

Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting July 8, 2014

Business meeting held on Tuesday July 8, 2014. Chairman Dennis Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Knowlton, second 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 bills except Clifford Auto and Clifford supply, seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor. Mr. Searle made a motion to pay Clifford Auto and Clifford Supply, Mr. Marcho Abstained, seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Mr. Marcho abstained due to potential conflict of interest.

Mr. Searle asked Solicitor, Joe McGraw, to send a letter to have the abandon trailers on the corner of Cemetery St. and 106 removed. Mr. Searle reports he has been getting complaint about them.

Mr. Marcho will work to get pricing on stuccoing the front of the building, around windows, getting pricing on gutters and have the drainage problems looked into. Mr. Marcho will also get an estimate on enlarging the drive around the building and adding a parking lot out the front.

Mr. Marcho had two quotes for a new tractor for mowing, Toro and Ex Mark. Both trackers were identical in construction so Mr. Searle made a motion to buy the less expensive one, Toro, for \$7341.65. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Mr. Marcho made a motion to allow Clifford Township Fire Police help out at the Union Dale Picnic. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Mr. Knowlton made a motion to pass the Act 13 budget resolution for 2014. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor.

Mr. Marcho made a motion to pass a resolution for the Parks and Recreation naming Mr. Marcho as the official to execute all documents and agreements between Clifford Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate an assist in obtaining the requested grant. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Mr. Searle, in a letter from Alan Hall, Susquehanna county Commissioner, disgusted the problem of urban blight. Mr. Hall suggested getting in touch with Cosmello's in New Milford to get rid of junk cars and Adam Diaz might help with removing old mobile home for the township. Mr. Searle ask Mrs. Bennett to look into whether they would come this far.

Mr. Searle made a motion to put \$5000.00 on the sewer loan. Seconded by Mr. Marcho. All in favor.

Mr. Marcho made a motion to buy an old police car for \$1500.00 plus \$1000.00 to fix up. This would be used to help for speed control in the township and to use by the road master for township work. Mr. Searle seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Searle made a motion to pay an architect \$1172.00, for a drawing for the grant of the bathrooms and \$9700.00 for the labor on pouring concrete for the handy cap parking and sidewalks plus \$3800.00 for the cement. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Mr. McGraw presented two policy statements for the sewer informant officer. One states that if a dwelling has been vacant for more than a year, the SEO must test to ensure that the system is not in a state of malfunction. The second states a minimum of two test sites are required or more at the discretion of the SEO. Mr. Searle made a motion to approve the new policy statement. Mr. Marcho seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Knowlton made a motion to approve UGI road usage and excavation agreement. Seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor.

Road Report: All the roads are done for now, maintains and dust control. Hallstead road was retreated for dust control. Round Pond road will be worked on this fall.

Tax Collector: \$15050.74 was collected for real estate and \$1254.54 for fire protection. About 80% has been collected for the year.

Fire Company: Picnic is 24th, 25th and 26th of this month.

Mr. Searle wanted to give a lot of credit to all the volunteers for all the work they have done on the building and grounds. All the hard work was greatly appreciated by everyone on board of supervisors.