

Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting December 10, 2019

Supervisors Present: Dennis Knowlton, Barry Searle, Chris Marcho
Solicitor: Joseph McGraw Secretary: Joan Hertzog

Business meeting held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Chairman Dennis Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion to approved November 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. Searle made a motion to pay all bills except Clifford Home and Auto. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Mr. Searle made a motion to pay Clifford Home and Auto. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor. Mr. Marcho abstained due to potential conflict of interest.

Old Business –

A) Tinkerbrook and Welsh Hill Box Culverts – Mr. Searle made a motion following Bassett Engineering Inc.'s recommendation to accept Contect's Costars bid for box culverts for Tinkerbrook and Welsh Hill Roads. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

	Contect	wingwall	Lane	wingwalls
Tinkerbrook	\$34,000	\$6,000	\$50,498.10	\$12,069.00
Welsh Hill	\$48,800	\$8,000	\$62,517.60	\$11,388.00

Advertising will be in January, bids to open in February, receive product in March, stream work to start in April unless special conditions are indicated in the contract. The Park Pedestrian Bridge is waiting on a decision from the Department of Environmental Protection.

B) Wind Turbine – Atty. McGraw has dates to coordinate with Shepstone and supervisors to meet.

C) Opiates Class Action – Atty. McGraw will continue to follow the class action.

D) Proposed Property/Grant – Atty. McGraw will use the Mobile Home Grant as a model and will work with Mr. Marcho to create an application.

E) SR 106 & 2008 Sign – Road Master Booths spoke with PennDOT and is waiting to hear back who will be responsible for a Pedestrian Crossing sign at the intersection. Children at Play signs are not allowed at intersections.

New Business –

A) 2020 Budget – Mr. Searle made a motion to approve the advertised 2020 budget. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

B) 2020 Road Maintenance/Equipment Contract – Mr. Marcho explained changing from a Spring Road Maintenance Contract to an annual 12 month contract with a provider in order to have prices set in times of emergency. Mr. Searle made a motion to accept and advertise the annual contract. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Mr. Marcho reported the Mountain View Restaurant has been purchased and is undergoing construction. Mr. Searle suggested informing the new owner of the Susquehanna County Business Alliance for assistance with advertising and their grand opening. Mr. Knowlton said the Endless Mountain Pharmacy will be having its grand opening on December 13.

Road Report – Road Master Booths reported that Barhite was able to patch Welch Road. All the roads look good and he will be ordering more cinders.

Planning Commission – Chairperson Fischbeck recommended supervisors approve the Friends of Fern Hall minor subdivision. All in favor. After updates are made, Chesnick maps will be sent to the county for a lot line adjustment review and comment. Mr. Cole is working on paperwork for an auction barn near the Wiffie Bog B&B. There was a discussion regarding wetland definition, set back distance and landowners obligations and requirements. Mike Barhite suggested speaking with the Army Corp of Engineers. Larry Wilson suggested speaking with a trained wetland delineator. Atty. McGraw will provide a book for review at the next meeting.

Park & Rec – Mr. Marcho thanked Sandy Wilmot for the success of the 21st Annual Clifford Christmas Village. He also indicated that she is looking for a volunteer to take it over. Mr. Knowlton stated that the event has been established and encourages anyone who would be a good candidate. Mr. Wilson stated work on the parking lot drainage issues will begin tomorrow.

Permit Officer – Joan Hertzog reported one building permit and three sewer permits.

Tax Collector – Janice Price reported 88 % of taxes has been collected.

Fire Company – EMC, Philip Price reported the fire company has been using supplies housed township garage. There has been major fires the last few weeks. 250 call for Fire/Rescue and around 300 patient calls. EMT's are greatly needed. The fire company will be having its annual Children's Christmas Breakfast on Sunday to benefit a list of needy families.