

September 9, 2020
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular September meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman James Zefran on September 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building garage for purposes of social distancing. Chairman James Zefran, Vice Chair Brian Non, and Supervisor Russell Curtis were in attendance. 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 August 12, 2020 – Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran to accept the minutes of the regular August 12, 2020 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.

A. Public Comment – Ray Vogt stated to Vice Chair Non that he had spoken to Dyberry Township's Supervisor Bruce Vargoe regarding the condition of Town Hill Road needing grading and dust control on the Dyberry Township side and the possibility of Clinton Township maintaining Dyberry's 300 feet and charging Dyberry a reasonable fee for the service. Matt Curtis expressed concern over the decision at the previous meeting to not bid out snow blowing for Clinton I as well as dead trees on the road's edges still being a hazard. Chair Zefran said that each of those concerns would be addressed later in the meeting. Ron Poska said that the wage tax was put on to pave roads but expressed concern that it was not being done. Attorney Treat noted that use of general funds is decided on by governing Supervisors at the time. Chair Zefran invited all to attend the Budget work sessions in October and November. Mike Urban complained that the Supervisors voted to give the Browndale Fire Department ten thousand dollars for the year after the response from the 2019 Survey clearly showed that the majority of Clinton Township was not in favor of a fire tax. Tom Baileys concurred with Chair Zefran that the survey letter was about not instituting a fire tax, which the board did not do. Attorney Treat said that this is a political issue and not a legal issue, and that the board had a responsibility for the safety and care of all of Clinton Township's citizens, and that ultimately it was a board decision.

B. Correspondence

- a. **Ladore Lodge will be hosting a drive-thru Senior Expo on Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 10:00-12:00 at 398 South Street, Waymart, PA 18472. Free information and a bagged lunch will be provided.** – Noted.
- b. **LTAP is announcing a new Administrative Roads Scholar certification for municipal staff in a management role and elected officials. An email regarding this was forwarded to the supervisors on 08/29/20.** - Noted
- c. **Yarnes Rd. Bridge (AECOM Bridge Investigation)** – Chair Zefran explained that a letter had been received saying that a bridge on Yarnes Road was failing. Our township engineer Weinberger looked into it and determined that the bridge in question was in Pleasant Mt. Township.

C. Road Master Report – Road Master and Vice Chair Non gave an oral Road Master report. He stated that he would like to put a bid out for cinders. It was explained that there was a bid meeting to pave and repair Burns Road and three companies were present.

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Bids were Opened for Work on Burns Rd.

Company Name	Bid Total for Non-Option/Phase Bid	Option 1 or Phase 1 Bid Total	Option 2 or Phase 2 Bid Total
E.R. Linde Construction, Corp.	\$39,012.50	\$71,772.00	\$55,633.00
Wayco, Inc.	\$36,453.75	\$72,905.04	\$56,511.07
Pioneer Construction Co., Inc.	\$191,213.50	\$79,686.60	\$64,933.90

It was noted that work was to be done on the bottom part of Burns Road and that \$40,000 was allocated from Flagge Construction Company. Chair Zefran made a motion to table this until the end of the meeting when the Supervisors would go over the budget numbers. All agreed. Later in the meeting, after budget numbers were reviewed, Vice Chair Non said that he desired to get the job done once and for all. He noted that Linde (Leward) was cheapest. Ken Coles spoke up and said that Wayco's had held up better than Linde's. He made a motion that the township go with E. R. Linde's (Leward) bid of \$71,772.00. Chair Zefran seconded the motion. All vote yes. The motion carried.

D. Report on Work Session for Clinton Twp. Supervisors and Planning Commission on August 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm. – Chair Zefran reported that the work session was a thorough meeting. Each member of the Planning Commission got a copy and adaptations would then be forwarded to Wayne County Planning Commission. There will be a period for ordinances to be reviewed. Those who have questions should go to the Planning Commission meetings. Ken Coles inquired about zoning. Chair Zefran responded that he will have Mr. Wood come to an upcoming meeting and that zoning may be a way to handle some of our problems. The Supervisors are also looking for citizen input.

E. Open Issues

- a. **NPDES/MS4 Storm Water** –
- b. **Brook Street – Block Grant Survey** – Chair Zefran said that the Block Grant Survey has to be in by September 15, 2020. He noted that it looks potentially as if Clinton Township will qualify.

F. New Business

- a. **Wayne County Bureau of Elections is seeking permission to use the Clinton Township Municipal Building as a polling place on November 3, 2020** – Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to give the Wayne County Bureau of Elections permission to use the Clinton Township Municipal Building as a polling place on November 3, 2020. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- b. **Wayne County Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Program Grant Application (Long Pond Road) – the deadline to apply is Friday, October 30, 2020** – Vice Chair Non will have this done by that date.
- c. **Glide Path Grant of Easement** – this is done and ready for signatures in the presence of the notary. Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Brian Non, that within thirty days, if engineering fee, attorney fee, and \$20,000.00 fee is not paid within thirty days it would be null and void. All voted yes.
- d. **Minor subdivision of Rutherford Surveying, John and Elizabeth Hubbard maps are presented for signatures.** Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non, to sign the maps at the close of the meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.

G. Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment – Secretary / Treasurer Droppa presented the bills list to be paid. Chair Zefran noted that Clinton Township will get reimbursed fully from the multimodal and LSA grants for the Browndale Sidewalk checks made out to Maiocco. Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to pay the bills. All voted yes. The motion carried.

H. Browndale Fire Department – John Doyle thanked Browndale Fire Department for their service. Chair Zefran asked about the use of a ladder truck. Chief Debeve said that the Browndale Fire Department

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purchased their first aerial truck in 2004. In 2019 that truck was totaled when it was hit in an accident which was not the fire department's fault. The truck was replaced with insurance money. Greg Bock explained that it is not truly a ladder truck, but an engine with a pump and is fully equipped, and yes, it does have a ladder on it. It serves as a rescue truck and is much safer, especially with metal roofs.

I. Old Business

- **Dirt & Gravel Low Volume Road Grant – Ravnikar Road** – When asked, it was noted that above the grant amount the township has already paid roughly \$25,000 to Millon for tree cutting, and \$25,000 for fabric and pipe. There may be several hundred dollars outstanding.
- Chair Zefran said that he had a question for the other Supervisors. He proceeded to inquire about the actual costs of snow plowing the approximate twenty miles of Clinton I and twelve miles of Clinton II. He noted the amount paid out for plowing Clinton II between the dates of October 2019 and March of 2020 and Clinton Township's payroll during winter months, estimating that about 80% of that was plowing. Chair Zefran said that the data was important as he was trying to find out what is the most cost effective for the township. He noted that Clifford township subs out all of their snow plowing and that it only makes sense to bid it out to see what the numbers are. Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Brian Non, to put Clinton I and Clinton II out for separate bids for winter snow removal, bidding by the hour. Vice Chair Non clarified that he wanted the comparison to be accurate and he wanted the plowing to be done by 550 trucks. Zefran agreed and said that Non would write the bid. Supervisor Curtis asked if the snow plowing was bid out would the township layoff their workers and have them collect unemployment, to which Chair Zefran said that all of that would be looked into.
- The secretary was asked to generate a letter to PennDOT to put up a school bus sign.

J. Public Comment – Ken Coles questioned that stone and grading is almost doubled from previous years. Chair Zefran told him to come to the budget meeting, where factual numbers and data would be available. Attorney Treat asked that the issue with Diamond Communications, regarding the tower on the Wasylyk property be deemed approved by the Supervisors. Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis that the Diamond Communication tower be deemed approved by the Clinton Township Supervisors. All voted yes. The motion carried.

K. Adjournment – Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. All voted yes. The motion carried.