

# MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## REGULAR MEETING

June 3, 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, Kaitlyn Krupa, Dante Engelmann, Willard Verbeck, William Clark, Theresa Couturiaux, Chad Baughman

**Minutes:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and James Williams seconded to accept the minutes from the **May 13, 2020** Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

**Planning Commission:** A letter of interest for the Planning Commission Board was submitted from Terry Smeal Sr. The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and James Williams seconded to appoint Terry Smeal Sr. to the open vacancy on the Planning Commission Board.

**Solicitor Report:** Dan Nelson explained a proposed Ordinance, "An Ordinance designating certain township roads as ATV roads, as joint use roads, as 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."

The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and James Williams seconded to advertise this proposed ordinance for adoption at the July 1, 2020 meeting. Motion carried with 2 supervisors voting yes. **John Saggese Opposed.**

**Morris Cooper Regional Police Department Update:** Upcoming meeting will be June 10, 2020, Cooper Township Building. James Williams stated the paperwork has been submitted to DCED for the Regional Police Study.

**Public Comments:** Lenny Coval questioned if something can be done regarding the fire hydrants in the township. He stated they need painted and grass cut around each of them. There was discussion as to who would be responsible as to upkeep of these hydrants and if homeowners would/could paint them. Further discussion extended to the location of hydrants in the township and a future meeting will be scheduled with PA American Water.

Theresa Couturiaux requested a tree be trimmed by the township on Lil Troy. There are other trees within the township that needs attention. James discussed this and the township will get quotes and have these trees professionally removed. (2 Trees on Glendale Ave, Tree on Troy Hill, Tree in Gray Hollow Cemetery).

**Fire Protection Update:** Chad Baughman spoke on fire company calls. He stated the month has been quiet. Chad also requested the Township provide a Letter of Interest for items for sale from other fire companies. The Township would purchase the items and be reimbursed by the Morris Township Volunteer Fire Company. The supervisors discussed this and all agreed to providing the Letter of Interest for items for sale.

**Road Foreman's report:** James Williams provided a roadmasters report. Road repairs were discussed. The township borrowed geotextile from Graham Township. James spoke with the Graham Township Supervisor regarding purchasing the remaining portion of this roll with a cost of \$325.00 from Graham Township. James also spoke on purchasing a Jumping Jack Tamper, and it was decided to check prices. James also requested getting quotes and purchasing a used roller.

**Code Enforcement Update:** James Williams provided an update on Code Enforcement after speaking with Scott Holencik. Scott has been active on the job and will provide an update at the next meeting.

**Morris Township Recreation:** The Recreation Board has requested the purchase of COVID-19 Items, bleach, garbage bags, rubber gloves, and hand sanitizer. They requested the dumpster be emptied weekly, 1 load of infield dirt (previously approved payment from the general fund), signs made for both parks. These requests were approved by the supervisors and will be ordered. The signs will be made, "Please use social distancing" laminated and placed at the recreation fields and Allport Playground.

**Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris:** Reports were submitted for March, April and May 2020. John Saggese stated it was a routine Meeting. There was discussion on bringing sewage service to the Munson Area. Theresa stated they have done a study in the past and it was discussed the monthly bills could be as high as \$100.00 a month. James suggested a study be done; Theresa explained a study would cost around \$12,000.00 to complete.

**Declaration of Disaster Emergency Extension:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese Jr. seconded to extend the existing Declaration of Disaster Emergency to be reconsidered at the July 1, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Bids for the Sale of 2000 Ford F550 T Tag:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to accept the bid of \$12,950.00 from Greg Bradish 2468 Skidmore Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. This sale was advertised and the bidding process was done through Municibid. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Bids for the Sale of 2009 Ford F550 T Tag:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to accept the bid of \$ 14,500.00 from Nathan McBryan 605 Saint Paul St. Lewisburg, PA 17837. This sale was advertised and the bidding process was done through Municibid. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Stone Bids:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to award the 600 Ton of 2A, 600 Ton of 2RC, 600 Ton of 1B, and 60 Ton of R3 to **Bucktail Excavators**. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

| <u>Vendor</u>   | <u>600 Ton 2A</u> | <u>600 Ton 2RC</u> | <u>600 Ton 1B</u> | <u>60 Ton R3</u> |
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| Bucktail Exc.   | \$12.31           | \$10.96            | \$18.46           | \$15.46          |
| Woodland Equip. | \$12.77           | \$11.47            | \$18.52           | \$23.74          |
| GO Hawbaker     | \$17.14           | \$16.14            | \$24.14           | \$18.14          |
| New Enterprise  | \$15.65           | \$13.40            | \$20.90           | \$18.40          |
| Grannas Bros    | \$17.60           | \$16.60            | \$22.60           | \$21.60          |

James Williams and the other supervisors thanked Kaitlyn Krupa for her work in putting all the township ordinances on digital format.

**Executive Session:** None Required

**Adjournment:** Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Respectively Submitted, *Patti Moore*, Secretary