

Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 22, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Donegal Township was called to order by Chairman Richard Fidler at 7:00 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, in-person by choice, 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.

Chairman Fidler announced an executive session was held Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss potential litigation, personnel issues, and sale and/or lease of real estate.

Chairman Fidler announced an executive session was held Friday, June 19, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Public Comment On Agenda Items Only:

Supervisor Croft read a statement from an unnamed concerned citizen regarding solicitor invoice charges for police department contract discussions.

Motion to adopt the meeting agenda as presented
Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Richard Martin
Roll Call Vote: Fidler-yes, Iams-yes, Martin-yes, Croft-yes, Shingle-no. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly meeting
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 approve the Treasurer's report dated May 19, 2020 through June 17, 2020
Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler
Roll Call Vote: Fidler-yes, Iams-yes, Martin-yes, Croft-no, Shingle-no. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the bills as listed on the unpaid bill lists dated as of June 5, 2020, and dated as of June 30, 2020
Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin
Prior to the vote, a motion to table was made as follows:

Motion to table the motion to approve the bills as listed on the unpaid bill lists dated as of June 5, 2020, and dated as of June 30, 2020
Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Edward Shingle
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

The Code Enforcement report was presented by Richard Fidler. There were no new violations, hearings or complaints.

The Fire Department report was presented by Fire Chief Eric Graham. There were 22 calls for service, \$35,000 in fire damages and one loss of life. The average response time was 10 minutes, 57 seconds, 175 man hours. He also noted water on the road that may be from a waterline leak, which was confirmed by Ms. Iams.

Eric Graham presented the Fire Marshal report. An investigation into the house fire that resulted in the loss of life was turned over to the State Police; and he had contacted four businesses concerning the requirement for Knox Boxes and would be contacting the remaining businesses.

There was no Parks and Rec report.

The Office and Water report was presented by Tammi Iams.

Motion to approve the renewal of the liability insurance package received from PIRMA in the amount of \$39,223.00

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

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

Motion to table renewal of the liability insurance to the next meeting

Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Edward Shingle

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

Roll Call Vote to approve renewal of the liability insurance package: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

Motion to sign any and all documents supplied by Community Bank to update signatories on all loans and/or lines of credit, with the five Supervisors and the Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

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

Motion to update policies and procedures and rental application for use and/or rental of Township buildings and facilities

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

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

The Board discussed the expiration of the agreement to purchase bulk water from Wheeling Water and to begin negotiations on a successor agreement. The secretary will contact Wheeling Water to discuss the procedure for beginning the successor agreement.

Motion to approve revised letter to the Commonwealth Financing Authority due to reduction in the requested grant/match amount to \$117,000.00/\$21,000.00 due to a reduction by the Authority in the scope of the Dry Ridge Road Utility Relocation Project

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Kathleen Croft

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

The Board discussed the quotes received for the Storm Water Repairs for the Sewage Treatment Plant Project. Mr. Shingle had spoken to the engineer who said the road crew could perform the work themselves. Ed Kraushaar stated there are underground electric lines that would be a major concern for the road crew.

Motion to reject all quotes received for the Storm Water Repairs for Sewage Treatment Plant Project and have the road crew complete the work

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 accept the lowest responsible quote received in the amount of \$18,790.00 and award the project for the Storm Water Repairs for Sewage Treatment Plant Project to Slusarczyk Excavating LLC

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Prior to the vote, Ms. Iams amended her motion, with the agreement of Mr. Fidler, to add “to be paid out of the Act 13 Fund”

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

Eric Graham, 83 Highland Avenue, commented the Board should have obtained other quotes for liability insurance prior to the meeting, and the road crew doing the work on the Storm Water Project would cost less than the quoted contractor's price.

Ms. Iams notified the Board that Judy Taylor had satisfied her probationary period.

The Police Department report was read by the secretary in its entirety in the absence of Chief Yancosek. There were approximately 505 man hours in shared police services, 102 calls for service, 2,901 miles patrolled and 236.2 gallons of fuel used. In addition to the police report, Chief Yancosek sent an email asking the Board to consider appointing Brittan Laird to full time status and moving ahead with the interviews of the applicants for part time officers. Chairman Fidler stated that the interviews had been scheduled.

The Road Department report was presented by Richard Fidler. The road crew sawcut pipe crossings on Waynesburg Road, put stone in ditch line on Tunnel Street, filled holes on Main Road, street sweeping, worked on slip on Wilhelm Road, need to sign proposals for Suit-Kote—Midland and Russell Standard did not call back, replaced a pipe on Gashel Road.

Motion to approve quote received from Suit-Kote Corporation-PA West in the amount of \$20,745.00 for the application of stone by Suit-Kote to various roads in the Township using their equipment and work crew, with the Township providing the stone and loader to load Suit-Kote tri-axles

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Richard Martin

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

Mr. Fidler stated that the Suit-Kote invoice will be paid out of the Liquid Fuels Fund.

Motion to approve quote received from Suit-Kote Corporation-PA West in the amount of \$3,900.79 for the application of Suit-Kote E-1 Prime to various roads in the Township using their equipment and work crew, prior to seal coat application, to be paid out of the Act 13 Fund

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Richard Martin

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

The Board discussed the proposed purchase of a road grader with specs received from a number of manufacturers. There was concern on the proposed cost of the equipment.

Motion to approve transfer of funds from Act 13 Fund to General Fund in the amount of \$5,157.00 to reimburse for costs paid over the grant amount

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

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

The solicitor had no report.

Ms. Iams stated she had prepared a draft township internet use and social media policy that she will send to the Board members for their review.

Motion to take off the table the motion to hire Brittan Laird as a full time police officer as soon as eligible

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 take off the table the motion to remove Supervisors authority to spend \$2,500 per month per department unless for equipment or tires

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 take off the table the motion for the Board of Supervisors sit down with Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors to work on the contract for police services

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 take off the table the motion to move forward with the lawsuit filed by Donegal Township against the Donegal Police Bargaining Unit
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 take off the table the motion to have the Board of Supervisors meet with Timothy Berggren
Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Edward Shingle
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

Motion to take off the table the motion to uphold the motion from January 6, 2020 Board meeting for all labor negotiations and labor issues to be handled by Timothy Berggren, including the road department
Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Edward Shingle
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—yes, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to uphold the motion from January 6, 2020 Board meeting for all labor negotiations and labor issues to be handled by Timothy Berggren, including the road department
Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Edward Shingle
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

Motion to approve MarkWest Liberty Midstream & Resources LLC application for Heavy Hauling Permit for 1.31 miles on Hicks Road, with permit fee of \$250.00, completed application, contractors list and certificate of insurance have been received
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 approve MarkWest Liberty Midstream & Resources LLC application for Heavy Hauling Permit for .74 miles on Wilhelm Road, with permit fee of \$250.00, completed application, contractors list and certificate of insurance have been received
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 hold the next meeting as an in-person meeting as per the Emergency Management Coordinator's recommendation, as long as the County is still in green phase
Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Edward Shingle
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

Motion to approve the Buffalo contract as presented
Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

Tom Greaves, 647 Old Brick Road, West Alexander, commented that Buffalo Township is begging for police services and West Finley Township also wants Donegal's police services.

Sherry Laird, 393 Delashawn Road, commented on the proposed rate for the police services to Buffalo.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

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

Motion to table the motion to adjourn at 10:28 p.m.

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft

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

Roll Call Vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m.: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion carried.


Judith L. Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer