

Donegal Township
Monday, April 15, 2019
DRAFT*Board Meeting Minutes*****

Donegal Township Municipal Building – Meeting Room
24 N. Liberty Street
West Alexander, PA 15376

Supervisor Ed Shingle called the meeting to order at 7 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an announcement that the meeting was being recorded.

Announcement of meetings:

None

Roll call:

Present were Supervisors Edward Shingle Jr., Kathleen Croft, Douglas Teagarden, Tammi Iams and Secretary Sharon Balach.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Teagarden made a motion to approve the minutes as being true and correct as presented for the Supervisor monthly meeting held on March 18, 2019 and Donegal Township Special Meeting on April 1, 2019. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 3 YES 0 NO 1 Abstained – Mrs. Iams

3. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. Mr. Teagarden made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report dated March 19, 2019 through April 15, 2019. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO

B. Mr. Teagarden made a motion to pay bills. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion. After discussion, Mr. Teagarden amended his motion to pay the bills minus \$78.51 off of Makel & Associates bill. Mrs. Croft seconded the amended motion.

Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Code Enforcement: Chief Yancosek reported AGL is still in the permitting process and another erosion control inspection is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019. Widmer Engineer is sending a letter to AGL about the damages and required repairs.

A letter was sent to a Donegal Avenue address and if they don't respond, there will be a search warrant and the building code official will inspect it.

The main computer in the police station shut down and the mother board has been replaced.

B. Engineer: No Report. Mrs. Iams stated that Ed Kraushaar has received the drawings from Harshman regarding the electric to the new garage.

C. Fire Department: Eric Graham reported in the month of February, there were 18 calls for service.

D. Fire Marshall: None.

E. Office: Mrs. Iams that the office is running good.

F. Water/sewage: Mrs. Iams reported the Chapter 110 report has been done. The pumps will ship out at the end of April. We do have water leaks that are resulting in 13,500 gallons lost per day which equals a 27% loss. Mr. Foris says that loss is acceptable.

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- G. Parks & Rec: Jackie Peklinsky reported that the exercise room has been good. There was \$120.00 in deposits and no expenses for last month.
- H. Police Department: Chief Yancosek gave a report for the month of March that there were 124 calls for service. Rodney Bush has completed the minimum of 40 hours of training and has been included in the schedule. The new police vehicle has been ordered and should be in by the end of the month.
- I. Road Department: Mr. Shingle reported the road crew is cutting back along the roads and dragging the dirt & gravel roads. Street sweeping will begin this week (April 15, 16 & 17).
- J. Solicitor: We interviewed 2 solicitors and we are going to schedule an interview with a third one. Mr. Teagarden made a motion to hire Lieker & Lieker. Mrs. Iams seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 2 YES 2 NO – Mr. Shingle & Mrs. Croft

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ICR invoices: Mr. Teagarden made a motion to table. Mrs. Iams seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 2 YES 2 NO – Mr. Shingle & Mrs. Croft
Motion failed.
- B. UPMC Rates: Mr. Teagarden made a motion to renew the same plan. Mrs. Iams seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO
- C. Washington Co. Planning Commission Model Resolution: Tabled
- D. Huston Security Systems for the garage: Tabled
- E. West Penn Power LED street Lighting Agreement: Mrs. Croft and Secretary Sharon suggested that we contact Randy Durr to come and discuss the LED lighting.
- F. Water/Sewer Supervisor: Tabled
- G. Verizon Occupancy Permit: Mr. Teagarden made a motion to approve. Motion died for lack of a second.
- H. Harshman Group Code Enforcement: Tabled

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Interview new Supervisor: Richard Fidler, Thomas Greaves, Jonathan Plants, and Lee Rodgers. Mrs. Croft made a motion to appoint Jonathan Plants. Mr. Shingle seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 2 YES 2 NO - Mrs. Iams & Mr. Teagarden
Mr. Teagarden made a motion to defer the vote to the vacancy board any time after the 18th. Motion withdrawn by Mr. Teagarden.
Mr. Shingle made a motion to appoint Thomas Greaves. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 2 YES 2 NO – Mrs. Iams & Mr. Teagarden
Mr. Teagarden made a motion to appoint Lee Rodgers. Motion died for lack of a second.
Mr. Teagarden made a motion to appoint Richard Fiddler. Mrs. Iams seconded the motion.
Roll Call of votes: 2 YES 2 NO – Mrs. Croft & Mr. Shingle
There was discussion about the vacancy board taking over.
Mr. Teagarden motioned to appoint Bus McAdoo. Motion died for lack of a second.
Mr. Shingle made a motion to have a vacancy board meeting on April 22, 2019 at 7pm and to advertise that anyone interested will be considered. Mr. Teagarden seconded the motion. Mrs. Croft would like the candidates stay the same and not open to any other residents. JD Martin, as Chairman of the Vacancy Board, would like to have open interviews.
Roll call of votes: 0 YES 4 NO Mr. Shingle withdrew the motion.
Mr. Teagarden made a motion to approve the advertising and the funding of the vacancy board meeting on April 22nd at 7pm if necessary and to include open interviews. Mr. Shingle seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO

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- B. Hewitt Subdivision: Mr. Shingle made a motion to approve the Hewitt subdivision. Mr. Teagarden seconded the motion. Mr. Teagarden suggested to consider putting the planning commission back together.
Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO
- C. Award ADS Co-op Bids: Mr. Teagarden made a motion to accept the bids for oil & stone. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO
- D. Washington Co. Tax Collection – Study of EIT Collection System: Tabled
- E. Notice of intent – Tunnel Ridge (Phase 2 Pump station): Mrs. Iams made a motion to table. Mr. Shingle seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO
- F. Award Bids from JMPP: Mr. Teagarden made a motion to approve the bids from JMPP for stone and culvert pipes. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO
- G. Execute Redevelopment Authority Contract – Police Car: Mr. Teagarden made a motion to approve the contract for the new police car. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO
- H. 2 Campground Permits Approval – Doug Thomas: Mr. Teagarden made a motion to approve both permits. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 3 YES 0 NO 1 – Abstain – Mrs. Iams
- I. Close Water/Sewer Petty Cash: Mr. Teagarden made a motion to close the water/sewer petty cash account. Mr. Shingle seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO
- J. Add PLGIT Prime to current PLGIT Accounts: Mr. Teagarden made a motion to add Prime PLGIT. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO
- K. Refund General Account \$19,627.41 from Liquid Fuel Account to reimburse road crew wages for equipment repairs and snow plowing: Mr. Teagarden made a motion to refund said monies. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.
Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO
- L. Three Rivers Festival Donation: Mr. Teagarden made a motion to donate up to \$5,000 for the festival. Jackie Peklinski from Parks-n-Rec was not available for discussion. Motion died for lack of a second.
- M. Act 172 Resolutions: Mrs. Iams reported that we are waiting for the fire department. Eric Graham said that the West Alexander Fire Department has submitted the information. Mrs. Iams said that they will proceed with the resolutions.
Roll call of votes: 1 YES 2 NO – Mrs. Croft & Mr. Shingle
- N. Review suggestions from the auditor's report: Tabled
- O. Set a date for a public meeting concerning tax abatement: Tabled

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Shingle made a motion to go into executive session. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 2 YES 0 NO – Mrs. Iams & Mr. Teagarden

Mr. Teagarden suggested that we wait until we have legal council before going into executive session.

8. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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9. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Kenneth Lizon (9 yr. resident - Waynesburg Road) raised concerns about the gun range being used from early morning until 10 pm. He wants to know if anything could be done to limit the hours of operation. Chief Yancosek suggested that one or more of the Supervisors go out and talk to the gun range owner, Tredd Barton.
- B. Dave Ealy (Shaler Road) had concerns about issues with the Board and the road department. He questioned the surcharge from last year. There were also issues about the board department heads. He wants the harassment and conflict to stop.
- C. Betty Shingle would like to move forward and stop looking back. 'Let's take care of the issues at hand.'
- D. Darren Iams talked about the campground permits and asked the Board to get rid of the campground permitting.
- E. Butch Gilmore commented on Grimes Road and why it is still closed.
- F. Bill Riggle has a problem with the fact sheet and made comments on several issues on the sheet.
- G. Marcie Wright commented that it appears that all public comments deal with the past and why can't we all just move forward.
- H. Tom McConn suggested that the whole board resign.
- I. Jack Dewar commented that there should be a nuisance ordinance for the noise.
- J. Eric Graham stated that the gun range applied for and received his ATF license for explosive magazine at the range.
- K. Tammy Malson made a comment about the Liquid Fuel audit.
- L. Doug Teagarden commented on the grievances and issues in the office.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Iams made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Teagarden seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 0 YES 4 NO

Mr. Shingle made a motion to continue the meeting on April 16, 2019 at 7pm for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Hofrichter. Mr. Teagarden seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 4 YES 0 NO

Sharon J Balach
Secretary/Treasurer

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