

Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting September 8, 2020

Supervisors Present: Dennis Knowlton, Barry Searle and Chris Marcho

Solicitor: Joseph McGraw

Secretary: Meghann Boylan

Business meeting held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at the township building. Chairman Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion to approve August 11, 2020 township minutes by Mr. Knowlton. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor. Treasurer's report reviewed and will be put on file. List of bills reviewed. Mr. Knowlton made a motion to pay all bills except Clifford Home and Auto. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor. Motion by Mr. Searle to pay Clifford Home and Auto. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Old Business –

Jerry's Garage Complaint Follow-up – Mr. Searle explained Constable Munley said it was getting clean upped and looking better and he would continue to keep an eye on things.

Census Deadline – September 30 will now be the last day to complete your census. Clifford is down 16.7% from 2010. Mr. Marcho will put another reminder on Facebook

Annual Clean-Up and E-cycling Event – Scheduled for September 19th. Mr. Marcho wanted a reminder that it was still going on and currently had Price available to volunteer. Kurt was at the meeting and said he would volunteer as well.

Kimmel Marketing – Mr. Searle discussed a work session was still going on and they were contacting NEP Telephone as well.

Right to Bear Arms – Mr. Searle mentioned all is approved.

Cinder Bid – One bid for Cinders was received from Brown Farm Enterprise at \$24.75 per cubic yard. Mr. Searle made a motion to accept the bid. Second by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Snow Plow Bids: One bid received – Barhite Excavating \$75/hr. 5500 single axle dump 8-10 ton capacity
\$135/hr. Graders/wheel loader-heavy snow

Mr Knowlton mad a motion to accept the bid. Seconded by Mr Searle. All in favor.

Extension on Tinkerbrook & Welch – Mr Barhite brought a 35 day extension paper for the Tinkerbrook & Welch road repairs. The Sub for Mr Barhite was holding up the project. There was concern if winter was to hit and the safety of others. Mr Barhite stated he would hope it would be done before any type of snow fall but he himself would set of any safety measures for that road if things still were not complete. Solicator Mr McGraw will send out a liability letter to cover the township. Mr Searle mad a motion to give extension. Seconded by Mr Knowlton. All in favor.

New Business –

2021 Proposed Budget – Mr Searle explained they had a work session to draft the budget. Currently with the balance of the budget they did for 2021 they are not foreseeing any tax increase. Act account was used to pay for Greenfield Township Police in 2020 but for 2021 they will be put in the budget and the Supervisors were able to arrange the budget and add it for the coming year. Mr Searle mad a motion to post the proposed Budget. Seconded by Mr Marcho. All in favor.

Temporary Secretary – Mr Marcho mad a motion that Meghann Boylan would work as the temporary Secretary until one was hired. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor. Mr Marcho made a motion to approve Meghann Boylan to sign checks since getting bonded for the position. Seconded by Mr Searle. All in favor

EMS/Fire Depart – Mr Marcho is concerned about due to lack of volunteers that if we can't get the help they may need to hire out. For the future in order to pay for it a quarter (1/4) mill tax increase may need to happen. Mr Marcho said he would rather see little increases at a time then a big one. Nothing is set but Mr Marcho wanted to bring it up and make everyone aware.

Public Comment – No public questions or comments have been received due to limited seating.

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Township Representative Reports:

Police Report – Greenfield Police Chief, Jeff Martin reported 51 dispatches in August.

Road Report – Road Master Booths reported no calls or no issues. He worked on installing new signs.

Planning Commission- Chairperson Fischbeck reported no new business.

Park and Recreation – Youth Soccer league has started playing on the fields and if they choose to stay at the Township they planned to fix the fields to make it level in the spring.

Permit Officer – Meghann Boylan reported 2 approved permits and 1 pending.

Sewage Office – SEO, Justin Ford's report was read and put on file.

Tax Collector – \$2,331.73 Real Estate / \$423.98 Fire Protection.

Fire Company – No Report

Historical Society – Trinkets & Treasure Yard Sale on September 19th from 9am-1pm. The money from the yard sale will go back into the Children's Garden.

Next Meeting : Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00pm

Meghann Boylan Secretary/Treasurer
Adjournment 7:36 pm