

Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 21, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Donegal Township was called to order by Chairman Richard Fidler at 7:15 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, and in-person 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 is also being recorded by the public.

Chairman Fidler announced an executive session was held on September 15, 2020 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:37 p.m. for purposes of personnel and potential litigation. All Board members and the solicitor were in attendance.

Mr. Fidler made a statement that the minutes will be official actions of the Board and who gave public comment along with the topic they commented on. They are not a transcript.

Public Comment On Agenda Items Only:

Rita Melton and Rick Newton, representing CAPRI, Claysville Area Preservation and Revitalization Initiative, presented an update on the recent activities and accomplishments of the Initiative with written materials for the Board's review, and thanked the Township for their support.

Gary Irey, 331 Dry Ridge Road, West Alexander PA, questioned the progress of the Dry Ridge Road Project to move his water and sewer lines out of his easement and into the township right-of-way along the road. He also requested to check to see if the sewage line is leaking, repair it if necessary and place dirt on the lines for protection against weather. Mr. Fidler stated the township would research the matter and respond to Mr. Irey.

Thomas Teagarden, 13 S. Liberty Street, West Alexander PA, addressed the Board to request the township consider an ordinance to hold landlords responsible for nuisance tenants, and will get a copy of an ordinance that he said Chief Yancosek has and suggested the Board obtain copies of similar ordinances from other municipalities for review.

J. D. Martin, 15 Lake Road, West Alexander PA, commented that the Board should have in-person meetings again.

Kathleen Miller, 29 S. Liberty Street, West Alexander PA, commented that zoom meetings should continue for the public to attend as they pleased.

Katherine Prescott, 162 Ramage Road, West Alexander PA, commented that some comments were too loud and those speaking should state their name when commenting.

Motion to adopt the meeting agenda as presented

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 minutes from the August 17, 2020 Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly meeting

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Tammi Iams

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2020 Board of Supervisors Special Meeting

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 approve the Treasurer's report dated August 13, 2020 through September 16, 2020

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

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

The Board reviewed the unpaid bill list.

Motion to approve the bills as listed on the unpaid bill list dated as of September 30, 2020

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Prior to the vote, Ms. Iams amended and restated the motion as follows:

Motion to approve the bills as listed on the unpaid bill list dated as of September 30, 2020; and to remove the Murphy Tractor invoice for the grader purchase in the amount of \$266,000; to pay the Murphy Tractor invoice for the grader rental in the amount of \$8,000.00; and to remove the Donald Growden invoice for stone purchase in the amount of \$28,608.30, all noted bills were from the Act 13 Fund unpaid bill list

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

The Code Enforcement report for August 2020 was read by Secretary/Treasurer Judy Taylor.

Eric Graham, Township Fire Marshal, presented the Fire Department report for August 2020 and the Fire Marshal report for August 2020.

Sarah Boyce, Widmer Engineering, presented the engineer report on Water and Sewer Projects. She recommended that when a new sewer tap is requested, the appropriate sewage planning is submitted as well as the purchase cost of the sewer tap. She also suggested that the township adopt the Washington County Model Ordinance for Stormwater Management. The Board will review the model ordinance that is on the County website for the next meeting. There will only be minor revisions necessary to meet the township's specific requirements. She

also requested the Board revisit the Local Share Account grant as the PA Small Water grant request was not funded.

Motion to authorize the engineer to apply to the Redevelopment Authority for a Local Share Account grant for the water portion of the Dry Ridge Road project, instead of the sewer portion as per a previous motion, and to investigate possible Pennvest funding

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

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

Motion to accept the quote from Stewart Contracting for the replacement of three (3) fire hydrants, labor and equipment only in the amount of \$8,500.00, to be paid out of the Act 13 Fund, with the hydrant purchase cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 per hydrant

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 approve a quote for Job No 46185 from Industrial Pump and Motor Repair Ltd., for repair of a 7.5hp Hydromatic Submersible pump in the amount of \$2,986.00, to be paid out of Act 13 Fund; and to get quotes for the purchase of a new 7.5hp pump with the warranty to be supplied in writing

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Edward Shingle

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

The Board will continue their review and supply any comments on the Proposed Watermain and Sewage Rules and Regulations.

Secretary/Treasurer Judy Taylor read the August 2020 Parks & Recreation report.

Chief John Yancosek presented the Police report for August 2020.

Motion to approve Rodney Bush to take leave as according to the Memorandum of Understanding

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft

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

Motion to table the motion to approve Rodney Bush to take leave as according to the Memorandum of Understanding

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

Prior to the vote, Mr. Shingle withdrew his motion to approve Rodney Bush leave and Ms. Croft withdrew her second. Ms. Iams withdrew her motion to table and Mr. Martin withdrew his second.

Ed Kraushaar presented the road report.

Motion to approve payment to A.D.S. Co-op for Required Contribution for 2020 Equipment and Repairs, in the amount of \$1,000.00, to be paid out of the Liquid Fuels Fund

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 approve SWN Production Company LLC Heavy Hauling Permit for 1.1 miles on Greaves Road, with application fee of \$250.00, escrow in the amount of \$3,000.00, contractors list, required road bond, certificate of insurance have been received, and the road has been videoed, subject to new insurance certificate received and new signature page completed

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Richard Martin

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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 on motion to approve SWN Production Company LLC Heavy Hauling Permit for 1.1 mile on Greaves Road: Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

Motion to approve filing a Charge of Unfair Labor Practice against the Police Association as discussed in Executive Session on September 15, 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 advance litigation filed at Washington County Docket No. 2020-382, as discussed in Executive Session on September 15, 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 table to consider request from West Alexander Presbyterian Church for funding for a new roof on the West Alexander Town Gazebo in budget year 2020 or 2021

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Richard Fidler

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

Motion to approve the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Donegal Township (Washington County) Pension Plan (63-063-5 N)

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Tammi Iams

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

Motion to set Halloween Trick or Treat date and time to be the same as Claysville Borough

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Richard Martin

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 p.m.

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft

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



Judith L. Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer