

MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS WHITE TOWNSHIP September 4, 2019

On Wednesday, September 4, 2019 in the Meeting Room of the Township Building, located at 2511 13th Ave. in White Township, PA 15010, the Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00PM by Supervisor DeMeio and began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

This Meeting was advertised in the *Beaver County Times* on January 2, 2019 in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Section 709.

Roll Call:

Susan DeMeio, Supervisor Chairperson – *Present*

Ray Evans Jr., Supervisor – *Present*

Keith Beatty Sr., Supervisor - *Present*

Diana Lois, Secretary-Treasurer – *Present*

Nancy Munroe, Tax Collector – *Present*

Nathan Bible, Esq., LL.M, Solicitor - *Present*

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2019 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Beatty seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Beatty – YES. Motion carried.

Reports:

Earned Income Tax: Supervisor DeMeio read that \$19,079.70 was collected in August.

Real Estate Tax & Fire Protection Fee: R.E. \$355.01 / F.P.F. \$254.00 was collected in August.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Summary: A.P. = \$11,876.61; P.R. = \$8,282.70

Police: Officer Bathgate read there were 58 calls for service in August, resulting in 9 citations being issued.

Code Enforcement: 3 letters were sent in August from the Twp. office.

Fire Department: Supervisor Evans read there were 2 calls for service in August. 8/6: Burning complaint on 24th Ave. 2 Fire Fighters for 1/2 hr. 8/6: Assist West Mayfield with commercial structure fire. 3 Fire Fighters for 3 hrs.

Road Crew: Tom Orlowski said Pittsburgh Fence & Co. has fixed the guardrail on 12th Ave. Robinson Pipe was out on 8/27 and cleaned the sewer lines on 23rd Ave., 24th Ave., 26th to 12th Ave., and 11th Ave. It was determined that the 11th Ave. pipe has deteriorated beyond repair and needs to be replaced. About a dozen companies have been contacted for this work but so far only 1 has responded with a quote. Supervisor DeMeio would like to hold an advertised, public Special Meeting in 2 weeks, assuming more bids will be received, in order to make a decision. Supervisors Evans and Beatty each said they agree with this. Dan Fritzley of the road crew would like to take the Twp. pickup truck to a reputable service station in order to have it thoroughly looked at, to try to pin point the noise that can be heard in the rear of the truck.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to accept the reports as read. Supervisor Beatty seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Beatty – YES. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from PennDOT saying they'll conduct an engineering/traffic study to determine if a multi-way, or any other improvements are warranted on Clayton/22nd Ave. They ask for at least 6 to 8 weeks in order to complete this study. Once the Twp. receives PennDOT's final decision regarding this intersection, the Secretary will notify Ralph Dyson.
2. Cost sheet showing the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2020 for the Police pension plan. No money is due from the Twp. in 2020.

Unfinished Business:

1. 12th Ave. bridge grant: Jordan from DCED reached out regarding the funding commitment letter submitted with the grant application. The program requires a 30% match. The previous letter shows a 30% match of the grant funds requested; however, DCED is requiring the 30% match of the total project costs. Therefore, the committed

funds of \$523,400.00 (total project cost) is \$157,020.00 instead of \$120,800.00. DCED has requested the Township provide a revised commitment letter. Supervisor DeMeio said the Twp.'s Engineering firm, LSSE was paid by the Twp. to research and write the grant, therefore this mistake should never have happened. Supervisor Beatty said he agrees with Supervisor DeMeio. Supervisor Evans said the \$157,020.00 could be budgeted in the Twp.'s 2020 budget, as that would be the earliest any construction costs would commence. He said there's also the possibility of 1) the project going over the \$523,400.00 budget, which the Twp. would be responsible for the difference, or 2) the Twp. could not be awarded the grant at all and have to pay the whole \$523,400.00.

Supervisor DeMeio said she votes NO. Supervisory Beatty said he seconds the NO. Supervisor Evans said he's FOR moving forward because if we lose the grant and end up doing it ourselves the entire cost comes from us (the Twp.).

Supervisor Beatty suggested sending Beaver Falls a letter asking them for a fund commitment for this bridge since 70% of Mt. Washington's population lives within the Beaver Falls city limits. Supervisor DeMeio asked Solicitor Bible to draft the letter to send to Beaver Falls' Board.

New Business:

1. Earth Disturbance Inspection Report conducted on 8/29/19 and received by the Twp. on 9/4/19 from the DEP regarding Wilson Ave. in West Mayfield. The inspection findings state, "No violations observed at this time." Therefore, nothing further needs to be done and it's a closed matter as far as White Twp. is concerned.

Good & Welfare of the Township:

1. Next Twp. Meeting will be here on 10/2 @ 7:00PM.
2. Supervisor Beatty said he stopped by Mr. Rogers' property on Craighead (erosion complaint from last month's meeting) and Rogers is extremely pleased with what the road crew did.

Public Forum:

1. Jacob Tate of Brook St., West Mayfield inquired about the status of the excess water issue coming onto his property from Colonial Oaks. Solicitor Bible said he's been in contact with the DEP, notified White Twp.'s Board of that conversation and intends to discuss it further with them tonight in Executive Session. Tate asked if there's anything he needs to be doing at this time because he feels he's left in the dark with only 'he said, she said' conversations. Bible said based on the Board's discretion he will be sending Colonial Oaks correspondence. Supervisor DeMeio asked Tate if he's sent Colonial Oaks formal correspondence notifying them about the problem. Tate said he has not mailed anything, but has spoken with them in person and by text message. He said he and the manager's boyfriend/maintenance worker walked the property so Tate could show him where the problem is. Tate said that upon revisiting them to find out the status of their repairs the management acted like they had no idea who he was nor were they aware of any issues. Tate asked that he please be kept abreast of the happenings.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to move into an Executive Session with the regular meeting being adjourned following this session at 7:48PM. Supervisor Beatty seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Beatty – YES. Motion carried.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to close the Executive Session at approximately 8:12PM. Supervisor Beatty seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Beatty – YES. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to close the September 2019 Regular Meeting at approximately 8:12PM. Supervisor Beatty seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Beatty – YES. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.