

Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting May 10, 2016

Present: Dennis Knowlton Barry Searle Chris Marcho

Solicitor: Joseph G. McGraw

Secretary: Christy Bennett

Business meeting held on Tuesday May 10, 2016. Chairman Dennis Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Searle, second by Mr. Knowlton. 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. Knowlton made a motion to pay Clifford Auto and Clifford Supply, seconded by Mr. Searle. All in favor. Mr. Marcho abstained due to potential conflict of interest.

Gerard Babinski, P.E., District Bridge Engineer and Chris Rude, Project Manager, for PennDOT District4 came to inform the board and residents of Clifford Township of 2 bridge projects for the years of 2017 and 2018 on routes 2027 and 2029. Both will be using the same detours of about 6.7 miles. Both bridges will not be closed at the same time but will be closed for about 4-10 weeks for each bridge.

Spring cleanup took in about \$487.00 dollars in donations. New Age Containers charged the township \$300.00 to haul the garbage away. The Keystone Landfill did not charge for the 2.25 tons of garbage leaving the township with \$187.00 to go towards one month of recycling charges.

Mr. Searle and Mr. Marcho attended the annual PSATS Convention in Hershey, Pa. Mr. Searle reported that the main focus was on parks and recreation. He said there was more money for parks and recreation than for bridges. Grants are available for just about every aspect of building to caring for parks and recreation areas. Mr. Searle met with a Melissa Morgan who is interested on doing a 20-30 minute video of the Clifford Township Park. Mr. Searle also learned that by law no elected, or appointed township official or employee can be a member of the zoning commission board. There was a resolution that PennDOT would be responsible to make sure any township road used due to state road work would be put back to original condition before construction project was started.

Mr. Knowlton attended a program on the drug epidemic in Susquehanna County. He reported that heroin and prescription drugs is a major problem. He reported that people get hooked on prescription drugs and when they can no longer get the drugs legally they turn to heroin. Mr. Knowlton asked to have information put on the web site. Cliffordtownship.org. Susquehanna County has a population of 42000, is 840 sq. miles and is second in the state per capita for drug over doses.

Road Report: Mr. Marcho reported that he is having the pot hole on Elkview Dr. filled in and work on the township dirt road was moving along good.

Parks & Recreation: Mr. Marcho reported that the Clifford Rod and Gun club will be stocking the creek. Mr. Searle made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the club. Mr. Knowlton seconded. All in favor.

Tax Collector: Mrs. Price reported that the discount period is over. \$94719.99 in real estate and \$7895.41 fire protection was collected for the month of April.

Historical Society: Mrs. Wilmot sent a report that the Harford Girl Scout Troop 50774 worked this winter to make signs and projects to add to the Children's garden. The troop, their leader Missy Boswell and parent volunteers installed their projects on Saturday April 30th.