zito media was also brought up by Gettig, Messner suggested contacted Liz Lose.

**OId Business:**

**NVLL-** Mike Brown was introduced as the Panik Field contact. Shed has been purchased should be delivered mid -March, Gettig has to move some stuff that he put back there so it was out of the way of the substation. Wyatt Harter and Mike Brown were both good with the agreement.

Mike spoke for Hailstorm as well; they will work together with NVLL for field use with NVLL having precedence.

**Park & Rec** – Don Franson coming down Monday to talk about walking trail and extra parking for the ball fields.

**Garage on Nittany Ridge-** Already discussed earlier with the solicitor.

**New Business:**

**Rich Moyle, EMC/Howard Fire Company-** Open House for new rescues will be March 25th at 11am until 3pm.

**Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission**- Gettig reported that they spoke on the fire study request as well as solar ordinances. Three solar farms being discussed in Walker Township. Next meeting is March 16th at Spring Township.

**Planning Commission**- No meeting due to illness. Gettig reported that Casey Dillon is Chariman, Dave Rosendale in Vice-Chairman and Louise Biancuzzo is Secretary.

**Park & Rec-** Placement of the benches was discussed. One up by the playground, not sure yet about placement of the other one.

**Zoning Report**- Weight reported it was a busy month. Dillon received a call about exposed wires in the mobile home park, Dillon contacted Rick Hampton for code. Another issue at the Fort Bellefonte/Gram and Paps was discussed. Weight will forward contact information for the county to Chapman.

**Head Road Master Report**- Gettig reported on the work done throughout the months. Gettig reported on

**Resolution 2023-2-** Resolution approved unanimously.

**Resolution 2023-4-** Resolution approved unanimously.

**Heller’s Gas-** Tabled until next meeting because one quote didn’t come back yet. Dillon mentioned looking into our own tanks

**Costars- On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to do the salt contract in the same amount as last year 3-0.**

**2023 Pavement Markings-** **Gettig motioned to do the center lines on Sand Ridge, Nittany Ridge and Sunset, Chapman seconded and motion passed 3-0.**

**Bellefonte Area High School- On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Gettig motioned passed to do the awards the same as last year 3-0.**

**Centre County Planning-** Just and FYI for the township at this time.

**Other Discussion Items:** Gettig read a letter from Paul Takac, a new representative for the 82nd district.

**On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman motion passed to approve the auditor’s minutes as presented 3-0.**

Gettig read an email received from PSATS regarding what is considered records that need to be provided to elected auditors, PSATS stated when a CPA is appointed to do the actual audit, any request for information from elected auditors should be treated as a right to know.

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

**Motion to adjourn 9:27 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 December 9, 2022 through January 3, 2023. 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 ---- $92,579.15 State liquid fuels fund-- $141,957.63

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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Herbert Chapman, Vice-Chairman

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John (Rick) Dillon, Supervisor