

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

July 1, 2020

7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Morris Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman James Williams with a salute to the flag. A roll call of officers showed James Williams, John Saggese, and Josiah Jones, Dan Nelson, Patti Moore.

Guests: Lenny Coval, Pat Coval, Richard O'Dell, Willard Verbeck, Todd Howe, Stanley Minko, Keith Biancuzzo, Ed Andrasko Jr., Dianne Byers (The Progress), William Clark, Vic Couturiaux, Theresa Couturiaux, Chris Williams

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to accept the minutes from the **June 3, 2020** Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to approve the financial report. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Bills: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Planning Commission: No report.

Solicitor Report: Dan Nelson spoke on the request by Nittany Oil to bring a liquor license to the Nittany Minit Mart located in Morris Township. The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to schedule a public hearing on Wednesday July 29, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Morris Township Building. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Ordinance 7-1-2020

The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and James Williams seconded to adopt **Ordinance 7-1-2020.** *An Ordinance designating certain township roads as ATV roads, as joint use roads, as snowmobile roads, or as ATV and snowmobile roads, designating these roads as roads to be used and utilized by ATVs, snowmobiles, or both, and shared by vehicular traffic; and providing a means for the same designation of additional roads by resolution and providing for the posting of adequate notices and signage.* Motion carried with two supervisors voting yes, **John Saggese opposed.**

Route#	Road Name	Use Designation
T-970	4 th Street	ATV Road
T-246	5 th Street	ATV Road
T-681	6 th Street	ATV Road
T-958	Casanova Road	ATV Road
T-715	Cemetery Road	ATV Road
T-695	Eagle St.	ATV Road
T-682	Emigh Run Road	ATV Road
T-684	Firemans Drive	ATV Road
T-245	Fulton St.	ATV Road
T-685	Glastonbury Road	ATV Road
T-676	Graham Station Road	ATV Road
T-679	Gray Hollow Road	ATV Road
T-678	Morrisdale Dam Road	ATV Road
T-694	Oak Grove Road	ATV Road
T-908	Pardee Road	ATV Road
T-706	School House Road	ATV Road
T-686	Stone Street	ATV Road
T-805	Sustrick Road	ATV Road
T-680	Troy Hill Road	ATV Road
T-687	Whitman St	ATV Road

Police Consolidation Update: Josiah Jones commented on the approval from DCED to perform the Police Consolidation Study with Decatur, Cooper and Morris Townships. This is a benefit of DCED and there is no fee to the municipalities.

Public Comments: Keith Biancuzzo requested information on T-702 Hemlock Road regarding easements to install service lines to his property. The township will notify Keith of any information that can be located regarding this matter.

Residents notified the supervisors of various places within the township with sight restrictions because of brush/bushes, etc. The township will take care of these problems.

Fire Protection Update: No report.

Road Foreman's report: James Williams provided a roadmasters report. 2 Full Time Road Crew Positions were filled. Harry Bloom was hired effective 6/29/2020 and Fredrick Little was hired effective August 3, 2020.

Code Enforcement Update: James Williams provided an update on Code Enforcement after speaking with Scott Holencik. Scott has been active on the job has addressed 17 red tagged properties, 26 code issues within the township among other issues as far as obtaining permits, etc. There was discussion about adding Armida Ortiz-Holencik as the second Code Enforcement Officer on a volunteer basis.

The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned and John Saggese seconded to add Armida Ortiz-Holencik as Code Enforcement Officer #2 for Morris Township. Motion Carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Morris Township Recreation: No report

Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris: Reports were submitted for June 2020. There was discussion regarding various areas where service lines were installed and there are now areas that have sunk over the years. James questioned if the Municipal Authority was responsible for these areas. The service agreement for this repair is long expired.

Truck Purchase: There was discussion on the purchase of a new truck. The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to purchase the 2019 Dodge Ram 5500 Chassis Cab from Hondru Dodge, 2005 S Market St. Elizabethtown, PA 17022. The upfit will be completed by Watson Diesel, 2910 Rt 414, Canton, PA 17724. The total purchase price will be \$91,125.00. The amount of \$49,125.00 will be financed through County National Bank, Clearfield PA. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Declaration of Disaster Emergency Extension: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to extend the existing Declaration of Disaster Emergency to be reconsidered at the **August 12, 2020** Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Myers Road Grant Project: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned to rebid the Shale and Equipment needed for the Morris Township Road Crew to complete the project with the revised plan. James will provide the information to complete the bid packet. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Workers Compensation Renewal: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to renew the Workers Compensation Insurance with AmTrust North America for Morris Township as well as the Morris Township Volunteer Fire Company. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Executive Session: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to move to a required executive session for litigation purposes at 8:23 PM. Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to conclude the executive session at 8:56 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Adjournment: Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM. Motion Carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectively Submitted, *Patti Moore*, Secretary