

**MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS
WHITE TOWNSHIP
August 5, 2020**

On Wednesday, August 5, 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 – *Present*

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

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 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 \$3,669.29 was collected in July.

Real Estate Tax & Fire Protection Fee: Nancy Munroe read \$3,263.88 was collected in Real Estate & \$435.00 in Fire Protection Fees for July. And \$24,915.59 in Real Estate & \$1,560.00 in Fire Protection Fees for June.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Summary: AP = \$31,297.81 / PR = \$8,633.17

82.4% of budgeted state police fines & 52.9% of budgeted local police traffic fines have been received as of 7/31/2020.

Police: Assistant Chief Bathgate read there were 32 calls for service in July, resulting in 5 traffic citations issued & 2 warnings.

Code Enforcement: Dan Burns read 8 properties were abated from previous violations; 12 new letters of violation were sent out; 6 second/final notices; 9 citations issued.

Fire Department: Supervisor Evans read there were 3 calls for service in July. 7/4: Structure Fire on 23rd St. 4 FF for 1 MHR; 7/5: Tree/Wires down on 12th Ave. 3FF for 9 MHR; 7/31: Garbage Fire on 11th Ave. 4FF for 1 MHR.

Road Crew: None.

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. It was noted an additional \$156.16 was collected for June's EIT. Notification of the 6/30 deposit wasn't received until 7/2.

2. 2nd QTR Animal Report from BCHS: 13 cats received at shelter from White Twp.; 8hrs. 45minutes.

3. Notification from BC Assessment Office: Data Collectors from Tyler Technologies will be visiting properties & collecting information beginning 8/17/2020 & will continue through 7/2021. All of the Data Collectors will have photo identification.

Unfinished Business:

1. (From July 2020) Regarding the purchase of the 2019 JCB270 skidsteer: Supervisor DeMeio said financing will add \$7,000.00 in interest to the cost, regardless if it's paid off in January 2021, therefore she feels it's wise to pay for it outright, using 50% from the General Fund & 50% from the Sewer Fund. Supervisor Evans and Supervisor Lavery agree.

2. (From July 2020) Supervisor DeMeio asked Tax Collector, Nancy Munroe about the taxes that were not recorded properly. Munroe explained that she was still learning the computer program and simply made a mistake when inputting the payments. DeMeio asked what safeguards are in place to prevent the same mistake from again occurring. Munroe stated that she's more comfortable with the program and is no longer working on tax years 2019 & 2020 simultaneously. DeMeio is extremely disappointed that the school district did not pursue this matter with the Board of Supervisors and didn't do their job since they obviously had complaints and did not try to find out what the problem was until it was brought up here and she confronted Munroe. Munroe said she's been in contact with Tiffany from the business office at the school district regarding this matter.

3. (From November 2019) Larry Lennon of LSSE spoke about how the Township received notice of the award for the Multimodal Grant for the 12th Avenue bridge project. The grant award was the amount requested (\$400,600.00) with a 30% local share match requirement (\$120,200.00). Total project cost in the application was \$520,800.00 which included construction, administrative fees, contingency and engineering. PennDOT advised that the grant project would likely require project design and bidding through their ECMS process, however this would be determined at a later date (The ECMS process is a lengthy process that construction would likely occur after FY2021).

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to accept the grant White Twp. was awarded for \$400,600.00 for the 12th Ave. bridge project. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Larry Lennon of LSSE addressed the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) required by the DEP concerning excessive wastewater flows to the City of Beaver Falls system during precipitation events. All the communities that contribute to Beaver Falls Municipal Authority received the same letter. This is a significant requirement that aims to reduce the wet weather flows into Beaver Falls. Steps that are recommended include field review of sewer points of connection with road crew, review of available sewer system mapping, and preparation of the CAP for submission to DEP. LSSE will prepare a draft CAP prior to the Township's September meeting for consideration.

Good & Welfare of the Township:

1. On behalf of the Township, LSSE attended (web teleconference) coordination call with PennDOT for the 2021 Beaver County Group Projects which includes improvements along Steffin Hill Road (S.R. 588). During the coordinate call, PennDOT indicated that the scope of the project for Steffin Hill Road currently includes base repair, drainage improvements and new pavement markings (linestriping). The scope is to be finalized through their design process in 2020 with construction anticipated for 2021. PennDOT will accept comments on the current project or desired future improvements from the Township.

2. The next Twp. meeting will be at the Twp. building on 9/2/2020 @ 7:00PM.

Public Forum:

1. Dan Swartz of 27th St. asked whom he should call if his neighbor burns outside of the designated times, in a non-contained area. (The police.) Swartz also asked about grant writing and the Code Enforcement Officer.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, with the regular meeting being adjourned following the session at 7:38PM. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to close the Executive Session at approximately 8:47PM. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to close the August 2020 Regular Meeting at approximately 8:47PM. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.