**Marion Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Held December 14, 2023 at the Township Building**

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

**Guests:** Rick Poplaski, Craig Sattesahn, Tim Weight, Rich Moyle, Dave Rosendale and Chantal Fogarty

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 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 November 9, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented 3-0.**

**On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Dillon motion passed to approve November 15, 2023 special meeting minutes 3-0.**

**Resolution 2023-8-** Appointing Leisa Johnstonbaugh as assistant township secretary. Gettig read the resolution aloud. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman motion passed to approve Resolution 2023-8 appointing Leisa Johnstonbaugh as assistant secretary of Marion Township 3-0.**

**Public Comments: None.**

**Requested to be on Agenda:** Craig Sattesahn provided an update on the high-speed interchange project. Two detours are being discussed at this time. They are still looking to bid the project in April of this year with construction starting summer or late summer of this year hopefully. The first detour will be Jacksonville Road on the township side, this will be a long-term detour on the old Jacksonville Road. They’re looking at five and a half years of construction so it will have a larger impact on the local residents in that area. Gettig questioned what will happen during Penn State games which cause high volumes of traffic, it will look pretty much the same as it does right now during this phase.

The second detour will be under the current 80 bridges, a short-term detour will be for local traffic as the ramps to 99 will be open at that point. It will be about 3 months that local traffic will have to utilize the detour, it will be towards the end of the project.

**OId Business:**

**NVLL-** Nothing to report.

**Garage on Nittany Ridge-**. Gettig read the email from Dillon regarding the conditional use permit fee.

**Wind and Solar Ordinance-** Discussed under planning commission report.

**Walker Township Water Authority**- Nothing new to report.

**New Business:**

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

**Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission**- Gettig reported. He contacted Bill Nearhoof to get the fire study papers completed. Casey Dillon will be the representative for Marion Township with Dave Rosendale as the back up.

**Planning Commission-** Date changes were discussed at the meeting, the planning commission submitted their proposed dates for 2024, they will be approved at the reorganizational meeting. Planning Commission wishes to set their dates to the second Tuesday. Rosendale discussed the planning commission’s thoughts on the solar ordinance and fees. **On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Dillon motion passed to allow residential solar panels in all districts but commercial set ups only in commercially zoned properties 3-0.**

Dillon spoke on the conditional use permit fee and explained why he feels the permit fee should be $1,000 to cover the costs the township could incur. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to send Dillon’s recommendation to the solicitor for his opinion on the matter 3-0.**

Gettig spoke on the discussion that was brought up by Dillon at the last meeting regarding the downsizing of the technical committee. Gettig obtained a letter from Walker Township and he would like to use that as a format for Marion Township to write a letter opposing the downsizing. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to send a letter to the CCMPO opposing the downsizing of the technical committee 3-0.**

**Park & Rec-** Nothing to report.

**Zoning Report**- Weight discussed his zoning report briefly and updated the BOS on the non-compliant property within the township.

**Head Road Master Report**- Gettig discussed the work done throughout the township in the month of November. Swartz came and replaced batteries in the emergency lights in the township building. Gettig signed the paperwork for the bank loan and the truck is going to be upfitted at A & H.

Chapman discussed the undercoating of the trucks to help keep them protected from the elements so they last longer. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman motion passed to do the undercoating for the 2019 truck for $1,600 by Ebervale Corrosion Protection Co. 3-0.**

Gettig got a quote from Swartz fire and safety for 1 emergency light and 1 combo ELight and exit for both the substation and township garage. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman motion passed to approve quote and purchase lights in the amount of $443.35 3-0.**

**2024 Budget- On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Dillon, motion passed to adopt 2024 final budget 3-0.**

**Resolution 2023-9-** Gettig read resolution 2023-9, changing the millage of the taxes to 2 for general and 1 for fire protection, this will change from 2 for fire protection and 1 for general. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to approve resolution 2023-9 changing the tax millage allocation 3-0.**

**Bowman**- Pay application was reviewed and approved by Don Franson, the checks for this project are in this meeting for signatures.

**Walker Township-On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to approve the winter road maintenance with Walker Township as was done in past years 3-0.**

**Resolution 2023-10**- **On a motion by Dillon and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to approve resolution 2023-10, appointing Baker Tilly as the CPA to do the annual audit for 2023 3-0.**

**Secretary Resignation**- Emery will be done at Marion Township in mid-January and has begun training Johnstonbaugh in the position.

**Centre County Library**- **On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Gettig, motion passed to send the Centre County Library $150 as has been done in the past 3-0.**

**Other Discussion Items:**

Gettig read an email received from Rick Dillon stating that he is resigning from Marion Township as he will be spending much of his time out of the township. **On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to accept Rick Dillon’s resignation 3-0.**

Two letters of interest have been received over the last few months for supervisor positions.

**On a motion by Gettig and 2nd by Chapman, motion passed to appoint Dave Rosendale to Marion Township Supervisor position effective immediately after swearing in until the next municipal election 2-0.**

**On a motion by Chapman and 2nd by Gettig, motion passed to pay Leisa Johnstonbaugh $21.00/hour to start and look at it again in three months 2-0.**

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

**Motion to adjourn 9:05 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 October 13, 2023 through November 9, 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 ---- $ 90,788.15 State liquid fuels fund-- $139,290.63

Park Fund ---- $574.54 Act 13 Funds- $4,361.35

Building Fund Reserve- $95,838.00 State Equipment Fund--$14,967.89

FNB General Acct--- $24,491.36 FNB Money Market Acct- $89,753.79

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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