

July 8, 2020
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular July meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman James Zefran on July 8, 2020 at 7:03 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building garage for purposes of social distancing. Chairman James Zefran, and Vice Chair Brian Non were in attendance. Supervisor Russell Curtis attended electronically via phone. Solicitor Jeffrey Treat was also in attendance.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Hearing Check

- C. Minutes of Regular Meeting June 10, 2020** – Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran to accept the minutes of the regular June 10, 2020 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.

- D. Minutes of Special meeting Meeting June 24, 2020** – Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran to accept the minutes of the special June 24, 2020 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.

- E. Public Comment** – Ray Vogt stated to Vice Chair Non that the condition of Town Hill Road is digressing, noting that Dyberry Township ditched their side of the road, whereas we have a shallow ditch with weeds growing in it. He said it doesn't do any good to grade the road without ditching it first. Vice Chair Non said the area in question was about 600' in length and that Clinton Township workers can do it with a backhoe.

- F. Correspondence** – An email received at clintontwp@yahoo.com regarding burning in Browndale on Fireman's Lane was read aloud. It was discussed that currently there is no burning ordinance and currently the burning ban is not in place, but the Supervisors are looking into it.

- G. Road Master Report** – Road Master and Vice Chair Brian Non gave a brief oral report. The calcium spreading is all done. Ed Millon did a good job with the tree trimming on Ravnika Road. The roadsides are being mowed with the flail mower. Chair Zefran made a request regarding the new Browndale sidewalk and asked if road workers can paint the crosswalks and if Non would look into pedestrian crossing signs. He also noted that Forest Street looks like a tunnel and asked that the excessive overgrowth from private property on the easement get cleaned up. Supervisor Curtis said that Mark Evans wants to come and service the generator for \$150.00 to keep the warranty up. Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran, to allow Mark Evans to service the generator to keep the warranty up. All voted yes. The motion carried. Ron Poska said that there had been a complaint from Richie Smith that a state sluice pipe is plugged; Chair Zefran responded that he (Zefran) would call the state. Matt Curtis asked about the work on Ravnika Road, to which Vice Chair Non explained that Bill Pykus got the bid and should start the work anytime as there is a two-month completion time. Matt Curtis then asked about Burns Road. Vice Chair Non explained that it had been put out for bid and no one had bid on it. Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis, to accept the Road Master's Report. All voted yes. The motion carried.

H. Open Issues

- a. **GlidePath Grant of Easement** – It was asked to let the minutes reflect that Attorney Jeff Treat stepped away from the meeting before talking ensued. Attorney Christopher Farrell read had copies of the amended agreement and read aloud the sections where language had been changed since the previous township meeting. Matt Curtis had concerns that the contract still had the words "in perpetuity" to which Attorney Farrell replied that Clinton Township would be paid for as long as the contract lasted. Chair Zefran asked that megawatts be explained, and GlidePath Brad Lila representative said that the megawatts is capped at 64.5 and that the project cannot be enlarged beyond that. Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice chair

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Non, to accept the grant of easement as handled by Attorney Christopher Farrell. Chair Zefran took an individual vote count. Individually, each Supervisor voted yes. The motion carried.

- b. **Sign maps for new telecommunications installation tower at 64 Town Hill Road** – Chair Zefran said that maps have already been approved and signed by the planning commission. Vice Chair Non said that he abstained from voting due to conflict. Chair Zefran made a motion to sign the telecommunication documents. The motion failed due to not being seconded, therefore, while there was no denial, there was no approval. Attorney Treat stated that, since there was not action taken, therefore, the maps were deemed approved with the passage of time. Legal representation for the tower stated that the present tower in place will be decommissioned and this new tower will take its place. Attorney Treat asked Supervisor Curtis if he wanted to reconsider his position to which Curtis replied with a negatively stating that a lot of property owners nearby don't want it.

I. New Business

- J. **Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment** – Secretary / Treasurer Droppa presented the bills for payment as written on the bills list except for a bill from County Waste that came in after the list was published. It was noted that Clinton Township now gets Diesel Fuel from Highhouse Fuels. Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to pay the bills as presented. All voted yes. The motion carried. The following updates were noted: The State/Liquid Fuels account has \$22,000 plus left. The bill for tree trimming just came in for \$24,405.00. Regarding work on Ravnikar Road, the Township will pay roughly \$40,000.00 along with monies from the Block Grant. The 2015 Ford F550 is paid off. Payroll amounts are close to what has been budgeted for the first half of the year. Because of COVID-19 the Township must be careful and tight with spending. Supervisor Curtis suggested laying off road workers partially to 15 hours and let them collect unemployment. Chair Zefran noted that road work expenditures were under budget both the first and second quarter.
- K. **Browndale Fire Department** – no member was present
- L. **Old Business** – Zefran stated that there will be a computer donated to the Township for the secretary to use and that road workers will be paid every two weeks.
- M. **Public Comment** – Chair Zefran stated that last week a manhole cover in Browndale was blown and the Township needed to clarify which sewers were owned by Clinton Township and which were owned by Lackawanna County Sewer Basin.
- N. **Adjournment** – Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. All voted yes. The motion carried.