

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

February 23, 2022

5:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Heather Daerr at 5:45 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendees at the meeting were: Heather Daerr, Chairperson; Charles Trax, Vice Chairman/Roadmaster; Richard Lawson, Supervisor/Treasurer; David A. Esken, Supervisor/Roadmaster; Michalle Dupree, Supervisor/Roadmaster.

Also, in attendance were: Roberta Singer, Secretary/Ass't Treasurer; Terri Gladus, Project Manager; Gary Sweat, Solicitor, and Sarah Scott Esq., Sweat Law Offices; Sean O'Dell, Harshman CE Group,

Proof of Publication was confirmed

Moment of Prayer by Pastor Ken

Public Comment :

Jacob Calabrese – 106 Lobbs Run Road – stated that he wanted to make sure that conversation occurred about the Sarah wellsite but decided to hold his comments and concerns until that agenda item is brought up.

Michael Martik – 6041 State Route 88 – regarding the 6231 agenda item, wanted the board to know that he has his easement agreement, and escrow agreement, and commitment letter from the bank ready to present if necessary

Executive Sessions:

February 9, 2022 (Personnel & Litigation) (No decisions made)

February 16, 2022 (Personnel & Litigation) (No decisions made)

February 23, 2022 (Personnel and Litigation)

Department Reports:

Chairman's Report – Chairperson Daerr asked the board if they would approve of the 2021 Progress Report of the 2017 Operational Assessment Report that Terri Gladus prepared being put on the Township Website and Facebook page so that citizens can see where the Township stands.

Solicitor's Report – stated that he had nothing to add to the report and would comment as items come up on the agenda

Unfinished Business:

Vacancies announced by Chairperson Daerr

- Parks & Recreation Board
- SEREMS Representative
- Board of Auditors
- Planning Department Alternate

Action Items:

Due to significant changes proposed by a Supervisor, Gladus recommended tabling these minutes so that they can be retyped with the new edits highlighted for approval at the next meeting.

Motion to table Minutes from January 26, 2022 Board of Supervisor's Public Meeting

Motion: Lawson
 Second: Esken
 Deliberation: None
 Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes
 Motion Tabled

Motion to table Minutes from February 3, 2022 Board of Supervisor's Special Meeting

Motion: Daerr
 Second: Dupree
 Deliberation: none
 Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes
 Motion Tabled

Motion to table minutes from February 9, 2022 Board of Supervisor's Public Meeting.)

Motion: Lawson
 Second: Esken
 Deliberation: None
 Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes
 Motion Tabled

Gladus introduced the Covid Policy and her recommendations.

Motion to approve Resolution 1 of 2022: Covid Employee Policy – Township to follow CDC guidelines and there would be no payment.

Motion: Daerr
 Second: Trax
 Deliberation: Dupree questioned compensation (paid leave) and where payment would come from). Sweat clarified that by approving this they are not approving any additional payment/compensation for COVID but the board still may vote to approve paid time off in the future if the situation arises where they feel it is necessary. Decisions need to be made

regarding using vacation time, paid leave, etc. We need to approve for non-union employees and then go to Union to get their approval as it affects bargaining.

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Road Crew to develop cost estimates and work plan to add a curb at the problem area on Spruce Street.

Motion: Esken

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Esken stated he will take on this project and speak with road crew to get estimate for curbing property

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve January & February of 2022 payments to SEREMS in the amount of \$4,478.34.

Motion: Esken

Second: Dupree

Deliberation: Lawson stated we should be paying March 2022 as well. Daerr stated service has not been completed and you pay for service as service has been completed.

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Resolution No. 6 of 2022 regarding reimbursement for elected officials.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

Deliberation: Dupree stated that she believes it should include people beyond just elected officials and finds it redundant per the second-class Township code.

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- no

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Resolution No. 7 of 2022 allowing administrative staff to make necessary decisions regarding mechanical / emergency utility issues at Township Building which requires proper bidding procedures as detailed by PSATS when applicable.

Motion: Esken

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Esken stated he feels this is very necessary due to personal experience recently with the furnace.

Dupree asked for clarification as to if this gives administrative staff spending power.

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve 6 Aber Road - Temporary Occupancy Certificate & Escrow Agreement.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Esken

Deliberation: Solicitor Sweat offered background on the circumstances surrounding both proposed Temporary Occupancy Certificates and Escrow Agreements and that approving these is advisable.

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve 6231 Route 88 – Temporary Occupancy Certificate & Escrow Agreement.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Terri Gladus, and 3 Road Crew members to attend online “Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance for Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Roads” from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on March 15th and March 16, 2022, online. This is mandatory training for all who wish to apply for a DGLVR Grant within the next 5 years.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Esken

Deliberation: none

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes

Motion Carried

Motion to deny M. O’Herron’s Payment Application #5; this payment amounts to \$15,328.60 and is the release of retainage held on the Overlook Sewer Project.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

Deliberation: Lawson stated why he believes it should be denied until the office is provided with associated materials.

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- abstain

Motion Denied

Dupree abstained because she stated this project occurred before she was on the board.

Discussion Items:

Discussion regarding outcome of Supervisor Dupree’s meeting with State Representative Michael Puskaric

Dupree outlined her meeting with Puskaric’s office highlighting that he reached out to all communities he represents not just us for any specific reason and the board decided to allow Gladus to work with his office on potential funding opportunities.

Observing Supervisor Lawson with Bill Payment at PCSA Agenda

Lawson gave a summary of his past issues with documentation he received from PCSA, including agendas and bill pays, and how that compares to the, what he feels, is non-issues at the Township concerning similar matters.

Discussion regarding procedure for Press Releases for the public.

Board was in favor of having a Press Release protocol and having the administration distribute them.

Discuss stormwater runoff from Airport Stonebridge / Stonebrae

Sweat provided a recap on the issue and recommended that the Township's code enforcement officer provide daily citations. Gladus stated she would coordinate this.

Discuss bond project wish list

Lawson led discussion on road project priorities and the urgency of the issue.

Sweat provided background information on how bonds work. Topic will go to vote next meeting.

Discuss Right to Know information received from other Townships/Boroughs, etc.

Singer provided a memo outlining the content right to know requests that were received.

Discuss local EMS agencies

Gladus led discussion on possible EMS agency options and provided a map of agencies in the area. Board asked her to keep pursuing this topic.

Janet Hollingsworth – Hobbit Lane- offered information on how EMS often moves trucks based off of usage

Discuss EQT / Sarah Well Site Conditional Use Hearing and citizen concerns

Joe Raposki - 155 Lobbs Run Road – asked clarifying questions of the solicitor to understand the leasing requirements for the well site and concerns over EQT's treatment of the property owners

Jacob Calabrese – 106 Lobbs Run Road - expressed his numerous concerns about the well pad and had several questions answered by Sweat.

Daerr stated some of the conditions that she would like to be considered based off the citizen concerns and other board members contributed their concerns as well.

Discuss Township Newsletter – Spring Edition

Gladus stated that it is time for the Spring newsletter and she is asking for topic/article suggestions.

Discuss Overlook Sewer maintenance and date the Township must assume responsibility for maintenance, repairs, etc.

Discuss complaints about McIntosh Compressor Station

Daerr reiterated the Township complaint process

Discuss Finleyville Elrama Sewer Project

Lawson led discussion on redesigning the holding tank, and other emergency backup infrastructure.

The Board agreed on having him work with the engineers on this project

Discuss Veteran's Memorial Park status update

O'Dell led discussion on the status of the park and stated that was currently behind schedule. He is actively working with the contractor to rectify the issue and begin the record of official complaint.

Discuss road repairs for the following, led by Lawson:

Coal Bluff Road- decision next meeting on when it will be completed (2022 or 2023?)

Davidson Avenue- work with engineers. Gladus and Puskaric's office for funding

Lobbs Run Road- proposing a construction plan and propose the road crew fix it with less than a week closure in the warmer months

Pumpkin Center Road- needs flashing lights and to be corrected by the gas company who owns the right of way

Discuss flooding of Pa. State Roads

Lawson led discussion on flooding issues on State Roads flooding issues and opportunity to engage Puskaric's office

Discuss Historical Project Timeline

Gladus stated the living, working document will be posted online and distributed

Discuss Communications / Network providers

Gladus presented research and board asked questions and voiced concerns. It is to be put on next agenda

Discuss proposed road improvement summary from Road Crew

No additional comments

Bill Pay List Approvals:

Motion to approve Payroll dated February 18, 2022, in the amount of \$12,159.53 for 2 Administration, 3 Road Crew and 2 Zoning Hearing Board Members.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

Deliberation: none

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes

Motion Carried

Daerr stated for the record that her husband, Kevin Daerr who sat on the zoning hearing board declined payment

Motion to approve Bill Pay List for the Brentwood Bank General Account in the amount of \$75,735.43

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- abstain

Motion Carried

Dupree stated there were items on there that she did not understand.

Daerr stated that she would like to have all supervisors comfortable enough to vote on bill pay lists

Motion to approve Bill Pay List for the Brentwood Bank Elrama Sewage Account in the amount of \$6,346.71

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

Deliberation: none

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes

Motion Carried

Correspondence:

Correspondence from Washington County Elections Department regarding dates of elections for 2022, and general instructions for polling places.

Public Comment:

Kevin Daerr- 6187 Route 88- asked for clarification on a vote. Commented on similar problems with the Veterans Park construction project and Plavchak – same issues and problems with Ringgold Baseball field project.

Remarks and / or Comments by Supervisors and / or Staff

Daerr stated she is glad meetings do not get pushed back to any later

Gladus stated that she spoke with Mon Valley Alliance

Gladus stated that issue tax collector brought up at the last meeting had been handled and resolved

Motion to go to executive session at 8:55 pm for personnel and litigation

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Deliberation: none

Roll Call: Daerr- Yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes

Motion Carried

The Board returned from executive session at 9:35 pm and no decisions were made.

Adjourn meeting @ 9:35 p.m.

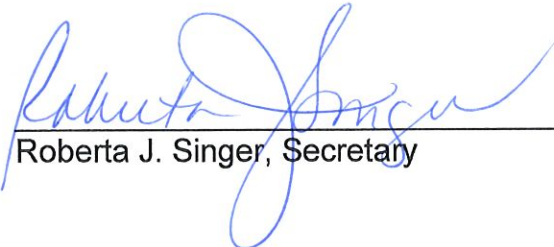
Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Deliberation: none

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Esken- yes Dupree- yes

Motion Carried



Roberta J. Singer, Secretary