

MEETING FRIDAY 4-19-2024, 10:00 A.M.
Municipal Bldg. 306 Byron Street McGrann

In attendance: Supervisors Palmer, and Southworth and Secretary Davis
Citizens: Frank Shupe, Darlene Iseman, Larry Cecchi and Dennis Phillips from the
Leader Times

Meeting called to order by Chairman Palmer at 10:00A.M. followed by the pledge of
allegiance.

Minutes of 4/3/2024 regular meeting were distributed, motion to approve by Southworth,
seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, carried.

Palmer stated we have a regular mailbox that we use for a drop box. Palmer made a
motion to purchase a large lock box that mounts to the wall, seconded by Southworth,
no public comment heard, carried.

Palmer stated at the last meeting we opened fuel bids and accepted them. Upon review
it was discovered the vendors used different OPIS amounts so to be fair to everyone the
bids were rejected and rebid.

Discussed the engineering study for Shupe's pond on Heilman. Shupe doesn't want to
commit any money until he knows the amount. Palmer told him the only thing he would
be committing to is ½ of the engineering study at an estimated cost of \$3,500.00.
Shupe stated he paid \$1,200.00 last time to pump the pond and pack dirt in the ditch.
He has a problem with our police department because the neighbor told him he could
pump across the road and down the field, the lower neighbor called the police and the
police had the fire department come and shut off and move the hose. The police told
him he can't pump across the road. Shupe said the pond has to be up over 2' before he
has to worry. Palmer stated he is willing to find a fix the best way we can. Palmer
stated we may help fix the pond but he has to fix the water coming down the hill on his
own. Shupe stated he is willing to commit to half of the engineering study. Palmer
made a motion to get the engineering study and elevation survey done not to exceed
\$3,500.00 and Shupe paying for half, seconded by Southworth, Cecchi ask where the
money was coming from, Palmer told him we have to look, carried.

Palmer stated the audit was done without any problems found and submitted to DCED
on February 12th without any problems. Southworth made a motion to pay the auditors
\$820.00, seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, carried.

Palmer stated our ARP report has been submitted and we don't know if we have to file a
zero report in 2025 and 2026 yet or not.

Palmer stated we are down to 2 part-time officers and we have 2 applications so we
need to advertise. Southworth made a motion to advertise and hire 2 part-time officers,
seconded by Palmer, Iseman ask how many officers we have, Palmer told her 6 full-
time and 4 part-time, this would be to replace the ones that left. Cecchi ask if this was
creating an OT event, Palmer told him some. Cecchi said remember what I have said,
Palmer told him more part-time will eliminate some of the overtime. Palmer told him he
hears what he is saying but with all that is happening in the world have to keep control
in the township. Palmer stated at some point may have to raise taxes, but he is already
one of the highest taxpayers in the township. Cecchi said we are growing and he would
like to keep it that way. Iseman said instead of raising taxes have the road crew

contribute to their insurance or pay for their uniforms. Palmer stated we have a good group of people and doesn't want to lose them, carried.

The solicitor has advised it isn't worth trying to fight ownership of Fort Run Bridge, because we get approximately \$5,000.00 in liquid fuel money for the road. Southworth stated he isn't doing anything to the bridge until PennDot redoes the intersection.

Davis read a complaint from a resident on Church Road that would like us to request PennDot do a traffic study to lower the speed limit between Appleby Manor Church and Church Road. Palmer stated the study has been done twice, once when Dollar General was looking at the area and once when we had a complaint from Hobson Drive and we were told not enough evidence to warrant a lower speed limit. Palmer stated not willing to do a third survey.

Unfinished Business:

Palmer stated the Ford City letter for trail grant support has been sent.

Palmer sent a letter to OSHA about changes for fire departments.

Southworth gave a brief overview of classes he took at the PSATS Convention and thanked the township for sending him.

Comments:

Iseman – ask if there was any news about what Lenape Hotel was going to become, Palmer told her it is going to be a high-end health facility and not a drug rehab. Cecchi ask how many employees they would hire; Southworth told him at least 64. Southworth stated he is sad we lost the golf course.

Cecchi – stated he is glad to be back.

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

Motion to adjourn by Southworth, seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, carried

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Adjourned at 10:50A.M.

Jill A. Davis, Secretary