

Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 20, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Donegal Township was called to order by Chairman Richard Fidler at 7:09 p.m. The meeting was held as a virtual meeting utilizing a Zoom Video Conferencing Application with residents attending by computer, cell phone or landline due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Board Members in attendance by Roll Call: Richard Fidler, Tammi Iams, Richard Martin, Kathleen Croft, Edward Shingle. Also in attendance: Lane Turturice—Solicitor, Judith Taylor—Secretary/Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. Chairman Fidler announced the meeting was being recorded, and the video would be posted to the Township website.

Public Comment On Agenda Items Only:

Chad Thomas, 50 Shaler Road, West Alexander PA, submitted an emailed comment requesting the Township send a letter to the offices of the state, county stating that the Board of Supervisors are in opposition to the Governor's stay-at-home order and closure of businesses as the order is in opposition to citizen's civil rights as granted by the U.S. Constitution.

Betty Shingle, 385 Lake Road, West Alexander PA commented Mr. Thomas was requesting a letter from the Township.

Motion to draft a letter of solidarity with those in opposition to the overreach of the Governor and State Department of Health's stay-at-home order, and send it to the offices of state and county representatives

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

Mr. Shingle stated he did not have sufficient time to review the minutes prior to the meeting and did not receive a full copy of the Treasurer's Report before the meeting.

Motion to table the minutes from the Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting held on March 30, 2020

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to go to executive session for reasons of personnel

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated March 30, 2020 through April 20, 2020

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the invoices submitted by the solicitor, Turturice & Associates, and the labor counsel, Timothy Berggren.

Motion to approve the bills as listed on the unpaid bill list

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

The Code Enforcement Report was read by Judith Taylor. Two complaints were followed up on dealing with garbage dumping and a possible structure too close to the township right of way.

Eric Graham, Township Fire Marshal, presented the Fire Department report for March 2020. There were 29 calls for service, average response time of 10 minutes, 411 ½ man hours. Mr. Graham stated the current COVID-19 restrictions in place appear to be having the desired results of reducing the rate of transmission. Mr. Graham had no Fire Marshal report.

Ms. Iams presented the Water and Office reports. She reported that all required reports had been submitted to PA DEP.

There was no report on Parks & Recreation.

Chief John Yancosek presented the Police report for March 2020. There were 552 man hours, 74 calls for service, 181 events. Also attached were reports for Claysville Borough.

Mr. Fidler presented the road report. The road crew cleaned out culverts, placed pipes on some roads. SWN had responded that payment for the invoice for repairs to Main Road had been addressed and pictures of the current damages were sent to SWN.

Motion to have the Road Department submit a written monthly report the same as the other department heads

Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Edward Shingle

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to layoff three road crew employees until the stay-at-home order has been lifted

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—no, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

The solicitor presented his report stating Dennis Makel had not yet discussed the proposed agreement with Buffalo Township; negotiations are proceeding with the police union representatives; and he would be sending correspondence to the Board concerning the insurance company handling an issue in litigation.

Motion to fire Turturice & Associates as Township solicitor

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

Betty Shingle, 385 Lake Road, commented there were valid reasons for the motion.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 3-2020, A Resolution of Donegal Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, Extending The Discount Period For The Payment Of Real Estate Taxes To June 15, 2020 And The Face Due Date To August 15, 2020

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to reject all bids for #8 stone received on the A.D.S. Co-op Bid dated March 24, 2020 and opened on April 14, 2020

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the bid from Greer Limestone in the amount of \$23.40 per ton for 1,500 tons of #67 Aggregate per PennDOT Pub 408, Section 480, as bid on the A.D.S. Co-op Bid dated March 24, 2020 and opened on April 14, 2020.

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Tammi Iams

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the bid from Suit-Kote in the amount of \$1.938 per gallon for 70,000 gallons of CRS-2 (E-3 Emulsified Asphalt), as bid on the A.D.S. Co-op Bid dated March 24, 2020 and opened on April 14, 2020.

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Tammi Iams

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize continued use of the 2020 Summer Joint Municipal Purchasing Program, as the bidders have agreed to hold their bid prices for each municipality on a month to month basis due to the Coronavirus state of emergency

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

Sherry Laird, 393 Delashawn Road, commented that a Supervisor stated that Donegal Township was under a police state.

Motion to extend public comment at the end of the meeting

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

Motion to approve the request received from Danielle Baldwin for waiver of rent for the second floor of the Township Building for the month(s) that the Daycare facility must remain closed due to the Coronavirus state of emergency, for two months and contingent that she does not also receive federal funds

Motion by Richard Martin, Second by Richard Fidler

Prior to the vote, Mr. Martin amended and restated the motion with the second of Mr. Fidler as follows:

Motion to approve the request received from Danielle Baldwin for waiver of rent for the second floor of the Township Building due to the Coronavirus state of emergency for two months with forgiveness contingent that she applies for federal stimulus funds, and if received by the end of the year, pays back the amount of rent forgiven; if stimulus funds not received, forgiveness stands

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to hire Brittan Laird as a full-time police officer as soon as he is eligible

Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Edward Shingle

Prior to the vote a motion to table was made as follows:

Motion to table the motion to hire Brittan Laird as a full-time police officer as soon as he is eligible

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

Motion to remove Richard Martin as the supervisor of the Police Department due to a bias statement

Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Edward Shingle

Prior to the vote a motion to table was made as follows:

Motion to table the motion to remove Richard Martin as the supervisor of the Police Department

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion carried.


Judith L. Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer