

Clifford Township Supervisors Meeting October 13, 2020

Supervisors Present: Dennis Knowlton, Barry Searle and Chris Marcho

Solicitor: Joseph McGraw

Secretary: Meghann Boylan

Business meeting held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the township building. Chairman Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion to approve September 8, 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 Marcho added 1 bill and 1 payroll check on the list to pay as they were brought to attention after all was set for the meeting. Mr Marcho asked to approve Just Fords bill in the amount of \$565.25 and Barry Searle's payroll check in the amount of \$137.93. 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 –

2021 Proposed Budget – Mr. Knowlton asked if anyone had questions or issues with the proposed budget. No questions or concerns was stated. Mr Searle made a motion to approve the Budget. Seconded by Mr Knowlton. All in favor.

Residential & Commercial Sub-Division – Solicitor McGraw stated he drew up a resolution concerning subdivision and land development ordinance. Resolution: The township of Clifford, Susquehanna County, seeks to comply with various statutes of the Commonwealth and to protect the health and wellbeing of the citizens of the township. Motion made by Mr Searle to sign the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Marcho. All in favor

Guide Rails Welch Hill Road – Road master Kurt Booth stated they were completed

Approve Change order No. 2 Tinkerbrook/Welch Hill Road – Mr Marcho asked to approve a change order to Tinkerbrook/Welch Hill Road stating Contingent Bid Items 201 Rock Excavation and 202, as well as increase Contingent Bid Item 203 from 14 cubic yards to 20 cubic yards. This change order will result in a decrease in the contract price of \$1,840.00, reducing the total contract price from \$172,450.00 to 170,610.00. Mr Searle made a motion to approve the change order. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton All in favor.

Approve final payment to Barhite – Motion to approve payment to Barhite Excavating in the amount of \$28,920.75 for Pay App No.2, the Final Payment Application for the project PENDING review and execution by Bassett Engineering. Mr Knowlton made the motion to approve final payment. Seconded by Mr Searle. All in - favor.

Fall Cleanup – Mr Marcho stated it was a success and really appreciated the help this year. The E-Recycle generated \$330 in donations and 24 pallets were picked up. The recycling generated \$770.

EMS Sign Number: Mr. Marcho stated an ordinance needs to be made to have the residence address sign numbers located on their property as the EMS is having a hard time finding locations without the signs on the property. Solicitor McGraw is working on an ordinance.

New Business –

Proposal to extension Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement to provide Police Protection – Mr Marcho stated the Supervisors of Greenfield Township sent a signed letter to the Clifford Supervisors stating "In anticipation of the expiration of our existing Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement to Provide Police Protection, we are writing to propose an extensions of our arrangement for a 3 year term at \$5000 per month with all other general terms remaining the same." Public members; Kurt Booths stated they are very visible and doing a great job and Mike Barhite stated they are very informative about a situation going on in your area, and EMT Phil Price said they are going on their EMT calls as well. Mr Searle made a motion to approve the terms. Seconded by Mr Knowlton. All in favor.

County Supervisors Convention – Mr Searle stated he attended the convention along with Phil Price. Ash tree removal was brought up and possible money available for the removal for townships but needed to be looked at more. It was then brought to the Supervisors attention how dangerous it can be on the township roads with the ash trees falling down. Also Building Superintendent stated the ash trees on the property alone are dangerous as well. Mr Knowlton stated he would like to get the tree looked at and taken care of at the Park for the safety of others.

Susquehanna County Library – An email was sent to the township asking if the Susquehanna County Library would like to bring their Storwalk to the park for families to enjoy for a week in the beginning of November. Mr Searle made a motion to approve the Storwalk. Seconded by Mr Knowlton.

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Election – Mr Price stated they would be setting up November 2nd to be ready for Election Day on 3rd. It will be in the gym again and they will be required to wear a mask and be 6' apart. Extra volunteers will be there as well to help with cleaning of the machines and also 2 door watchers.

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

Township Representative Reports:

Police Report – Greenfield Police Chief, Jeff Martin wasn't able to attend the meeting

Road Report – Road Master Booths reported no calls or no issues. He stated salt/cinder would be coming soon.

Planning Commission- Chairperson Fischbeck reported no new business.

Park and Recreation – No trunk or treat would be happening this year due to Covid

Permit Officer – Meghann Boylan reported 4 approved permits

Sewage Office – SEO, Justin Ford's report was read and reported 1 permit.

Tax Collector – \$894.85 Real Estate / \$162.71 Fire Protection.

Fire Company – 428 EMS/Fire Calls from January to now. September had 42 calls. Fire Prevention week at Mountain View and they will be at the School Wednesday & Thursday

Historical Society – No report

Next Meeting : Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:00pm

Meghann Boylan Secretary/Treasurer
Adjournment 7:43 pm