

The regular August meeting, was called to order by Chairman James Zefran on August 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building. Chairman James Zefran, Vice Chair Brad Bates, and Supervisor Brian Non were in attendance. Solicitor Jeffrey Treat was also in attendance.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance** - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- B. Hearing Check** – The hearing check was done.
- C. Minutes of the July 12, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting** - *Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2023 meeting. Chair Zefran and Supervisor Non voted yes. Vice Chair Bates voted no. The motion carried.*
- D. Minutes of the July 27, 2023 Special Meeting** - *Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Non to accept the minutes of special July 27, 2023 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.*
- E. Public Comment –Items on Agenda Only** – Ray Vogt noted that calcium was spread twice on Town Hill Road and bot times it stopped approximately 250' before the end. He, himself bought a bag of calcium and used a hand spreader.
- F. Correspondence**
  - a. **Construction at the Russell Curtis Farm** – The writer of the email requesting that this be put on the agenda had only left her first name, Karen. Chair Zefran made a public request that citizens use their full names when asking for issues to be addressed. Karen asked if the supervisors were aware of any permits or environmental studies. Supervisor Non said that these were questions for DEP, not the township. Solicitor Treat said that, as he understood it, the Curtis family and Goodwyn (WRM) would be getting permits for a quarry and testing was being done. Putting in a quarry does not fall within the township's permitting requirements and would have to be addressed with DEP. Karen said that she had called DEP and no permits had been gotten. Chair Zefran stated that this township is not zoned. The Supervisors try to control foreseeable problems with ordinances. He gave the examples of the recent short-term rental ordinance and the upcoming solar ordinance. He added that there were both pros and cons on zoning. Karen asked about set backs and was told that that would also be under the jurisdiction of DEP. He said that we don't have power to do that. If something is being done incorrectly by DEP standards, then Dep would have to enforce it. The issues of excavation with no known erosion plan or retention pond would all be DEP concerns. The Supervisors recommended taking the concerns to the Conservation District and Representative Jonathan Fritz.

#### **G. New Business**

- a. **Individual notifications of meeting dates** – Chair Zefran noted that, at the last meeting, a request had been made for citizens to get notices of meetings. He said that those who were interested could sign up at the Wayne County's official website at [www.waynecountypa.gov](http://www.waynecountypa.gov) to receive email or text reminders of upcoming meetings. Directions on how to sign up were printed at the bottom of the agenda.

#### **H. Road Master Report**

- a. **Vehicle Reports** – Road Master and Supervisor Non said that he had contacted both the PA State Police and PennDOT for information and was in the process of getting everything up to code.

b. **Road Reports** – Supervisor Non reported that all of the roads were graded. He reported that PennDOT has millings that they were selling for \$90 a triaxle load, but that we would have to load it and haul it. He noted that a triaxle could be rented for \$125 per hour, a grader roller would cost \$160 per hour and an excavator for \$140. The machinery rental would come to roughly \$20,000 - \$25,000 by the end of a week. The job would cost the township roughly \$41,000. It was recommended to that millings be spread 4" thick on Smith Road where the blacktop ends. Working between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Bill Goodwyn of WRM said that he could start on Monday. By doing this, next year, dust control would not be needed. Ron Poska said that the road in front of South Canaan Farm Market was done with millings. Chair Zefran said that at some point work would be done on White Oak Pond and PennDOT would mill the entire road. He added that it would be unlikely that the millings would disappear, and he suggested that the idea be tabled until the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, when there would be a better idea of whether the township could afford it. Supervisor Non said that you needed the hot weather to do the job. Chair Zefran countered that we would do it next year, because he did not want to risk cutting the finances that closely. Supervisor Non said that he was approached by Jackie Scubeck about work. *Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran to put Jackie Scubeck on the payroll. All voted yes. The motion carried.* Chair Zefran told Supervisor Non to get all of the information to Secretary Droppa so that Scubeck could be added to the payroll.

c. **Current value of 2015 Ford F550 and 2018 Ford F550** – Supervisor Non reported the current value of the 2015 Ford F550 to be between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The 2018 Ford F550 is valued at between \$40,000 and \$60,000. *Supervisor Non made a motion to put the 2015 Ford F550 for sale on Municibid.* Chair Zefran asked for the mileage of each of the vehicles. The numbers were not known and CDL driver Ron Poska went out to get the mileage. Chair Zefran made a motion to adjourn the meeting for an executive session, saying that it would be brief, and that they would return to the meeting when Poska returned with the mileage. The purpose was concerning some legal matters. Chair Zefran, Vice Chair Bates, Supervisor Non, and Solicitor Treat went to the back room to confer at 6:27 p.m. and returned at 6:31 p.m. At that time Supervisor Non said that at the last meeting he had made a foolish comment and that he was sorry if he had offended anyone. At that time, it was reported that the 2015 Ford F550 had 37,451 miles and a new fuel system. The 2018 Ford F550 had 29,878 miles. Chair Zefran noted that no payments needed to be made on either vehicle and that the township owed each outright. Currently the new International has yearly payments of roughly \$17,000 at the beginning of each year with five yearly payments left. *Supervisor Non amended his motion to sell the 2015 Ford F550 on Municibid with a reserve. There was no second on the motion. The motion failed.* Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bates, to table the sale of the both the 2015 and 2018 Fords. All voted yes. The motion carried. Vice Chair Bates suggested waiting and see what the township got for the sale of the 1999 and plow and then it could be revisited in October. Supervisor Non said that since we were keeping the vehicles, the township should take back the winter plowing of Brace Brook and other township roads. Don Salak asked if there had been a survey for speed limits done on Burns Road. Chair Zefran asked for Secretary Droppa to look into it for the October meeting. *Supervisor Non made a motion to put cinders out for bid, with tarring and chipping sized stones. A sample size of the stone should be submitted with bids. The motion was not seconded. The motion failed.* Chair Zefran suggested having the topic tabled for next month to get the exact size of cinders needed for Clinton I and Clinton II.

I. **Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment** – A citizen inquired about the Berkheimer bill for \$148.62 and was told that the township pays Berkheimer to collect the wage tax. Chair

Zefran said that when he first came on at Supervisor, he had worked closely with Tax Collector Thorpe to make sure that the wage tax rolls were as complete as possible. Don Salak asked about the bill for Hunt Signs (\$150.00) and was told that it was to put Clinton Township on the side of the new truck. *Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran to pay the bills as presented. All voted yes. The motion carried.*

**J. Browndale Fire Department** – No one was present from the Fire Department to give a report.

**K. Old Business**

- a. **Long Pond Road** –An audience member suggested putting up signs of “No Winter Maintenance” at the ends of the road. Supervisor Non said that this year the township may plow this road which was not serviced last winter. He said that it may be kept open this year, with one passable lane
- b. **Solar Panel Ordinance** – Attorney Treat is continuing to work on it, being mindful to include minimum acreage requirements in a residential area. This would include addressing the purchase of neighboring plots of land to meet those requirements. It was noted that solar panels have a lifespan of roughly fifteen years and who bears the cost of deconstructing outdated solar farms will be addressed. Ray Vogt was adamant that those putting up solar farms do so to make a profit, not to save the environment. Supervisor Non said that the proposed solar farm in Waymart needed to go through a number of different boards, including the Clinton Township Planning Commission, the Wayne County Planning Commission, and the Wayne County Conservation District. Chair Zefran said that the Supervisors are diligently trying to get these things done, but that it takes six months or more to create an ordinance which would stand up in court.
- c. **Building Renovation** – Kenny Shino from Daken met with Chair Zefran at the township building. Zefran said that we are not in compliance with handicapped handrails. Boards need to be replaced on the ramp. 1,185 square feet of flooring, with underlayment needs to be replaced with vinyl flooring as the current flooring is wavy. Complaints had been received from staffing at the voting polls that the floor and ramp were difficult to navigate for some of the elderly citizens. The bathroom handrails are the wrong height and the sink is not ADA compliant. It is expected that the renovations would come in at a cost of \$36,000-\$40,000. *Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bates to put the renovations out for bid. All voted yes. The motion carried.*

**L. Public Comment** – Solicitor Treat said that there is a lawsuit against both PennDOT and Clinton Township regarding a culvert pipe on a state road in Browndale, which is being handled. He said that it is not Clinton Township’s Road, nor is it their pipe and Treat expected the township to be dismissed at any time. A citizen asked for a moment of silence be offered out of respect to the passing of long-time Clinton Township resident Frank Paurer who passed away on August 11, 2023. This was done. A citizen asked if the township offered any service to those who live on a state road. Chair Zefran said yes, you get a place to vote.

**M. Adjournment** –*Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bates to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. All voted yes. The motion carried.*