

MEETING WEDNESDAY 4-3-2024 6:00P.M.
Municipal Bldg. 306 Byron Street McGrann

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

Citizens: Ricki Evans, Chad Evans, Jillian Leighton, James Leighton, Frank Shupe, Valerie Huston, James Colter, Terry Shirey, SEO, Fran Prestes Sewage Office, Fred Corbett, Justin Waugaman, D. Waugaman, Marie Steele from Suit-Kote and Dennis Phillips from Leader Times.

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

Minutes of 3/15/2024 regular meeting were distributed, motion to approve by Southworth, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Open Bids:

Allegheny Mineral \$31.50 for #8, \$20.50 for #67, \$15.00 for #10, \$17.00 for 2A for a total of \$48,975.00.

Motion by Palmer to award stone bid to Allegheny Mineral pending review, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Bradigan's Inc. .125 above the OPIS price. Unleaded gas \$2.5197, Diesel \$2.9218 for a total of \$23,481.50.

Motion by Palmer to award fuel bid to Bradigan pending review, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Russell Standard \$2.970 for CRS2PM, \$2.870 for CRS-2 for a total of \$102,950.00.
Suit-Kote \$2.72 for CRS2PM, \$2.55 for CRS-2 for a total of \$93,500.00.

Midland \$2.690 for CRS2PM, \$2.480 for CRS-2 for a total of \$92,050.00.

Motion by Palmer to award the emulsion bid to Midland pending review, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Terry from Sewage Enforcement Agency spoke about a septic tank in Rosston. Terry said the property was measured and there is not enough isolation distance. He went to the property and Ben Ferguson helped measure the distance. The property is .470 of an acre and the house is 28X70 and there is no room for a sand mound. Can't put the sand mound on someone else's property and it must be parallel. While Terry was there, he saw the deer processing water runs on to the ground, advised the land owner he must get a permit from DEP for blood and bodily fluids. Once that tank is placed, he will measure again possibly for a smaller house. Fred Corbett said Terry measured incorrectly, stated he measured and it should fit. Palmer stated the Sewage Authority has jurisdiction over the sewage. Palmer stated we will follow the ordinance and the advice of the Sewage Enforcement Agency. Terry stated he has no problem working with the landowner.

Valerie Huston spoke on Resolution 24-26. She stated PSATS is trying to eliminate tax collectors. Currently Supervisors can fill vacancy and this resolution would eliminate people's voice. Huston ask the Board to have a discussion before the resolution vote. Palmer stated he doesn't think he supports this resolution because the tax collector keeps the money flow better. Palmer made a motion to have Southworth vote at PSATS to oppose the resolution, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer made a motion to send everyone interested to the County Association Convention on May 14th, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Jamie Colter from the Horse Park stated they have been working with the Armstrong Economic Development to try and improve the horse park. They are asking for a cooperative agreement with the Township to apply for grants. They want to put a roof over the existing arena. The roof would make the arena safer and easier to maintain. They currently have over 300 paid members and over 26 miles of trails opened. Their goal is to work with the Army Core to open 40 miles of trails by September for horses, hikers and for people to go fishing. Palmer stated a year ago their project was 16 million and they have been able to narrow the scope and bring it down to 1.2 million. Palmer stated they can't get a loan or grant because the Township owns the ground. With a cooperative agreement they would be able to apply. Palmer stated willing to look at a cooperative agreement but not match funds. Southworth agreed it would increase safety. Palmer made a motion to have their attorney draft a cooperative agreement with the stipulation we don't match funds or engineering costs, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous. Colter stated he will have their attorney draft the agreement and then have Sacco review.

Palmer stated a year ago we received a letter from PennDot saying we own the Fort Run Bridge. Neither side has any documentation that shows ownership except we get approximately \$5,000.00 in liquid fuels for Fort Run Road. Palmer will speak with Sacco about this matter.

Palmer stated Hawk Hollow Bridge had major repairs but the crack still needs sealed and some dirt moved before the May inspection. Palmer stated Hawk Hollow Road has tributaries that run along it and is starting to wash out the road. We have received an emergency DEP permit to correct this problem.

April 11th is the annual MRM Trust meeting. Southworth made a motion to have Palmer sign the proxy since nobody will be attending, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

We budgeted for stone spreaders and Southworth got a quote of \$14,140 from A&H and \$12,600.00 from Stephenson Equipment. Palmer made a motion to order the spreaders from Stephenson's at a cost of \$12,600.00, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Police Business:

Police report was read by Chief Robbins. Palmer made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous. Robbins read Officer Brice's resignation effective 4/1/24, Robbins stated he was a part-time officer and wished him well. Palmer made a motion to accept Brice's resignation in good standing, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous. Sgt. Lazon is coordinating take your tractor to school day at Lenape on May 22nd and they will rally at the horse park at 6:15A.M. Robbins stated he supports this event and Palmer told Lazon to coordinate with PennDot for any state roads and PSP. Palmer stated Officers Selnekovic and Shook are doing very good job taking DUI drivers off the roads. Palmer stated he supports this since a drunk driver killed his 9-year-old brother.

EMC Report:

Evans stated her and Rice will be attending the conference at PSATS. The KEMA conference is in October and she is interested but Rice will be out of town. It is a 2-day conference in Altoona. Rice told Palmer about the 5-year Hazardous Mitigation plan and asking supervisors to be involved, Palmer will be involved. Palmer made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Fire Department Report:

Evans read there were 25 incidents in March. He stated they did a flash over stimulation training. Palmer made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous. Evans stated in 2012 there was a 1-million-dollar grant awarded for the Central Region to buy radios. The 911 System took \$300,000.00 for their system. The radios they currently have are not accepting updates and can't find parts. They have 20 radios that are biting the dust. Evans stated it is \$100,000 for 20 radios. Palmer stated he is in favor of trying to help but wants to discuss need versus want. Palmer wants to open a discussion and see where it ends up. Palmer stated he wanted to schedule a meeting to discuss and examine their books. Palmer stated the fire company is currently not covered under OSHA. OSHA has proposed 121 changes. Palmer said as the governing body need to send in an objection letter to the proposal. Hecker made a motion Palmer write a letter to OSHA, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Comments:

Jillian and James Leighton – They stated they have a problem in Rosston with a dumpster that has meat parts in it and in the summer it is terrible. They have tried to communicate with the party that owns it but not getting anywhere. Palmer stated to start with our ordinance officer and then take the problem to DEP. They have cats everywhere also; Robbins told her cats are not regulated but will have Officer Lazon look into the problem. Hecker stated Bethel had the same problem and had the proprietor use lime. Southworth also stated there are people in Rosston trimming trees and shrubs and putting it on the trail. Palmer told Southworth to get no dumping signs and Southworth wants to send letters to residents of Rosston. Palmer made a motion to order a few signs and send letters, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Frank Shupe – stated he is here for an update on his pond because there hasn't been a resolution. He paid Fouse \$1,200.00 to pump the pond from the recent storm. Palmer stated the problem is where do we send the water because can't dump the water onto someone else's property. Palmer told him if he gets an easement from the other property owners we will consider putting in a pipe. Shupe stated when the road was widened they covered up the existing pipe. Palmer stated if we run the water down to the culvert it would be running up hill. To run the water across the road and down the field he would need to get easements since it is his property and his neighbors. Southworth stated it would be a lot of pipe and time and people don't understand the water would be piped not just running. According to our drawing it is not a problem caused by the Township. Palmer stated he is not willing to fix with tax payer dollars without him contributing. Palmer stated he talked to our engineer today and he doesn't think with the elevation it will work. To have it surveyed and an elevation study is \$3,500.00 and he would have to contribute. We will discuss at our next meeting spending the funds to see if this is feasible. Shupe stated there is water at the bottom of Heilman, Southworth told him there is a spring there. Palmer stated we will add to authorize survey and split cost. Southworth said you would have to bore the road because only one way in and out.

Ford City Borough has ask for a letter of support for trail improvements. Southworth made a motion for Palmer to send a letter, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

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 7:32P.M.

Jill A. Davis, Secretary