

October 14, 2020
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular October meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman James Zefran on October 14, 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 September 9, 2020** – Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Russ Curtis to accept the minutes of the regular September 9, 2020 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.

- D. Public Comment** – No comments were made.

E. Correspondence

- a. **Resolution 10 14 20 extending the Service Agreement with the Lackawanna River Basin Sewer Authority** – Attorney Treat explained his approval of the Supervisors signing this Resolution 10-14-20 which extends the service agreement which was originally dated June 1, 1968. Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to sign the resolution. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- b. **Citizen email regarding Animal / Noise regulations** – Chair Zefran read aloud an email sent to the township by Diana Brower, regarding animal and noise nuisances in Browndale. He explained that this was the sixth or seventh complaint he, himself, had received. Chair Zefran asked Solicitor Zefran if there was anything in the Nuisance Ordinance regarding livestock within Browndale, to which Zefran responded “No.” Solicitor Treat commented that the next step would be a verbal warning and / or a discussion to curtail. This could take place with a written letter. He noted that the issue went above and beyond irritating as it posed a health hazard, attracting rats and vermin. He stated that Clinton II was not rural. Chair Zefran said that something must be done to protect neighbors of those living on small lots. This opened a discussion on the issue of zoning. Zefran said that there were different kinds of zoning, including performance zoning which would have issues come before the Supervisors on a case by case situation. Vice Chair Non said that he would check into the necessity of livestock owners having a manure management plan. Chair Zefran asked the Solicitor to write the letter to take care of the problem.
- c. **(Zoning)** - Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non, to have Zefran contact Mr. Wood of Woodland Design Associates and ask him to attend the next meeting (conditional on his attending costing less than \$500.00), for the purpose of explaining performance zoning and other options. All voted yes. The motion carried.

- F. Road Master Report** – Vice Chair and Road Master Brian Non said that the project on Dirt and Gravel Low Volume Road Grant work being done Ravnika should be done in a week to a week and a half and a Dirt and Gravel Grant for 2021 had been applied for. Don Salak asked about Non’s intent to have much needed work done on Little Keen Road, stating that Non had promised it would be done in 2019 and nothing was accomplished. Vice Chair Non agreed that it needed to be done and that COVID had really hindered road work accomplishments. Vice Chair Non asked Josh Debevec to give the township a price on what it would cost for him to do the ditches. Matt Curtis asked for an update on Burns Road to which Vice Chair Non replied that it’s on the schedule but that they were packed up like everyone else. Mr. Curtis expressed concern on the October 1 completion date and asked if the township would get a discount. Furthermore, he expressed concern over the \$40,000.00 in escrow for Burns Road not being in the township accounts and being help by former Supervisor Ken Coles. Matt Curtis accused Treat of

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being part of the corruption. Solicitor Treat said that the escrow account was legally set up during the time that Coles was still a Supervisor.

- a. **Millon's Tree Cutting Proposal** – Vice Chair Brian Non said that two maple trees by the township building and five trees on the corner by the church needed to be removed. Ed Millon gave a proposal to cut down and chip the trees at the cost of \$150 and \$1,450 respectively. He explained that since the church would benefit by having the trees removed for the safety of the church building, they have offered \$700.00 towards the cost of the tree removal job. Citizen Dan Droppa asked the Supervisors to consider not taking the offer of the \$700.00. He explained that the church did a great deal for the township including giving thousands of dollars in Hayes food certificates during the COVID crisis, as well as offering free funeral dinners for families of deceased in Clinton Township. Chair Zefran asked for clarification that the trees were indeed on township, not church property. Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to accept the Millon's bid and take \$1.00 donation from the church and then donate it back to them. All voted yes. The motion carried.

G. Open Issues

- a. **NPDES/MS4 Storm Water** – Engineer Weinberger said that it was a work in progress.
- b. **Brook Street – Block Grant Survey** – Chair Zefran explained that initially Clinton Township did not qualify for the Block Grant, but they re-surveyed three residents and that we now qualify for the chance to be awarded the grant.
- c. **Planning Commission passed changes in SALDO** – Chair Zefran reported that the Planning Commission liked all of the changes suggested by Mike Wood of Woodland Design. The changes were sent to Wayne County Planning Commission.
- d. **EMC Appointment** – Currently Kerry Henderson and Josh Debevec are listed as the EMC and EMC alternate. With Debevec's encouragement, the suggestion is to newly appoint Julianne Doyle as the Emergency Management Contact. Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to appoint Julianne Doyle as EMC. All voted yes. The motion carried.

H. New Business

- a. **PA allocations for Fire Relief Payment of \$14,290.18 needs to be dispersed. (Last year \$14,271.87 was awarded to Browndale Fire Department.)** – Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to allocate all of the \$14,290.18 Fire Relief Payment to the Browndale Fire Department. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- b. **Open Snow Plow bids for Clinton I** – There were no bids for snow plowing Clinton I.
- c. **Open Snow Plow bids for Clinton II** –

1. Snow Plowing Bids for Clinton II

Company	Specs	Bid
J. Debevec Excavating, LLC	Plowing, cindering, and salting, price per truck. All materials to be delivered to Browndale storage shed.	\$70.00 per hour

Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to award the snow plowing bid for Clinton II to J. Debevec Excavating. All voted yes. The motion carried.

- a. **Open Antiskid bids** – It was reported that roughly \$15,700.00 was spent last year on cinders during the winter season. Last year the township paid approximately \$11.25 per ton. The township currently has between 300 and 500 ton in the shed. There was one bid for cinders.

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Anti-Skid Bid

<i>Company</i>	<i>Specs</i>	<i>Bid</i>
Bill Pykus Excavating, Inc.	1,000-2,000 +/- tons of Anti-Skid delivered to Twp. stockpile	\$15.49 per ton

Awarding the bid was tabled until after the budget part of the meeting. At that time Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Russ Curtis to purchase five hundred tons of cinders from Bill Pykus at \$15.49. All voted yes. The motion carried.

- b. **Budget 2021 Work Session** – Chair Zefran announced that there would be a budget work session, open to the public, for which Secretary Droppa will place an advertisement on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Dan Droppa asked if the supervisors were donating their time. All three Supervisors agreed that they were.
- J. **Treasurer’s Report Including Bills for Payment** – Secretary / Treasurer Droppa presented the bills list to be paid, stating that Solicitor Treat’s September and October bills of \$175.00 and \$265.00 respectively had been added. Chair Zefran inquired why we receive a bill from PA One Call (General Account - \$9.36) and what benefit we received from them. Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to not pay that bill at present and have Secretary Droppa inquire about the charges. He also questioned the bill from E. R. Linde bill which was not itemized (State Account -\$675.00). Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to not pay that bill at present and have Secretary Droppa inquire about the charges. Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran to pay the bills as listed with the addition or exception of what was listed above. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- K. **Browndale Fire Department** – Chief Debevec gave an oral report including number of training hours. He invited all who were interested to see him for chicken BBQ tickets.
- L. **Old Business**
- a. Budget information – Chair Zefran reported that after the reported bills were paid there was approximately \$2,000.00 left in the state account and \$60,000.00 left in the general accounts. The general account would be reimbursed roughly \$130,000.00 from the Browndale Sidewalk LSA and Multimodal accounts. There was also a \$20,000.00 check from GlidePath and we were awaiting attorney and engineering reimbursement fees totaling \$14,000.00. This will bring the general account to approximately \$223,000.00 going into the last quarter of the year. It was noted that approximated “big ticket items” projected for the remainder of 2020 include \$30,000.00 out of pocket for Burns Rd, \$16,000 for antiskid, and \$6,000 for salt, for a total of \$52,000.00. It was brought out that this would leave a total amount in the general fund that was similar to last year’s \$173,000 year-end balance.
- M. **Public Comment** – Don Salak inquired about the auditors’ duties and Chair Zefran said that he would like the auditors to come and look at the books prior to the work session. Engineer Weinberger asked if the Supervisors have looked into using PennBid, saying that it might broaden the range of bidders on Township jobs. Vice Chair Non said that he would look into it and give a report at the next meeting. Don Salak said that he approved of the \$10,000.00 per year donation to Browndale Fire Department, but he thought that Prompton and Waymart Fire Companies should get some of the Foreign Fire Relief funds. Chair Zefran said that as a community we need to be a community. Fire Chief Debevic spoke up and said that Prompton, Waymart, and Pleasant Mt all help each other and that those fire companies do not give any of their foreign fire monies to Browndale.
- N. **Adjournment** – Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. All voted yes. The motion carried.