

**MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS
WHITE TOWNSHIP
July 1, 2020**

On Wednesday, July 1, 2020 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.

This Meeting was advertised in the *Beaver County Times* on January 2, 2020 in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Section 709.

Roll Call:

Susan DeMeio, Supervisor Chairperson – *Present*

Ray Evans Jr., Supervisor – *Present*

Peggy Lavery, Supervisor - *Present*

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 June 3, 2020 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

Reports:

Earned Income Tax: Supervisor DeMeio read that \$8,235.17 was collected in June.

Real Estate Tax & Fire Protection Fee: No reports were submitted for June.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Summary: AP = \$28,348.46 / PR = \$10,405.36

As of 7/1/2020 of the budgeted amounts, 0% has been used for road maintenance & 2.3% has been used for sewer repairs.

Police: Assistant Chief Bathgate read there were 42 calls for service in June, resulting in 2 arrests (Drug possession & Disorderly conduct) & 1 traffic citation issued.

Code Enforcement: Dan Burns read 7 new notices of violation; 9 high grass notices; 7 final notices (with a deadline of 7/1/2020) were sent in June. 1 citation to be issued.

Fire Department: Supervisor Evans said there were 3 calls for service in June. MVA in West Mayfield that was cancelled before they responded; Structure fire at Colonial Oaks, 4 firefighters for 8 man hours; Wires down on Steffin Hill, 4 firefighters for 8 man hours.

Road Crew: Tom Orłowski asked the Board if they had any ideas on how to get PennDOT to respond to the maintenance complaints on Clayton Rd. He's even tried going to Jim Marshall to no avail. The Board had no suggestions.

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. Rita Corbin of 2415 Steffin Hill would like the Twp. to send a letter to PennDOT requesting a lower speed limit on Steffin Hill. Supervisor DeMeio said if PennDOT won't respond to repeated requests to fix the potholes on Clayton they're not going to respond to requests regarding Steffin Hill. Supervisor Evans said if the speed limit is lower than 40mph then the Twp. is responsible for the road's signage.

2. Solicitor Bible was contacted about exonerating the taxes for Parcel No. 78-002-0416.000 (3300 12th Ave.) which has been in repository since 2014. The county has already signed off on it.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to exonerate the taxes for 3300 12th Ave. that has been in repository since 2014. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. (From June 2020) Regarding the purchase of the 2019 JCB270 skidsteer:

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to put 20% down and finance the remainder until 2021 when that budget is passed. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

2. (From June 2020) *Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to pass Resolution No. 5 of 2020 memorializing the Rager subdivision. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.*

3. (From June 2020) Solicitor Bible said he spoke with Sam Orr, Beaver County Planning Commission Solicitor, about the Ishman variance request. He said that Orr suggested if/when the variance is granted by the Twp., include in the verbiage, “this is subject to all state and federal rules and regulations.” The Board asked Bible to draft an addendum for Ordinance No. 113 specific to e-commerce businesses.

4. (From June 2020) Solicitor Bible provided copies to the Board of the deed that is referenced in The Article of Agreement, which states in part, “under subject to any conditions as are conditions in this deed.” Bible said he read it in its entirety and there’s nothing in the deed that changes his opinion on the Article of Agreement which would have any restrictions on the Fire Department. Bible said even though during the discussion in June’s meeting regarding Ordinance No. 102, it was stated ‘that’s not what those Supervisors intended’ but unfortunately this is how it was drafted and in plain reading it drastically limits the Fire Funds to very specific expenditures and is not just a catch all for anything the Fire Dept. needs to operate. In Bible’s opinion the only word open to interpretation is ‘maintenance’ of the fire company house.

New Business:

1. Solicitor Bible presented the Board the letter he drafted for *SWIF* in order to remove the Fire Dept. from the Twp.’s insurance. Supervisor Evans stated the Fire Dept. pays for the insurance on their building, property, apparatus and equipment. It’s his understanding that by law the Twp. is required to pay for the Workers’ Compensation. Supervisor DeMeio cited Section 1803 of the Second Class Twp. Code, which addresses fire companies, facilities and training. It states in part, “The board of supervisors may appropriate moneys for the use of the township or to fire companies located in the township for the operation and maintenance of fire companies, for the purchase and maintenance of fire apparatus... The board of supervisors may by ordinance make rules and regulations for the government of fire companies which are located within the township and their officers. The board of supervisors may contract with or make grants to near or adjacent municipal corporations or volunteer fire companies therein for fire protection in the township.” DeMeio said the question that’s being raised is the effectiveness of the fire protection that’s in the Twp. It’s more than just dollars and cents, it’s the quality of fire protection that’s provided to the residents in White Twp. Supervisor Evans said he can see this is a “biased thing.” Supervisor Lavery replied, “It’s a safety issue.”

Good & Welfare of the Township:

1. The next Twp. meeting will be at the Twp. building on 8/5/2020 @ 7:00PM.

Public Forum:

1. Ray Evans Sr. of 12th Ave. expressed concern over the Twp.’s current Real Estate Tax Collector, based on delinquent notices he’s receiving in the mail, when he has the receipts to prove he’s current on the taxes in question. Tax Collector Munroe is not present to address these concerns, therefore this subject will be revisited in August’s meeting.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to close the July 2020 Regular Meeting at approximately 8:06PM. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.