

WHITE TOWNSHIP MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS April 6, 2022

On Wednesday, April 6, 2022 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 Evans Jr.

This meeting was advertised in the *Beaver County Times* on January 18, 2022 in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Section 709.

Roll Call:

Ray Evans Jr., Supervisor Chairperson – *Present*

Ray Evans Sr., Supervisor – *Present*

Peggy Lavery, Supervisor – *Present*

Emily Dean, Secretary-Treasurer – *Present*

Tom Bozic, Tax Collector – *Absent*

Dan Burns, Code Enforcement- *Present*

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

Supervisor Evans Jr. made a motion to approve the March 2, 2022 meeting minutes.

Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES. Supervisor Evans Sr. – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES Motion carried.

Public Forum:

1. Richard Ernsberger-Colonial Oaks: 1st Issue: on the corner of 22nd Ave. and 31st. St. a storm drain was put in right next to another storm drain. There is an orange cone placed on it and he's concerned it can't support the weight of a vehicle driving on it. He was also concerned the storm drain wasn't connected. Supervisor Evans Jr. did respond that the storm drain is connected. Supervisor Evans Jr. also mentioned that this is a temporary fix, this is a storm drain that is on the list of projects to be covered by the grant we've applied for. His 2nd issue is: 22nd Ave. going into Colonial Oaks and the number of potholes in the middle of the road. Roadcrew mentioned they're having problems keeping the cold patch in place due to traffic moving quickly through that area. Supervisor Evans Jr. mentioned that the roadcrew can square the holes up with a saw and use the tamper to ensure the cold patch is properly installed. This will be more of a day or 2 project so the residents will need to be aware. Mr. Ernsberger left his cell number with the secretary so we can follow up on when this will take place so he can make residents aware.
2. Amber Djan-2211 Short 10th Ave.: storm drain grate on her road. Grate is in horrible shape and rusty and she can fit her arm through the rusted-out sections. Supervisor Evans Jr. asked the road crew to see if we have any of the grates at the township garage that we can replace this one with.
3. Dan Swartz- 1201 27th St.: Mr. Swartz started off by introducing the room to all of the Township employees for those who may not have met them yet. The next thing he did was pass around a copy of the Township ordinance number 109. The first issue he wanted to address was the garbage and trash in our township. He brought up the amount of garbage on the sides of the road on 12th Ave. heading towards West Mayfield. He stated Mr. Orłowski picked up 75 cans along that stretch, mostly beer cans thrown on the sides of the road. He stated our Township is deplorable with trash and garbage. He then stated there are many private properties also littered with trash. He let the residents know that the Township has a website and all the ordinances are located on our website. He then referenced ordinance 109 stating the secretary can be involved in violation notices by sending a letter to a residence who is in violation of the trash and garbage ordinance. He pointed out a specific residence on 12th Ave. for having an

abundance of garbage all over their property. He said the garbage was there for 6 weeks. Supervisor Lavery spoke up and stated it's still there, they moved some of it but it's still there. Supervisor Evans, Sr. asked the code officer if he has cited this residence, and Mr. Burns responded with "Yes". Supervisor Evans, Jr. then spoke up and stated that Mr. Burns is the Township's contracted code officer and that for the past few months he has been sending letters to that residence and it's gone as far as him citing them. Supervisor Lavery said "that's all fine but the neighbors want this all picked up". Mr. Burns stated he can not physically go down there and pick it up, he has to handle it the legal way which is through letters and citations. Mr. Burns stated he goes off of the International Property Maintenance Code book for anything that may not be covered in our local ordinances. Supervisor Evans Jr. stated that we cannot send letters from the secretary at the same time the code officer is citing the same residence because when it's taken to the magistrate both letters will then be thrown out immediately and the process will have to start all over again. Nate Bible (Solicitor) told all supervisors that this is the Code Enforcement Officer's job to handle and the secretary should not be involved unless he is not taking care of the matter. Mr. Bible said the Township could pick up trash that was on the street but if it's on their private property then we need to proceed with citing them, the Township cannot pick it up on their private property. The last topic that Mr. Swartz brought up was in regards to the version that Mr. Burns uses for the International Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Swartz had a packet of the 2015 edition that was given to him by Supervisor Lavery and he asked if that's the version Mr. Burns uses. Mr. Burns stated that he uses the 2006 version because that is the version that was adopted by White Township. He then stated that he gave Supervisor Lavery that 2015 packet to be presented to the board and hopefully adopted by the board going forward. He mentioned that the code officer and board need to get together with the solicitor and updated the ordinances because they really need updated.

Reports:

- Earned Income Tax: \$9,379.82 was collected in March.
- Real Estate Tax & Fire Protection Fee: RE: \$7,395.61 & FF: \$2,390.00-collected in March
- Accounts Payable Summary & Payroll Summary: (AP = \$54,495.51) (PR = \$17,001.62)
- Police: 95 call and 2 traffic warnings in March.
- Code Enforcement: 3 new violations and 2 citations given in March.
- Fire Department: 2 calls in March both for EMS assistance
- Road Crew: Yellow mower is well on its way to not being in service anymore. They asked if we should put money in for repairs or be done with it. They were advised by Supervisor Evans, Jr. that it's not worth fixing, they can use it until it no longer works as long as they keep it safe. They also brought up that the pickup might need an alignment. They were advised to have it checked when it gets inspected this month to see if it needs it or not and then they'll go from there.

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

Correspondence:

1. Resignation letter for current Tax Collector; Tom Bozic
Supervisor Evans Jr. made a motion to accept the resignation letter. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES. Supervisor Evans Sr. –YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.
2. Cancellation request/policy release for Tom Bozic's bond

Supervisor Evans Jr. made a motion to approve the cancellation of bond. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES. Supervisor Evans Sr. –YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

3. HEI-WAY LLC price increases due to rising fuel costs-for cold patch
4. America250PA Resolution

Supervisor Evans Jr. made a motion to adopt resolution 5 of 2022 America250PA. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES. Supervisor Evans Sr. –YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

LSSE Engineers Monthly Report:

1. **2022 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project:** Project is being funded in part by the county ARPA amount of \$151,000.00. Surveys were completed on March 24, 2022 -Supervisor Evans Jr. mentioned they may have surveyed the wrong sewer line, Larry Lennon Jr. will confirm that with his team. Preparation of conceptual layout is underway. Once concept plan is complete, LSSE will review with the Township for discussion.
2. **Beaver Falls Sewer System CAP:**
 - Larry provided the updated Dye test ordinance NO. 141 with the name changes for the supervisors to review and make any questions/comments.
 - LSSE: Emily Palmer mentioned she would like the supervisors to focus on 3 topics to be discussed at a future meeting. They'll need to decide what/if we can do any of these in house or if they need to go out to bid. She's estimating it would be around \$150,000.00 if sent out to bid. She would like the completion date of the below items to be done by 12/31/2022.
 - ❖ 1. Dye testing
 - ❖ 2. Smoke testing
 - ❖ 3. Manhole physical surveys
3. **CFA Multimodal Grant (Mt. Washington Rds.):** we removed East Avenue off the list of roads to be a part of this project, it's a dirt/gravel rd. We will re-apply for this grant again this year at a future meeting. Applications are open from March 1, 2022-July 31, 2022. Jim Marshall will send support letter for this grant. Larry Lennon Jr. will bring a resolution for this to the May 4, 2022 meeting.
4. **Multimodal Grant-12th Ave. Bridge Project (PennDOT):**
 - If White Township would like to proceed with LSSE as this project's engineer, the \$40,000 listed under Engineering/Design (PE & FD) will need to be transferred to another line item (i.e., Construction). This essentially means that White Township would be 100% responsible for all design costs which cannot be considered match funds contributed towards this grant and will not be reimbursable. If this option is preferred, the agreement will need updated with a new Exhibit A and returned. If White Township does not wish to remove the match funds from the engineering/design line, the Township will need to advertise for a consultant/engineer for this project utilizing qualifications-based selection criteria in accordance with or equivalent to PennDOT Pub 93 in order for any engineering/design costs to be considered reimbursable or match funds.

Supervisor Evans Jr. made a motion to adopt Resolution 4 of 2022 12th Ave. Bridge Project. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES. Supervisor Evans Sr. –YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

Supervisor Evans Jr. made a motion to sign updated MTF Grant Agreement moving the \$40,000 from the design phase and placing it in the construction phase. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES. Supervisor Evans Sr. –YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

5. **CFA 2022 Local Share Account (LSA) Statewide:** LSSE submitted grant applications prior to the March 15, 2022 deadline for the following:
 - Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation: \$560,430.00
 - Road Improvement Program: \$868,584.00

6. Discuss sewer repairs for broken sewer on Steffin Hill- Emily Palmer provided us with an email address of who we can contact in regards to having Verizon help us with holding the pole and traffic control.

New Business:

1. New Tax Collector: Marcia Musguire
Supervisor Evans Jr. made a motion to accept Marcia as the appointed tax collector. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES. Supervisor Evans Sr. –YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.
2. Discuss storm drains-many need repairs-Supervisor Evans Jr. mentioned many storm drains needing repairs. 3 storm drain projects to start on are 29th., Cottage and Front St. also a manhole cover on Anna & Craighead.
Supervisor Evans Jr. made a motion to start on 3 storm drains & 1 manhole cover. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES. Supervisor Evans Sr. –YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.
3. Mulch needed for playground-mulch needs to be 12 inches deep we'll need approximately 150 yards of new mulch. Supervisor Evans Jr. mentioned that they roadcrew would have to remove the old mulch and save the weed barrier tarp underneath or remove the mulch and tarp and we'll replace the tarp before adding the new mulch. We will also have to put a plan in place to close down the playground and 22nd Ave. in front of the handicap parking lot so we can have the mulch brought in. Supervisor Evans Jr. will help with this plan.
Supervisor Evans Jr. made a motion purchase the new mulch. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES. Supervisor Evans Sr. –YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.
4. Broom for skid loader- Supervisor Evans Jr. got pricing on a new 72" pan broom from Joseph Auto Sale out of Sarver, PA. Broom will cost \$2,550.00 and can be picked up immediately.
Supervisor Evans Sr. made a motion to purchase new 72" Pan Broom for the skid loader. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES. Supervisor Evans Sr. –YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.

Good & Welfare of the Township:

1. The next Twp. Meeting will be here on, 5/4/22 at 7:00PM.
Supervisor Evans Jr. made a motion to adjourn meeting at approximately 9:14pm. Supervisor Lavery seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES. Supervisor Evans Sr. – YES. Supervisor Lavery – YES. Motion carried.