

May 9, 2018
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular May meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Ken Coles on May 9, 2018 at 7:01 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building. Chairman Kenneth Coles, Vice Chair Brian Non and Supervisor Russell Curtis were present.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Hearing Check / Meeting is audio and visual recorded - Noted

C. Public Comment – Items on the Agenda Only – Ken Swan brought up the poor condition of Elk Lake Drive, calling it an “obstacle course”. Chair Coles said that Representative Jonathan Fritz and others have been contacted. Supervisor Curtis noted that PennDOT has taken Rte. 170, White Oak Drive, and Elk Lake Drive off of their schedule due to budgetary issues. Chair Coles encouraged audience members to write or phone everyone, including PennDOT. Supervisor Curtis noted that calling the local Honesdale number will not be effective and that concerned citizens should call the district office. Matt Curtis inquired about Bob Bates’ bill on UCC account on the bills list, to which Chair Coles reply that Bates, as the Clinton Township building inspector generated his own income and that Clinton Township received a small portion of monies collected. A citizen complained that road workers had cut brush on Smith Road and threw it over the fence unto his property. He noted that the refuse used to be burned. Vice Chair Non noted that while that was no longer legal, he would send guys over to take care of the problem. It was brought up that inmates came and did work for the Township and did a good job.

D. Minutes of Regular Meeting April 11, 2018- Supervisor Cole made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to accept the minutes of the regular April 11, 2018 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.

E. Road Plan – Vice Chair Non expressed that brush was being cut back from the road. Sluice pipes are being dealt with on the black top portion of Smith Road and that ditches will be worked taking place on both sides of Smith Road. There will be work on the berm from Boot’s place to the blacktopped portion.

F. Treasurer’s Report Including Bills for Payment – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to pay all of the bills as presented. All voted yes. The motion carried.

G. Road Master Report – Road Master Non stated that he and Kip met that evening and that grading would start on Monday. He then moved the conversation to the purchase of a township truck. He stated that he had gotten quotes from Stevenson Equipment (2017 F550 \$46,625, Body Plow \$34,830, with \$27,500 trade in for a total of \$53,955) / Watson Diesel (2018 F-550 \$37,050 from Hondru \$48,375, with trade in of \$25,000 for a total of \$60,425 and Hondru Ford. Hondru came in with the best price overall at \$48,375.00 with a trade in valued at \$25,000.00. John Bonham will outfit the truck to the Township’s specifications for a cost of \$33,274.00 for a total cost to the Township of \$56,649.00. Vice Chair Non had handwritten quotes with the actual quotes on company letterhead to follow. In the ensuing conversation it was noted by Non that big trucks cost between one hundred fifteen thousand and one hundred ninety thousand and that Buckingham Township was getting a new truck and selling their used one for between fifty and seventy thousand. It was brought up that this new vehicle would have a standard warrenty, the dump boxes would work with a toggle switch, and the projected date for the new truck was September. Hondru will work with the township, allowing us to keep the old truck until the new one is ready. Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to buy the truck from Hondru to be outfitted by John Bonham. All voted yes. The motion carried.

H. Open Issues – Maureen Freed’s speaking about the Clinton Township website saying that it was ready to launch today. Mickey Uzupes, who heads up the host Wayne County website was in attendance and took a

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few minutes to thank the Board of Supervisors for being the first township to participate. She noted that the being represented on the Wayne County site allowed Clinton Township to have an onsite presence in a way that was specifically designed for government entities, with unlimited amount of space, with more flexibility that was mobile friendly, allowing constituents to get useful and valuable information without phone calls. Chair Coles asked her to let everyone know what this was costing the township, to which Mickey excitedly explained that it was a free service that cost Clinton Township nothing. She also said that there would be a press release telling of an unveiling of the Clinton Township web page the following day. Township 2018 minutes are now available online at clintontownshipwaynecountypa.gov

- a. **House numbers on mail boxes for emergency location** – Chief Debevec showed two signs showing Clinton Township’s numeric address of 1799 written on both sides. One sign showed the numbers written horizontally and the other displayed vertical numbers. Either type can be purchased from the Browndale Fire Company for thirteen dollars. Signs can be displayed on a pole which can be purchased for an additional three dollars. He said that the fire company is gifting the signs to the township as a demo and he stated his desire that if a house can’t be found you have thirty days to put up a sign or you get a fine. Checks can be made out to the Browndale Fire Company. Chair Coles spoke up and reminded citizens to include a charitable donation in the check as well.
- b. **Proposed bid to have larger trees cut to clear canopy** – During the Road Master Report Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to put out for bid to cut back the overhang on Town Hill Road for Bid. He would want chipping and clean up work done on an hourly basis, with the number of hours to be determined by the Supervisors. All voted yes. The motion carried. Ray Vogt reminded Vice Chair Non that there are parts of Town Hill Road with canopy, and that if it were not for those trees, there would be twice as much road dust.

I. New Business

- a. **Emergency Repair on Brace Brook Bridge** – It was explained by Vice Chair Non that 911 was called and that the bridge was eroding on one side under which Kohrs put an “I beam” under that side. Chair Coles explained that it was a temporary repair and that DEP permits were needed to make more permanent fixes and that there should be a weight restriction until the permanent fix was in place.
- b. **Michael J. Farley, Septic Permit Exemption** – Michael Farley explained that the township had granted a Burrier Road subdivision request not too long ago, and that he had talked to SEO Chis Martin and learned that, according to a DEP PA Code that as long as certain conditions are met there could be granted a Septic Permit Exemption. The conditions include that the individual township would have no ordinances against it, and the residential structure would be lived in by the owner on a piece of property of ten acres or more. DEP has a two-page form that needs to be filled out. After approval by the Clinton Township Supervisors, SEO Chris Martin would need to also sign the form, which would then require DEP signatures. Chair Coles stated that before making a decision on this matter he would like to consult the solicitor and PSATS. Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to table the issue and re-address it next month. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- c. **Medico Industries is having “Government Day 2018” on Thursday, May 17th in Wilkes Barre, PA. An RSVP is required.** – No interest was expressed in attending.
- d. **Pike County Council of Governments is sponsoring a free Subdivisions and Land Developments Workshop on Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in Lord’s Valley, PA.** – No interest was expressed in attending.
- e. **Pennsylvania 811 is offering a free session on safe digging at the Convention Mohegan Sun Arena on May 17, 2018.** – Chair Coles noted that he had gone last year. No interest was expressed in attending.

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- f. Emergency Management Agency EMC Training originally scheduled for May 16 has been rescheduled for May 23, 2018** – No interest was expressed in attending.
- J. Bowndale Fire Department** – Chief Debevic gave an oral report. A written report is on file. Chair Coles inquired as to how many citizens purchased address number signs, to which Chief Debevic replied six, which included the purchase by Chair Coles, himself. Chair Coles encouraged all citizens to purchase signage that would easily identify locations to fire, ambulance, and other emergency personnel.
- K. Public Comment** – Ken Swan inquired about the nuisance property on Stanton Drive, to which Vice Chair Non replied that they could talk later. Chair Coles talked about the Elk Lake Drive property which had received a nuisance violation. He had given the owners ten days to take care of the problems. Due predominantly to weather the owners had asked for an extension. Because they were working with him, he had granted an additional two weeks. Citizen Ray Vogt changed the direction of the conversation stating that he had read an article about two roads that were equally ditched, one in full sun and one canopied with shade. According to that article the shaded, canopied road lasts longer and is less dusty. Ron Poska concurred, saying that a “road umbrella” is good and makes the dust control calcium last longer. Supervisor Curtis stated that he would rather see township money spent on ditching roads rather than cutting shade. Vice Chair Non said that the grader has to go through first. He then asked Secretary Droppa to send a thank you to Wayne County Prison, as the prisoners did a really good job on township roads. He would like to use them again in the future, possibly for trash pick-up, but that would leave the issue of what to do with the trash. Maureen Freed announced that NEPA Recycle.com had information on what to do with refuse on their website. Matt Curtis inquired if the prison workers were the reason the payroll costs were lower this month. He then asked if the previous time-card issue was old news. Chair Coles let him know that the time card issue has been corrected and current time cards all have proper documentation
- L. Adjournment** – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. All voted yes. The motion carried.