



MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Dan K. Hogeland, commencing with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Dan K. Hogeland, Chairman
Eric J. Weidman, V. Chairman
Scott D. Moyer, Supervisor
Lorie J. Kupp, Sec./Treas.
John Enck, Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Desantis, Newmanstown Fire Co. was present to request permission for the Fire Co. to attend National Night Out in Womelsdorf, Aug. 1st. **Motion by Hogeland to approve the Fire Co. attending the event. Seconded by Weidman. All aye, motion carried.**

REPORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS:

Millcreek Township Planning Commission – Karen Krater present with report. Krater also reported the Planning Commission would also like to schedule a workshop, and is trying to come up with a date that will work for all. JF Martin Land Development Plan discussed. They are requesting a one step process for approval of their plan. Planning Commission doesn't recommend it, and suggested the Board let the Planning Dept. know about their thoughts regarding approval process as well. The Board agreed that it should be the normal two step process for approval of the plan. Water to the site was discussed in reference to the latest reviewal letter from the County. Secretary to forward this to the Water Authority for their input. Bethany Rd./Keener plan – Krater stated that nothing was received yet, but apartment buildings are rumored in the plan. Krater and the Board suggested Solicitor may want to look into that to determine if this is allowed in the E-1 District per Section 13.06.

Mark Brophy, Stonecroft Development was present with concerns over the JF Martin Land Development Plan. He reported that he and his neighbors were present at the Planning Commission meeting to express their concerns; including a buffer, noise, and environmental issues for the elderly residents of the development.

Newmanstown Water Authority minutes & audit report were received.

Lech – Annual Maintenance Report was received.

Western Berks Ambulance Assoc. report was received.

Police Activity report was received.

MINUTES: Motion by Weidman to approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Moyer. All aye, motion carried.

SOLICITOR:

Krater questioned if the township has a Traffic Impact Fee in place? Solicitor stated that the Board has no authority at this time, that in order to assess a Traffic Impact fee the Township would need to have a Transportation Capital Improvement Plan prepared and adopted. He also suggested that the Comprehensive Plan should be updated before.

Comcast franchise renewal – Solicitor reported that he has still not received a response from Comcast since sending his May 8th letter.

Police Policies & Procedures – Solicitor reported that the Use of Force policy continues to be worked on. His latest draft was sent to the Chief and the township late this afternoon and needs to be looked at the Police Dept again before proceeding further.

Stray and Feral cat ordinance draft was discussed. Fees and Application form discussed. Solicitor will prepare a form to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Refund of Realty Transfer Tax “qualified beginning farmer” - Jeremy & Linda Horst – Solicitor reported that he sent the new forms that were approved at the last meeting to the Law Firm working on this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Hogeland to go into Executive Session at 7:57 PM to discuss the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. Seconded by Weidman. All aye, motion carried.

Back in Session 8:07 PM

The Board of Supervisors directed the Solicitor to prepare a draft police contract for the years 2024 through 2028 as discussed.

ACTION: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2022/2023 Salt contract discussed. The storage fees and requirement to purchase the remaining 60% was waived. However, DGS is anticipating a cost increase in the 2023/2024 contract. Board agreed we should still purchase the 121 tons now since there is room for it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Line painting quotes – A-1 Traffic Control \$22,081.30; Berks Traffic \$26,434.68; DE Gemmill \$30,144.68 were discussed. **Motion by Moyer to accept the A-1 Traffic Control quote for 111,250 LF yellow painted lines, and 125,770 LF of white lines for a total amount of \$22,081.30. Seconded by Weidman. All aye, motion carried.**

2023 CDBG Program possible projects were discussed. The first hearing is scheduled for the Aug. 9th meeting.

ROADMASTER REPORT: Moyer reported on the recent work being done in the township.

PUC Violation hearing discussed.

BILLS/TREASURERS REPORT: Motion by Hogeland to accept the Treasurer’s Report and pay the bills as money is available. Seconded by Weidman. All aye, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Weidman to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Seconded by Moyer. All aye, motion carried.

WITNESS:

Lorie J. Kupp, Sec./Treas.

Dan K. Hogeland, Chairman