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Board of Supervisors
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Supervisors' Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 6, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair O'Rourke at the township building. Brett Taylor and George Ulrich were present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

John Hatcher of Snook Road asked if the bid work on Mill Road will go all the way to Alvira Road and if it will include chipping for next year. George confirmed the work on Mill Road will go all the way to Alvira Road but it will not include chipping. It is just reclaiming the road right now. No further comments on agenda items.

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Brett Taylor, seconded by George Ulrich to accept the minutes from the February 6, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

Secretary Satteson read the account balances, expenditures and revenues for February.

General Fund:	\$	<u>900,356.48</u>	Revenue:	\$	23,916.43
Act 13:	\$	<u>48,770.91</u>	Less Expenditures:	\$	23,392.42
Fire:	\$	<u>1,986.92</u>	Less Payroll:	\$	4,662.13
Liquid Fuels:	\$	<u>105,201.83</u>			
Capital Reserve:	\$	<u>155,071.32</u>	Net Loss:	\$	4,138.12

Road Master Reports

Anti-skid material has been requested through the West Branch COG contract (100 ton of anti-skid, 100 ton of #57 course aggregate, 2,000 ton of 2A subbase) and salt was ordered through the Costars contract (100 ton).

George would like to put out for bid, FDR (Full Depth Reclamation) w/use of Calcium Chloride Flake for Bob Drick Road and Mill Road with bids to be opened at the April 3, 2023 meeting. He would also like to start the bid writing process for DSA on Leisure Acres Road. Brett Taylor made a **MOTION** to move forward with the FDR bid as well as the Leisure Acres DSA bid, seconded by George Ulrich. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Reports

Signed revised land development plans for Amos Glick on Ridge Road.

Reviewed suggested SALDO change regarding a \$5,000 bond when a secondary structure is erected prior to the primary structure. Brett Taylor made a **MOTION** to add this change to the SALDO draft which will cover the cost should the township need to step in and do a land development plan if the house is not completed within two years from the date the bond was issued. Motion seconded by George Ulrich. Motion carried.

Reports and Recommendations of the Chair

None

Notices and Communications

PPL Electric Utilities to begin rebuilding an electrical transmission line in Washington and Armstrong townships.

Items for Supervisors' Action

A **MOTION** was made by Brett Taylor, seconded by Devin O'Rourke to proclaim April 2023 as "Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month" (Resolution No. 2023-03). Motion carried.

Old Business

Short-Term Rental Properties: Two out of four applied for permits, passed inspection by Codes and were given occupancy limits. Permits will not be issued to them by the township until the sewage review/inspection process is determined. Two property owners were turned over to Codes for failure to apply.

New Business

Variance Cost: Due to increases in both attorney fees and advertising fees, the application fee for a variance hearing should be reviewed for an increase next year.

Gap Road Improvements/Grants: The engineer's opinion of probable cost for Gap Road area improvements is \$2,095,653. A dirt and gravel road grant application will be submitted for Phase 3 and the township's share will be around \$22,000 of the \$211,726 estimated costs, if approved. The In Lieu of Tax Payment money received from DCNR can be utilized to cover our share. A meeting is supposed to take place with DCNR and State Representatives to see how much money can be contributed since that road services 99% DCNR. A large portion of the winter maintenance budget goes toward that road. Something needs to be done to alleviate that.

Public Comment

John Hatcher asked if Snook Road could be added to the list of roads for repair this summer. Brett stated that all dirt roads will be graded this summer. Chuck Pauling asked if anybody cleaned the pipes out on Snook Road. Brett said DEP recently looked at the pipes and are considering a grant process to remove the pipes with stream bank restoration. Chuck Pauling voiced his concerns that only roads where supervisor's relatives live are being repaired. Brett Taylor strongly expressed that is not the case and that there is a schedule in place to follow around where cold patch amesite was used and is peeling up.

Dave Ulrich asked if anything was being done about the contractor's yard on Fisher Road. This was addressed prior and will be looked into again.

After no further business, meeting was adjourned by Devin O'Rourke at 6:27 p.m.

Recorded by *Susan Satteson*, Washington Township Secretary