

**COLLINSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

DECEMBER 8, 2020 7:00 P.M.

OPENING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on the above date by audio conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Township Supervisor Daniel Hopkins at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Pledge of Allegiance was suspended due to format during COVID-19 pandemic. Roll call was taken with the following members participating by audio: Trustee Mike Foley, Trustee Derrick Cox, Trustee Robert Milam and Supervisor Daniel Hopkins. Clerk Cathy Allison, Assessor Pete Poletti, Road Commissioner James Trucano and Attorney Justin Mattea also participated by audio. Trustee James Stack was absent due to illness.

Others participating by audio were Amy and Paul Bickford, Zak Kaesberg, Becky Loyet, Kathy Hoelsher, Brandon Loyet, Kyle Shell, Beth Metcalf, Jim Trucano, Stephanie Malench, Kyle Perkins, Scott Rayho, Brad Sewell, Aaron Wright, Mike Fisher and Michael Mayweather.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Hopkins asked for a motion to approve minutes from the **November 10, 2020** board meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Milam. Roll call found the vote three ayes and one nay. Motion passed. Trustee Cox was the nay vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Bickford (Representative for Waste Management) – Thanked the board for allowing Waste Management to submit a proposal. He looks forward to getting a chance to do business with the Township.

ACTION ITEMS

Ordinance No. 2020-004 Levying Taxes for Town Purposes – Discussion ensued. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-004 – Levying taxes for Town purposes was made by Trustee Cox and seconded by Trustee Milam. Roll call found the vote with three ayes and one nay. Motion passed. Trustee Foley was the nay vote.

Ordinance No. 2020-005 Levying Taxes for Road and Bridge Purposes – Discussion ensued. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-005 – Levying taxes for Road & Bridge Purposes was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Milam. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 2020-R04 Authorizing Township Supervisor to Execute Contract for Trash Service Provider to Unincorporated Township Residents – Discussion ensued. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-R04 to execute contract for trash services with Republic Services was made by Trustee Cox and seconded by Trustee Milam. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Trustee Cox – Said Assessor Poletti's comments at the last meeting were disparaging against the county IT department. He said that due to the IT Department and the county that everybody's taxes were going to be going up because of something with the senior freeze. Trustee Cox reached out to individuals at the county and they said this were not true. Trustee Cox had asked Vicky for a copy of the audit. She sent him one, but it would not open on his computer. Supervisor Hopkins said hard copies should be available in a week or so.

Trustee Foley – We have lost three people in the last couple of weeks from the Senior Center. Two to COVID and one to cancer. When are people going to start behaving and doing the right thing of what doctor’s and scientist say?

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion to approve **General Assistance** bills for **\$9,414.97** was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Milam. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Motion to approve **Road and Bridge** bills for **\$86,136.37** was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Motion to approve **Town Fund** bills for **\$96,174.74** was made by Trustee Milam and seconded by Trustee Foley. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Motion to approve **Senior Center** bills for **\$1,377.19.** was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

ASSESSOR’S COMMENTS - None

ROAD COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

There will be a leaf collection Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Anyone who lives in the township can bring down yard waste and drop off. Trustee Milam asked about the Lebanon Road project. Commissioner Trucano said that is on hold. There are problems with the railroad and so far, they do not know anything going forward.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS

Supervisor Hopkins reminded the trustees that every employee and elected official is required to take the Sexual Harassment Training. It is mandated by state law. If you have not had it, please contact Vicky at the township office. There was 147 people for LIHEAP requesting help with their power bills and 109 inquiries for general assistance. The one person doing general assistance has been busy screening all those people. Applications are still being taken for Christmas baskets. Since the last meeting we took 86 applications for help and for food.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Supervisor Hopkins asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Trustee Milam and seconded by Trustee Foley. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed. Time 7:30 p.m.

Daniel Hopkins, Supervisor

Cathy Allison, Clerk