

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

November 4, 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, Scott Holencik, Armida Ortiz-Holencik, Patti Moore.

Guests: Shawn Brandt-ARM Group, Alan Larson, Bryan Segarra, Sgt. Michael Gray-Pennsylvania State Police, George Holencik, Tyler Kolesar- The Progress, William Clark, Len Coval, Pat Coval, Ed Andrasko Jr., Stan Minko, Willard Verbeck, Tim Gray, Vic Couturiaux, Chad Baughman

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to accept the minutes from the October 7, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to approve the Land Development UnSchool House Solar Project presented by Shawn Brandt – ARM Group. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Solicitor Report: Dan Nelson discussed the Driveway Ordinance and Resolution for the Tax Rate of 3.0 mills.

Police Consolidation Update: The Police Consolidation Study is in progress. Updates will be shared once available.

Public Comments: There was a resident complaint on 2nd Street in Hawk run. The crew will cold patch the area by Hugneys garage.

George Holencik discussed the problem on Pine Street previously discussed. Vic Couturiaux will meet with James Williams on site to discuss a solution to the issue.

Fire Protection Update: Chad Baughman provided a report on the fire company calls for the year. Also, it was noted that the Trick or Treat event held at the Fire Company Rec. Center was a success.

Road Masters report: Colorado Bridge Survey is complete, and the next step is to meet with GeoTech for a cost estimate for the project. Also, it was noted the township has employed 2 new employees that will be capable and ready for the upcoming winter plow season.

Code Enforcement Update: Code Enforcement Officers Scott Holencik and Armida Holencik provided the Code Enforcement update for the prior month. The Supervisors along with those attending the meeting thanked both Scott and Armida for their service to Morris Township.

Morris Township Recreation: No Report. Lenny Coval voiced his disappointment with being required to bring issues for Allport purchases through the Morris Township Recreation Board.

Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris: There was a lengthy discussion on the Municipal Authority relocating to the Morris Township Municipal Building Property. Vic Couturiaux was asked to put together a proposal and submit it to the supervisors. A later discussion will continue once the results of the police study are in for discussion and discussion on the MCRPD continues.

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 **December 2, 2020** Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Driveway Ordinance: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and John Saggese seconded to adopt "An Ordinance of Morris Township, Regulating Driveway and Private Street Accesses and Encroachments to Public Roads". **Adopted Ordinance 11-4-2020.** Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Colorado Bridge Update: GeoTech representative will meet with the supervisors within the next few weeks for the cost estimate and update.

Resolution Authorizing and Fixing the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2021: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and James Williams seconded to adopt the Resolution Authorizing and Fixing the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2021 at (3.0) Mills. Motion passed with 2 Supervisors voting yes. **John Saggese Opposed.**

Proposed Budget: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and James Williams seconded to advertise to display the 2021 Proposed Budget for 20 days, and for adoption at the December 2, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion carried with 2 Supervisors voting yes. **John Saggese Opposed.**

MTVFC Traffic Control: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to pay \$1000.00 on a bill received for MTVFC Fire Police Traffic Control on Rt 53 and 9th Street. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Chad Baughman requested the township order 100 Ton of 2 B Stone for use at the Fire Company. The Fire Company will pay for the cost of the stone. All Supervisors agreed to this request.

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, John Saggese motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Respectively Submitted, *Patti Moore*, Secretary