



MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Moyer, Supervisor
John D. Enck, Solicitor
Lorie J. Kupp, Sec./Treas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Klinger, 823 Weavertown Rd. – was present with several concerns. 1) Safety – intersections of Reistville & 419, Rod & Gun & Stricklerstown Rd., and Millbach & Church Rd. – he thinks mirrors should be put up because of the high corn and visibility, and from vehicles parked in a driveway. Solicitor suggested an engineer should look at that. 2) Economic issues – per capita tax he believes should be eliminated. Tire Collection program - shouldn't be spending taxpayer money when you can take tires to GLRA. They have a recycling bin. 3) Questioned ordinance for free roaming chickens? Neighbor at 821 Weavertown Rd. allowing their chickens on his property because there is no ordinance to stop it. Asked the Board to put one in place.

Scott Sweigart commented on the Fort Zellers Rd. culvert.

John Kantner – commented that he believes the veteran banners in some other towns should be put up in Newmanstown.

7:18 PM Hearing – CDBG Entitlement grant program – Daniel Lyons, Lebanon County Redevelopment Authority was present to explain the programs administered by the Redevelopment Authority. All programs are income based focusing on benefiting low to moderate income families. Millcreek Township has now been designated as an Entitlement Community and will continue to be eligible yearly. This is a state program which entitles the township to an annual award. As of yet we haven't received last year's monies but are now starting the application process for this year. The township currently has no designated areas considered low to moderate income therefore individual households would need to be surveyed. Types of funding projects were also explained and discussed. Between the 2 years he believes we have approximately \$160,000. Part of the program is the Citizen Participation process, where citizens are encouraged to provide comments for the spending of the money. The floor was opened for questions to those present. Paving of W. Alumni Ave. again discussed. Possible handicap ramp and path to restrooms at the park also discussed which wouldn't require individual surveys. An engineer would be required for this project. Second hearing should be held in October.

Regular meeting resumed at 7:40.

REPORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS:

Planning Commission minutes received. Scott Sweigart asked to discuss the JF Martin plan.

Motion by Hogeland to add the JF Martin plan to the agenda since Water Authority members are here to discuss. Seconded by Weidman. Sweigart reported that the Water Authority is prepared to supply public water to JF Martin project, and have sent a letter to Lebanon County Planning to that effect. Sweigart reported that this is an item of the Land Development plan that requires a waiver and suggested that the township should also tell the County not to approve the waiver. The Water Authority is concerned about the project's wells and the draw down of water affecting the Authority's wells. Board advised Solicitor Enck to write a letter to Lebanon County Planning regarding public water and not to approve the waiver. Water Authority to provide some information to Solicitor for reasons to not approve the waiver. Solar Farms & Energy ordinance – were discussed in regards to the importance of having it updated as soon as possible. Bob Beisel was also present and stated that he received info from the ZHB Solicitor on solar energy ordinances. Solicitor explained the differences between "conditional use" and "special exceptions" per the Municipalities Planning Code.

MRJA – minutes & financial reports received. *(Dec. 2022 to June 2023)*

Newmanstown Water Authority – minutes were received.

GLRA – July & Aug. minutes were received.

Recreation Board minutes were received.

Police Activity report was received.

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

SOLICITOR:

Stray & Feral Cat Ordinance – Caregiver permit application was reviewed and discussed. Solicitor will prepare a final draft for the Board to review at the Sept. meeting.

E1 District - Proposed Apt houses – Solicitor explained his Opinion letter regarding the Keener property in the E-1 District allowing for apartments. The Solicitor stated he is of the opinion that the E-1 District limits multifamily dwellings to Townhouses and rowhouses. Solicitor instructed to send copy of letter to Lebanon County Planning as well.

Comcast franchise renewal – Solicitor reported that he has yet to receive a response from Comcast since sending the last draft to them, but has sent them another email reminding them that we are waiting for their response.

Police Collective Bargaining agreement 2024 – 2028 was reviewed & discussed. Chief Hostetter stated the Police Officers Association is satisfied and prepared to sign tonight. **Motion by Weidman to enter into the new Police Collective Bargaining agreement for 2024 through 2028 based on the draft presented by the Township Solicitor and to authorize the appropriate officers of the township to sign it, upon receipt of the signed triplicate originals, from the Police Officers Association. Seconded by Hogeland. All aye, motion carried.**

ACTION: *none*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *none*

NEW BUSINESS:

Womelsdorf Boro – request for fire police – Ride for Freedom Aug. 27th was reviewed. **Motion by Hogeland to grant permission for them to attend. Seconded by Weidman. All aye, motion carried.**

County Convention Oct. 12th was reviewed.

ROADMASTER REPORT: Foreman Risser reported on recent road work. He also reported that they are looking into replacing one of the mowers. Getting prices and seeing demos of what is available.

BILL'S/TREASURERS REPORT: **Motion by Hogeland to accept the Treasurers 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 8:37 P.M. Seconded by Moyer. All aye, motion carried.**

WITNESS:

Lorie J. Kupp, Sec./Treas.

Dan K. Hogeland, Chairman

