

**MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS
WHITE TOWNSHIP
May 12, 2020**

THE APRIL 1, 2020 MEETING WAS CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THE MAY 6, 2020 SUPERVISORS' MEETING WAS RESCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT AND IS BEING HELD VIA ZOOM. THIS WAS ADVERTISED IN THE BCT ON 5/4/2020 & 5/8/2020 & NOTIFICATION ON THE TWP. WEBSITE BEGINNING ON 5/1/2020.

On Tuesday, May 12, 2020 the Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:04PM by Supervisor DeMeio.

This rescheduled meeting was advertised in the *Beaver County Times* on May 4, 2020 and May 8, 2020 in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Section 709.

Roll Call:

Susan DeMeio, Supervisor Chairperson – *Present*

Ray Evans Jr., Supervisor – *Present*

Peggy Lavery, Supervisor - *Tardy*

Diana Lois, Secretary-Treasurer – *Present*

Nancy Munroe, Tax Collector – *Absent*

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

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2020 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Evans said he's ok with this. DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Motion carried.

Reports:

Earned Income Tax: Supervisor DeMeio read that \$8,879.81 was collected in MARCH
\$3,685.69 was collected in APRIL.

Real Estate Tax & Fire Protection Fee: RE: \$31,684.89 / FPF: \$4,010.00 in MARCH
RE: \$18,627.20 / FPF: \$2,025.00 in APRIL.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Summary: AP: \$27,557.64 / PR: \$13,731.12 in MARCH
AP: \$32,825.06 / PR: \$10,966.08 in APRIL.

Police: Chief Stanislawski read there were 42 calls for service in March resulting in 1 arrest for interference with custody of a child. 15 calls for service in April.

Fire Department: Supervisor Evans read there were no calls for service in March. One call for service in April for fire alarm assist in West Mayfield. 4 Fire Fighters for 2 man hours.

Road Crew: Tom Orłowski said a catch basin on 12th Ave. in Mt. Washington needs replaced. They already have the materials they need to do the job, but are seeking the Supervisors' approval to do the work. Supervisor DeMeio stated they do not need Supervisors' approval to work on routine maintenance; approval is only necessary if they need to purchase any materials over \$100.00. Supervisor Evans suggested using a premade riser instead of cinder blocks. Orłowski said 11th Ave. above Beatrice, heading away from Steffin Hill, has 2 galvanized pipes that are rotted out and need to be replaced. He said they already have the needed materials in order to complete this job as well. Supervisor DeMeio said she appreciates the information but approval is not required. Dan Fritzley said the backhoe has hydraulic lines that are leaking and antifreeze is coming out of the engine. He said the repair can wait until the 2 said jobs are finished. He got an over-the-phone quote from Stephenson Equipment for the repairs, which was estimated to cost at least \$8,000.00. Supervisor Evans said he'll get some prices from local companies because that price seems high. Supervisor DeMeio questioned if it's in the best interest to keep repairing the 2009 JCB backhoe or to look for a replacement. Orłowski said he'll get a few more estimates for a fix, as well as a trade-in value, and check with COSTARS for a price on replacement.

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

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Sharp Collections confirming they will be the delinquent Fire Fee collector for 7/1/2020-6/30/2021 & delinquent Earned Income Tax collector for years 2011 & prior. Supervisor DeMeio said according to Ordinance No. 102 (Annual Fire Protection Assessment) delinquent fees need to be turned over to the Twp. solicitor and it's up to the Supervisors if they want to pursue collection. If Sharp Collections would like to submit a separate letter of interest for only the Earned Income Tax for 2011 & prior this topic will be addressed again at the June meeting.

2. 1Q20 Animal Report from *BCHS*: 2 dogs received; 1.40 patrol hours.

3. Letter received from Timothy Ishman of 2516 Clayton Rd. requesting consideration for a variance to operate a cooking kitchen, producing Limoncello and Latavia from his home. His letter states A) There will be no exterior signage; B) It will not be a store front that is open to the public (no increased parking needed); C) There will be no other employees besides he & his wife; D) Nothing more than a residential trash removal will be needed (no dumpster). Supervisor DeMeio said she has no problem with this. Solicitor Bible agrees there shouldn't be an issue, but wants to review the ordinance just to be sure. He will review and update the Board ASAP. Mr. Ishman stated that he understands the procedure of the county needing to review it, as well as advertising.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to grant conditional approval to begin this process, depending on Solicitor Bible's advice. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

4. THE POLLING PLACE HAS CHANGED FOR THE 6/2/2020 ELECTION FOR WHITE TWP. VOTERS! VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT PATHWAY CHURCH, 239 BRAUN RD., CHIPPEWA.

Unfinished Business:

1. (From March 2020) Elected Auditor, Ed Lackner submitted a detailed addendum on 3/6/2020 for the FD audit. He couldn't join us tonight as he had to work. Supervisor DeMeio said she looked over the audit information and compared it to Ordinance No. 102 (Annual Fire Protection Assessment) and asked Solicitor Bible if he'd do the same so he can form an opinion if those expenses match Section 5 of the ordinance's criteria. Supervisor Evans stated all expenditures are for utilities or directly related to operating a fire department.

2. (From March 2020) Supervisor DeMeio said on 3/2/2020 there was an incident at the FD that involved the PTPD. According to the police report there was an open door at the FD and the concern was that someone had broken and entered. Responding Officer Bathgate found 2 individuals temporarily residing there, who told him Ray Evans had given them permission to sleep there while they were waiting to hear back from the housing authority. Supervisor DeMeio said the Fire Chief from Beaver Falls made contact in December 2019 because these 2 individuals used that address to apply for welfare benefits, while having outstanding warrants. This needs to be a part of the public record because the FD is 100% funded by the tax payers of White Twp. and in DeMeio's opinion a misuse of funds. Supervisor Lavery agrees and would like a full investigation into the FD. The police report also states the FD is in deplorable condition. Supervisor DeMeio asked Solicitor Bible to look over the police report, as well as the Article of Agreement for the land upon which the FD is located.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 3 of 2020: Naming Daniel Burns as Code Enforcement Officer for White Twp.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to pass Resolution No. 3 of 2020. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

- Code Enforcement Report: Dan Burns said he's issued 15 letters of violation for unsafe structures and rubbish, with 2 being abated. He's distributed a number of door hangers for simple infractions such as high grass. The one issue that he's consistently being made aware of by numerous Twp. residents is the lot owned by the FD, where old firetrucks are staged. Supervisor Evans stated that they're licensed and operable vehicles. Burns stated that they are not licensed or inspected and need to be removed; a letter will be sent by the end of the week. Supervisor Evans said he's going to have them inspected as soon as it's possible. Supervisor DeMeio said months ago Evans said there was an interested party who wanted to buy them; the point being this has been going on for a few years and it needs to come to an end. It is up to the PD to handle once the problem is identified by code enforcement. She asked Chief Stanislawski to get with Burns and come to an agreement as to what the next step is going to be, after the letter is sent. Evans doesn't understand what the issue is and Lavery responded that one has weeds growing up through the engine. Stanislawski told Burns to give him a call.

2. Estimate from Affordable Electric to replace 4 Emergency EXIT signs in the Twp. building = \$540.00. Price to replace the outside dusk to dawn lights = \$475.00.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to accept this estimate from Affordable Electric. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

3. Resolution No. 4 of 2020: Naming Bryan Landman as the joint Emergency Management Coordinator for Patterson Twp; Patterson Heights & White Twp.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to pass Resolution No. 4 of 2020. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

Good & Welfare of the Township:

1. The Twp. Dump is open by appointment only for the time being. Call 724-462-1505 for an appointment. Clean fill only.

2. The Twp. launched a website on 5/1/2020. Check it out at whitetwp.net

3. The next Twp. Meeting will at the Twp. Building (hopefully) on 6/3 @ 7:00PM.

Public Forum:

1. Fred Arnold of Clayton Rd. inquired if turning over the delinquent fees to the solicitor is beyond the normal duties of a solicitor and what the dollar amount of said fees is. The latter information can be provided by Tax Collector, Nancy Munroe, who is absent tonight. Arnold then asked about the monthly expenditures, if the over/under budget amount could also be included in the report. Supervisor DeMeio said that information is always available, as it is public record. To include specific information at a meeting may be time consuming, instead a general overview of the budget can be provided. Lastly, Arnold commented that many municipalities are providing assistance to the disadvantaged, so the Board should take 'the high road' until all the facts regarding the incident at the FD involving the PTPD are known. Supervisor DeMeio responded that the tax payers should not have to assume that liability.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to close the May 2020 Regular Meeting at approximately 7:55PM. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.