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**Marion Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Held April 14, 2022 at the Township Building**

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

**Guests:** Jackie Aberegg, Samuel Haesler, Mark Glick, Paul Esh, Lisa Hovies, Brian Hovies, Scott Rhoat, Chuck Sookne, Bobby DeArment, Collin Alterio, Rich Moyle, Jacob Esh, Garret Roberts, Ken Roan, Don Moore, Dan Glick, Brian McCauley (Tax Collector), Tim Weight, John Houser, Lori Houser, Jace Houser and Ilene Barner

Solicitors: Louis Glantz and Mark Lingousky

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

**On a motion by Dillon and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to approve the March 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented 3-0.**

**Public Comments:** Lori Houser spoke about troubles with Zito Media, she was without internet for an extended period of time. She has been in contact with Zito and nothing is getting resolved as they don’t even show up to their service calls. Houser noted that Dubois submitted a formal complaint with the FCC against Zito, she is requesting contact information for people who have submitted complaints in Marion Township to come together and file a formal FCC complaint. Mr. Glantz spoke about PA getting funding for better internet and also recommended submitting a complaint to the attorney general. Ken Roan reached out to the county regarding the broadband survey, about 2100 people responded to the survey. The possibility of Black Bear coming in to the township was discussed. Discussion was held about the township sending out post cards asking residents if they would be interested in Black Bear Fiber internet. Glantz will look in to how Dubois went about submitting the formal complaint to the FCC.

Samuel Haesler, a resident on Nittany Ridge, spoke about his auto garage/inspection station. Haesler apologized as he didn’t realize he was in violation of township zoning. Haesler has been working on the community’s vehicles for 15 years in his free time, and thought getting state licensed would include township approval. Haesler does not plan on expanding and tries hard to keep the place cleaned up. Several members of the community spoke on Haesler’s behalf, and would like to see the garage remain in business. The board was questioned about why they wouldn’t want a business in the township? Dillon noted that he never knew about the garage but personally feels that is the kind business we would want around here, someone earning an honest living for their family. Gettig pointed out that it is not an allowed use in the conservation district. Weight doesn’t think the zoning hearing board could really approve it, the zoning ordinance would need to be looked at and a zoning change would need to occur. The board will work with the Planning Commission to amend the zoning ordinance. Dillon told Haesler to make sure there’s no deed restrictions. Glantz told Weight that he could postpone action until the new ordinance is completed. **On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Gettig, motion passed to refer the creation of a conditional use ordinance in the conservation district that would enable small auto repair business in that district to the planning commission 3-0.**

Bobby DeArment thanked the board for their participation in the endeavor of purchasing newer equipment for the Howard Fire Company.

Lisa Hovies discussed issues she is having in her development (Foot Hills) with dirt bikes and ATVs constantly riding up and down the streets. The state police were called because a neighbor was shooting a gun out their window towards other properties. The constant noise is a concern. Chapman mentioned the township does not have a decibel reader to know what the noise level is. The board will send a letter to the state police informing them that there is a problem in that development. Don Moore lives in Foot Hills as well and let the board know that he placed an orange cone as cars are driving too fast and getting in his yard. Moore observed there is no speed limit sign, Gettig will look in to. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to put reflectors up in Foot Hills by Moore’s house 3-0.**

Ilene Barner questioned fencing and if there are any set backs when installing a fence. Weight and the board recommended leaving room to maintain the fence so as not to go on neighbors property for fence maintenance.

Ken Roan would like to see crack sealing done especially in his development. Also questioned if anything can be done regarding the mud on 26 due to the construction. Chapman recommended he contact PennDOT since it’s a state road and state project. Emery asked Spencer Boone to get in touch with Roan regarding his concerns.

Scott Rhoat thanked the board for their donation to the Bellefonte EMS. He emailed the reports that the BOS requested. There will be a joint meeting possibly in August or September to request funding for next year before budget time.

**OId Business:**

**NVLL-** Nothing to report.

**PennDOT-** Gettig read the response received regarding the weight limits and I-80 closures, the state police have to take care of it as PennDOT is not an enforcing agency.

**New Business:**

**Jeffery Kreger-**  Kreger presented the sewage module for Sam Glick and explained the it requires a township resolution because it’s a component II, it has already been approved by Stan Wallace and the planning commission. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to approve and sign planning module and resolution 3-0.**

**Rich Moyle, EMC/Howard Fire Company-** Signed letter of commitment for the $40,000 the Marion Township Board promised the Howard Fire Company to help with equipment purchase was given to Bobby DeArment. The township received the banquet invitation, Gettig will get a head count.

**Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission**- Dillon spoke to Tom Zilla, they still want him and Christie to attend and Christie and himself still wish to be involved. Next meeting is May 19th.

**Planning Commission**- Glantz and Lingousky spoke about the solar panel ordinance and the need to have something in place to make sure residents are protected. **Dillon motioned to have the solicitors do a draft solar panel ordinance for the township, Gettig seconded and motion passed 3-0.**

Gettig questioned if the township could take over the mowing for Frain (Oak Grove) cemetery. Glantz recommended looking for a church, eagle scout or historical society to take over the maintenance.

Dillon reported that the sewage module for Sam Glick was signed at the last meeting. The PC also discussed the garage on Nittany Ridge briefly. Dillon is concerned about the 266 acres at the end of Farmdale Road, also noted that the right of way done back there was not done by this board and he thinks there should be more than one entrance and exit to that land especially if it gets developed. **On a motion by Dillon and 2nd by Chapman motion passed to send a letter to landowner expressing the townships concerns that there should be more than one entrance and exit 3-0.**

**Park & Rec-** A sign for the park was briefly discussed. The pad has been dug and leveled up for the NVLL shed. Mouse traps have been set at the concession stand and the water and pump have been turned on.

**Zoning Report-** Gettig mentioned the mailbox concern and response from the solicitor. Weight recommended re-writing the mailbox ordinance. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman motion passed to have the solicitor send a letter letting the property owners know that this type of mailbox is not allowed due to liability 3-0.**

An anonymous letter was received by the township and the zoning officer citing multiple properties within the township that are “out of compliance” with township ordinances. The letter was not signed by any one individual but rather “Concerned citizens of Marion Township”. Gettig began reading the letter then stopped because it is not signed, the township website states complaints are to be signed before submission, this was a motion the board made a few years ago.

**Head Road Master Report-** Gettig presented a training session at MVCOG in Clearfield for flagger training. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to send any employees that wish to go to the training 3-0.**

**CCATO-** Spring Convention will be held April 28, 2022. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman motion passed to register Gettig for the convention, no other township representatives are able to attend 3-0.**

**Myron- On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Gettig motion passed to approve quote and purchase pocket calendars for 2023 3-0.**

**Centre County Planning-** The Hovies’ lot addition plans were reviewed. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to conditionally approve the plan, asked the Hovies’ if signatures or anything is needed, let the township know so it can be taken care of 3-0.**

**Other Discussion Items:**

Brian McCauley received the keys for the township building for his tax collection dates.

Brian Hovies returned his keys as he has resigned from the township road crew.

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

**Motion to adjourn 10:25 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 March 11, 2022 through April 14, 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 ---- $165,490.32 State liquid fuels fund-- $145,247.12

Park Fund ---- $2,447.71 State Equipment Fund--$21,837.32

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