

WHITE TOWNSHIP MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS May 4, 2022

On Wednesday, May 4, 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 – *Absent*

Emily Dean, Secretary-Treasurer – *Present*

Marcia Musguire, Tax Collector – *Present*

Dan Burns, Code Enforcement- *Absent*

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

Supervisor Evans, Sr. made a motion to approve the April 6, 2022 meeting minutes.

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

Public Forum:

1. Amber Djan-2211 Short 10th Ave.: Amber just wanted to thank the Road crew and Supervisor Evans, Jr. for putting in the new storm drain grate on her road. She said it looks great.
2. Dan Swartz-1201 27th St.: First: Mr. Swartz wanted to bring up that we have 44 ordinances in our Township that are filed with the courthouse for protection incase anything were to happen in the office. He then let everyone know about PSATS where it states that the ordinance adopted by a Township are the law and have to be upheld. Second: Insurance liability. He wanted to know if the Fire Department has the Township listed as an additional insurer under their policy. Secretary was unsure if this was on file or not. He would like this issue to be addressed and make sure the Fire Department adds the Township under their policy. Solicitor Bible said he's going to research this and see if this needs to be done. Third: The use of personal property (vehicles or equipment) being used on Township property because of insurance liabilities. Supervisor Evans, Jr. directed that question to Solicitor Bible to answer. Supervisor Evans, Jr. did comment that in the past, the Township just had to have an addendum signed by both parties stating the Township wouldn't be responsible for injuries or damages to the equipment if someone was using their personal equipment. Supervisor Evans, Sr. also mentioned that the equipment and himself and Evans, Jr. are both fully insured and the Secretary has the insurance certificate on file. Solicitor Bible stated that if the Evans' have an insurance policy in place and their vehicles/equipment are insured then he doesn't see a problem. Solicitor Bible also stated it would be better if the Evans' would take even \$1 in the future and be contracted to do the job so there will be no issues or questions asked.

Reports:

- Earned Income Tax: \$4,172.36 was collected in April.
- Real Estate Tax & Fire Protection Fee: RE: \$57,986.36 & FF: \$1,564.00-collected in April
- Accounts Payable Summary & Payroll Summary: (AP = \$29,175.18) (PR = \$11,699.68)
- Police: April had 97 calls- 9 traffic citations and 1 traffic warning (Mr. Swartz brought up 2 cars down by him that do not have plates and he'd like towed away. Chief said for Mr. Swartz to email him with the information on which vehicles and he'll look into it.
- Code Enforcement: 3 new violations issued- 1 2nd notice and 2 citations filed with magistrate
- Fire Department: 2 calls- 1 structure fire in West Mayfield, 1 motor vehicle on Clayton.

- Road Crew: Mentioned residents are thanking them for the Cottage St. catch basin, and the playground mulch jobs. Supervisor Evans, Jr. mentioned more mulch might need to be added towards end of summer as it settles. Also, the pickup was inspected last month and all went well.

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

Correspondence:

1. Sharp Collections, Inc. letter to renew for the fiscal year 7/1/22-6/30/23-same terms as previous.
Supervisor Evans, Jr. made a motion to approve Sharp Collections for 7/1/22-6/30/23. Supervisor Evans, Sr. seconded. Supervisor Evans, Jr.-YES, Supervisor Evans, Sr.-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. Authorized design has been initiated for Old Steffin Hill and 11th Ave. sewer improvements. Surveys were completed on March 24, 2022-Per Supervisor Evans, Jr. the wrong sewer was surveyed originally and LSSE needs to come back out and survey the correct lines. We need to make a motion to advertise for the Old Steffin Hill project for bidding.

Supervisor Evans, Jr. made a motion to advertise Old Steffin Hill Project for bidding. Supervisor Evans, Sr. seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES, Supervisor Evans Sr. –YES motion carried.

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. -Need to make a motion to advertise this ordinance.

Supervisor Evans, Jr. made a motion to advertise Dye Test Ordinance No. 141. Supervisor Evans, Sr. seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. – YES, Supervisor Evans Sr. –YES motion carried.

- 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.

- Dye testing, Smoke testing and manhole physical surveys

3. **CFA Multimodal Grant (Mt. Washington Rds.):** We removed East Ave. off of the list of roads to be a part of this project, it's a dirt/gravel rd. Also want to look at 22nd Ave. as half of that road is Beaver Falls, not White Twp. A field meeting needs to be scheduled with BCCD to discuss scope prior to applying. Some roads in Mount Washington might be able to be covered under the dirt/gravel road grant. In order to apply for the dirt/gravel road grant Township staff would need to attend a 2-day training on Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance. This grant is on-going and can be applied for as soon as the training is complete. The engineers will send someone out to do a ride-a-long with Supervisors to determine the scope between both grants. We will re-apply for the CFA Multimodal 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.
4. **Multimodal Grant-12th Ave. Bridge Project (PennDOT):** Grant awarded was the amount requested (\$400,600.00) with a 30% local share matched required (\$120,200.00). Field surveys are complete, base map drawings are being prepared to proceed with design.
5. **CFA 2022 Local Share Account (LSA) Statewide:** LSSE submitted LSA Grant application and we are awaiting award or rejection from the Commonwealth Financing Authority/DCED for the following:
 - Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation- \$560,430.00
 - Road Improvement Program- \$868,584.00
6. Get pricing to replace manhole covers for our existing size instead of replacing the entire casting.
 - Manhole cover for Anna & Craighead

7. Front street & 22nd Ave. storm drain-look into sleeving existing

New Business:

1. Installing cameras at the garage and office buildings- Both Supervisor Evans, Jr. & Sr. agreed that we should look into pricing for both security system companies that include cameras and alarms and also look into just purchasing the cameras outright and installing ourselves. Mr. Nesmith spoke up and said it's a necessary evil, we need to have a security system at both the Township building and Township garage.

Supervisor Evans, Sr. made a motion to check prices on cameras/security systems. Supervisor Evans, Jr. seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. - YES, Supervisor Evans Sr. -YES motion carried.

2. Replace springs on dump truck since they're broken: Supervisor Evans, Jr. said the pricing will be roughly \$1,100.00 to replace springs.

Supervisor Evans, Jr. made a motion to fix springs on dump truck. Supervisor Evans, Sr. seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. - YES, Supervisor Evans Sr. -YES motion carried

3. Repair/replace sewer at above grade crossing along the railroad: this is on the 11th Ave. right-away, 2900 block below 12th Ave.

Supervisor Evans, Jr. made a motion to repair/replace sewer. Supervisor Evans, Sr. seconded. Supervisor Evans Jr. - YES, Supervisor Evans Sr. -YES motion carried.

Good & Welfare of the Township:

1. Township building will be closed for business on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 due to voting. It will be open Monday, May 16, 2022 as a result.
2. The 2021 Audit is complete, it will be advertised in the Beaver County Times on 5/5/22 and is available for public inspection.
3. The next Twp. Meeting will be here on 6/1/22 at 7:00PM.

Supervisor Evans, Jr. made a motion to move into an Executive Session at 8:13pm. Supervisor Evans, Sr. seconded. Supervisor Evans, Jr. - YES. Supervisor Evans, Sr. - YES. Motion carried.

The Executive Session began at 8:30PM. Supervisor Evans, Jr. made a motion to close the Executive Session at approximately 8:38PM. Supervisor Evans, Sr. seconded. Supervisor Evans, Jr. - YES. Supervisor Evans, Sr. - YES. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Supervisor Evans, Jr. made a motion to close the May 4, 2022 Regular Meeting at approximately 8:38PM. Supervisor Evans, Sr. seconded. Supervisor Evans, Jr. - YES. Supervisor Evans, Sr. - YES. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.