

MEETING WEDNESDAY 3-6-2024 6:00P.M.  
Municipal Bldg. 306 Byron Street McGrann

In attendance: Supervisors Palmer, Southworth and Hecker, Chief Robbins and Secretary Davis

Citizens: J. Larry Rice, Ricki Evans, Chad Evans, Jessica Lazon, Officer Keith Lazon, Darlene Iseman and A.J. Panian from Leader Times.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Palmer at 6:00P.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of 2/16/2024 regular meeting were distributed, motion to approve by Southworth, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Hecker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-3 Transit local match for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$8,820.00, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Southworth made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-4 Disposition of records, seconded by Hecker, Hecker ask where we are taking shredding, Davis told him Progressive Workshop at a cost of .40 a pound, unanimous.

Palmer stated there are large solar farms across the country and they can cause problems with other land owners. Palmer stated they can interfere with televisions and radios. Palmer stated the solar ordinance has been advertised and is ready to be adopted. Southworth made a motion to adopt Solar Ordinance 2024-1, seconded by Hecker, Panian ask how many solar farms are in the township, Palmer told him none but Rayburn has one. Iseman ask what the advertisement said, Palmer told her that the Energy Company will have to follow a permit process to protect the adjoining property owners and there will be a 100' set back for these facilities because the township doesn't have any setbacks, unanimous.

The MRM Trust annual meeting is April 11, 2024. Southworth made a motion to sign the proxy since nobody wants to attend, second by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer stated we started the process in 2019 to convert the street lights to LED and then COVID hit. We received the agreement and once it is signed, we will be put on the schedule. Hecker made a motion to sign the agreement, seconded by Southworth, Panian ask the cost for this, Palmer told him it is billed into our monthly street light bill, unanimous.

Hecker made a motion to bid materials and open at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer made a motion to hold spring clean up May 6<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> with electronic collection at \$10.00 per electronic, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Ford Cliff Fire Company from capital reserve fund, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer made a motion to permit Freeport Borough to join the UCC Group, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer stated he received another complaint about Dollar General's stormwater. The 3 supervisors and our engineer went to look at the problem and the engineer sent a letter to Dollar General but they have not responded. Palmer has turned the problem over to our code enforcement officer. Southworth stated he has been watching the area and it did work correctly during the last storm. He said they have added some rock but didn't build the curb.

Palmer stated we have renewed with our current insurance company but he is working with a man to get a quote. Palmer stated it will be a process with the paperwork.

Palmer stated Hayden Shoop was hired in November and has 6 months to get a CDL license. Palmer stated with needing him here for winter and class availability we need to extend the 6-month time frame. He is registered for classes at Lenape starting on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Hecker made a motion to extend the 6-month time frame and pay his wages while he is in class, seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, unanimous.

#### Police Business:

Police report was read by Chief Robbins. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous. Palmer thanked the police, fire and EMS for the good job they did on the parade to bring River home, but he is currently back in the hospital. Officer Lazon has been promoted to Sergeant; Robbins read a bio on him. Robbins stated the pinning of rank is important because the burden of leadership is on his shoulders. Palmer stated Rensel couldn't be here because she is doing her job.

#### EMC Report:

Rice received an email that him and Evans were accepted into KEMA, and this will need renewed before the end of the year. They will be going to the conference on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Hershey. He receives emails from Homeland Security cyber division and there is a big threat on water treatment facilities. He has sent information to MTJMA but isn't sure what they are doing. They received an email that ASD wants to have a meeting with emergency personnel so there is a meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00A.M. for a meet and greet. Evans said local meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup> at the 911 building. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

#### Fire Department Report:

Evans read there were 12 incidents in February. He has 2 juniors in the essentials class and 2 girls will soon have fire fighter 1 certification so the department will have 18 with fire fighter 1 certification. Donation letter going out to Manor Township residents at the end of March. Palmer sent Evans a text that ISO certification will be in 2025 so need to be working on it. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Executive Session from 6:30P.M. to 6:50P.M. for personnel issues.

#### Other Business:

Davis read Armstrong County Association Convention is May 14<sup>th</sup>. Southworth talked to the person we use for street sweeping, it is \$136.00 an hour. Southworth will have this put on the March 15<sup>th</sup> agenda to discuss having him sweep some of the township roads.

Southworth stated there are several areas on Hawk Hollow where the stream is eating into the road and will need a stream stabilization permit. Southworth said the permit would probably need done by our engineer, Palmer will look at it on Friday to see if it is a permit that he can do.

Palmer told Iseman he is glad she was here.

Comments:

Keith Lazon – he stated he is excited for the new chapter at Manor Township and looks forward to being here for years to come.

Motion to pay the bills by Southworth, and give the secretary the authority to pay any bills until the next meeting, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Motion to adjourn by Southworth, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Adjourned at 6:55P.M.

Jill A. Davis, Secretary