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MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Eric J. Weidman, commencing with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Eric J. Weidman, Chairman
Scott Moyer, V. Chairman
John DeSantis, Supervisor
Andrew Morrow, Solicitor
Lauren Ritchie, Sec./Treas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Connie - 330 E Main Street - was present to inquire about the engine break retarder ordinance. She has concerns regarding the East end of town. Supervisor Weidman spoke of the ordinance that passed. Alex from Steckbeck Engineering was present and stated that they can look into the situation at the east end of town with Penn Dot.

Connie also inquired about the International Property Maintenance Code. Supervisor Weidman and the Solicitor explained that Karen Brown from Commonwealth Code Inspection Service Inc. was hired, and the IPMC Ordinance was approved.

REPORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS:

Greater Lebanon Refuse- Minutes were received

Western Berks Ambulance Report-received

Millcreek Township Planning Commission minutes were received and discussed by Karen Krater

Newmanstown Water Authority minutes were received

Millcreek-Richland Joint Authority Minutes were received

Police Activity report was received

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

SOLICITOR:

International Property Maintenance Code- Solicitor reported that Karen Brown started working on April 1 to familiarize herself with the community. She has a vast amount of experience. Ms. Brown is recommending the Township appoint a Property Maintenance Board of Appeals. The Board of Supervisors will need to appoint a three-person board with one alternate. The Solicitor stated that while it is his understanding from Ms. Brown that appeals of violations are very rare, they can happen on occasion. Ms. Brown will need a decision on this proposed board so she can include information regarding who will hear the appeal in her notice of violation forms. The solicitor recommended the Township put this information out on our website and check within the community for interest.

OPENING OF BIDS: Opening of Bids: 7:15 PM

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.

	<u>FOB Plant</u>	<u>Delivered</u>
500 Tons Anti-Skid	<u>\$19.30</u>	<u>\$28.55</u>
200 Tons #2-A aggregate	<u>\$11.00</u>	<u>\$17.40</u>
100 Tons #4 aggregate	<u>\$14.50</u>	<u>\$20.90</u>

Bituminous Materials:

500 Tons Superpave 9.5 mm wearing, HMA, PG 64-22, < 0.3 million ESAL's, SRL= any (more or less) \$64.54

100 Tons Superpave asphalt mixture design 19 mm binder course PG64-22, <0.3 million ESAL's SRL = any (more or less) \$58.96

Motion by Moyer to accept the prices from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. for the five different types of stone material that we need. Seconded by Weidman. All aye, motion carried.

Solicitor resumed.....

Walking Path- Solicitor started this topic by stating he has some possible beneficial information. He then acknowledged that Alex from Steckbeck Engineering was present to discuss and answer questions from the public regarding the path.

Alex reported on the history of the path project. He stated he has plans for the path to be viewed by the public. He explained how the path was designed. Alex spoke of an earlier meeting in 2023, where members of the public attended to voice their ideas. They were in favor of the path, and the plan for the open space. Members of the public asked about the complete plan. Alex stated that while there are many phases to the plan, the walking path was the first phase. He spoke on the ARPA funds, and how they needed to be allocated by the end of December 2024. This path was the best use of the funds.

Members of the public expressed their concerns regarding how close the path would be to their property lines, and alleged that there was no communication from the Township regarding the plans for the path. Alex stated that the plan for the path was not set in stone, and it could be changed. Supervisor Moyer spoke regarding the amount of information publicized in the minutes for both the Recreation Board and the Board of Supervisors. The matter was raised at several past meetings. Members of the public commented on their deeds and that they were told nothing will be built behind them.

The Solicitor spoke regarding deed restrictions and public concerns. He stated that deed restrictions are enforceable by an HOA if one exists or the neighboring property owners. Also, neighboring property owners could seek to eliminate deed restrictions. The discussion centered around fences. Solicitor informed the public they could seek the advice of an attorney in order to file a legal action, such as an action to Quiet Title in order to try and eliminate the deed restrictions on fences.

Another possible remedy would be for the property owners subjected to the fence deed restriction to have an agreement prepared, signed and recorded officially eliminating the fence restriction. Such an agreement would need to be signed by all of the effected property owners. Solicitor and Township would not get involved with his process.

Alex from Steckbeck spoke on changing the path layout and possibly removing sections of the path. Members of the public voiced their concern regarding liability and security issues if people walking the

path would stray into their yards. They also asked about flooding in the basin. Supervisor Weidman and The Solicitor encouraged the public to submit their photos of the basin to the Township. The Solicitor commented a decent amount of rain was expected during the upcoming weekend.

No Action was taken on the agreement between Millcreek-Richland Joint Authority and Millcreek Township. Construction is on hold with Woodland Contractors.

Dale and Anna Mary Good, 526 Stricklerstown Rd -Solicitor reported that everything is in place. There is financial security and a Clean Letter for the project from Lebanon County Planning. The Sewage plan is good as well.

The Solicitor Requested a Motion from the Board to approve and sign the Final Land Development Plan for 526 Stricklerstown Road for Dale and Anna Mary Good and all the accompanying documents, including the Sewer Module to be signed with the understanding there is one spot to initial on the Plan.

Motion by Weidman to approve and sign the Final Land Development Plan for 526 Stricklerstown Road for Dale and Anna Mary Good and all the accompanying documents, including the Sewer Module to be signed with the understanding there is one spot on the Plan to initial. Seconded by DeSantis, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Weidman to adopt Resolution #031225G, the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for The Good Property. Second by Moyer, all aye, motion carried.

Comcast franchise renewal – The Solicitor initiated a public hearing of Millcreek Township regarding the cable franchise renewal w/ Comcast. The Solicitor summarized key aspects of the draft franchise agreement with Comcast and asked for any public comment. One question was asked and answered. No further public comment was made. The public hearing ended. The Solicitor then asked the Board to make a motion authorizing him to publish notice of intent to adopt Ordinance # 051425 approving the franchise agreement with Comcast at the May 14, 2025, meeting. **Motion by Weidman for the Solicitor to publish notice of intent to adopt Ordinance #051425, approving the franchise agreement with Comcast at the May 14, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Moyer, all aye, motion carried.**

ACTION:

Copy Machine maintenance contract – from Berks Copy Tech \$230 was discussed **Motion by Weidman that we enter into agreement with Berks Copy Tech for the maintenance contract in the amount of \$230 Seconded by DeSantis. All aye, motion carried.**

ADA Plugin – approved to add to website via RedX

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Alex from Steckbeck reported on the Salt Shed project and the CDBG Grant Program. He spoke regarding the sidewalk plan for the playground. Alex requested the Supervisors make a motion to authorize Steckbeck Engineering to advertise bids for the playground. **Motion by DeSantis to authorize Steckbeck Engineering to open and publicize bids for the Community Development Block Grant for the ADA compliance sidewalk at White Swan Park. Seconded by Moyer, all aye, motion carried.**

Supervisor Moyer shared information regarding the CDBG Program.

NEW BUSINESS

PURTA Tax Report, Survey of Financial Conditions, Highmark Survey- *all reviewed*

Kountry Kraft Donation \$1100.00 – *Secretary to send a thank you letter*

Touch-A-Truck-May 10th 1pm-3pm -Shady Oaks Campground, Requesting a police car and a Dump Truck with snowplow. *Request approved.*

PLGIT Proxies -Secretary instructed to fill out and return.

Letter of Awareness for Chase Hogeland's Driveway Project. -Reviewed

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Hopper Broom-Road Crew-Ryan Risser spoke on the Hopper Broom. It is an attachment for the skid loader, it is a broom that collects material in the roadway and can be dumped into a dump truck rather than having to push material into the right of way. **Motion by Moyer that we get the AP-HB Series Hopper broom for \$8682.00.**
Second by Weidman, all aye motion carried.

Road Master-Road Foreman Report

Risser reported on the work done in the last month. Worked on Ball fields and backstops. Spring cleanup started. Street Sweeping in coming up on April 24 in town and April 25 in Newburg. Crack Sealing to be done May 5-9. South Mountain Culvert repairs, starting Monday April 14, lasting for two to three weeks. Discussed paving quotes. Discussed Hogeland road being closed permanently.

BILL'S/TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Weidman to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as necessary. Seconded by DeSantis. All aye, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Weidman to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. Seconded by Moyer. All aye, motion carried.

WITNESS:

Lauren Ritchie, Sec./Treas.

Eric J. Weidman, Chairman