

July 13, 2022  
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular July meeting, was called to order by Chairman James Zefran on July 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building. 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 (Meetings are audio and video recorded)** – The hearing check was done.

**C. Minutes of Regular Meeting June 8, 2022** –*Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to accept the minutes of regular June 8, 2022 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.* Immediately following the motion, Chair Zefran called for an Executive Session which from 7:02-7:09. Upon return the meeting resumed for public comment.

**D. Public Comment –Items on Agenda Only** – Ray Vogt inquired about the calcium used for dust control. He expressed concern that a lot of money is spent on grading, without putting calcium on it. He cautioned that there was no reason to start grading so late in the season. Vice Chair Non explained that Vestal send a load of oil. Calcium can only be gotten through Costars. Suit-Koat is not Costars approved. Chair Zefran said that this discussion would be continued in the road master report.

**E. Correspondence**

- a. **Letter regarding Martin Street, Browndale in need of repair** – Chair Zefran said that this would be addressed in the Road Master's report.
- b. **PSATS reports that the IRS increases mileage rate for business use of a personal vehicles to increase from 58.5 cents per mile to 62.5 cents per mile.** -Noted.
- c. **Letter of Credit with Wayne Bank** – *Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to let the letter of Credit lapse. All voted yes. The motion carried.*
- d. **Email letter from ReNu regarding permits needed for a residential roof mounted solar project in Clinton Township** – Chair Zefran said that UCC Permit Officer Bob Bates would need to be contacted. It would be up to him to make the decision as to permits in this situation.
- e. **Lackawanna River Basin Sewer Authority has been receiving complaints regarding sewage at 408 Marion Street** – Chair Zefran noted the bill from Kopberlein and said that this probably took care of it.
- f. **Wayne County Commissioners and the County Planning Department are engaged in an update of the Wayne County Comprehensive Plan. A critical part of this planning effort is gathering direct public input. Survey print-outs for both full-time residents and part-time/visitors are available upon request.** – Noted.
- g. **Wayne County Association of Township Officers sent a letter to Township Supervisors informing them that the County Commissioners have set up a meeting to discuss the federal CARES funds (ARP monies). The meeting is Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Park Street Complex.** – Chair Zefran will attend. It is continually Chair Zefran's recommendation that Clinton Township not take part in "clumping the money together with other's funding from the same source or paying others to guide the spending process. He said that now the money can pretty much be spent on anything, and that citizens were welcome to express desires on how the money be spent.
- h. **Wayne County Office of Emergency Management will be holding the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter training meeting on August 17, 2022 at 6:30 pm at 43 Volunteer Drive, Honesdale, PA 18431** – Noted. It was also said that the commissioners are also discussing high speed internet.

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**B. New Business**

- a. **The Liquid Fuels audits were successfully completed for the years 2020 and 2021** – Noted.
- b. **Resolution 07-13-2022 For Approving Operational Support Activities for Participating Members of Fire Company** – The resolution was read aloud. Chair Zefran made a motion to pass the resolution. All voted yes. The motion carried.

**C. Road Master Report** – Road Master and Vice Chair Non gave a road report featuring the condition of Township vehicles. He reported that the 2015 Ford F550 fuel system was compromised. If the Township purchased a new truck with outfitted with cab, chassis, snow plow, and salt spreader it would come to roughly \$123,000.00 Currently it is worth roughly \$50,000.00. Brad Bates interjected that in two years it would not be tradeable. Chair Zefran asked what other trucks had Vice Chair Non looked at? Non reported talking to Hondoru Ford. He had no interest in the GMC because of problems with the front axle. Twp. could get financing for \$75,000 leasing at 4.75% for five years through FNB or 4.85% through the bank. Stadium International has one left on the lot and they are booked out till 2023. Chair Zefran asked for a special meeting to be advertised for Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Vice Chair Non reported that Bill has been berming and it looks fantastic. Concerns were raised about lack of dust control, including oil as opposed to calcium. Non said that Bonhams can do flake calcium, but we do not have a water truck and the cost of fuel is prohibitive. He also reported that Midland does have dust oil (EDP). Twp. Engineer Weinberger stated that oil is much more expensive than calcium. He also stated that berming is the best thing you can do. Supervisor Curtis claimed that the Township did not have the trucks. A woman in the audience asked about other dust control options. Vice Chair Non reported that Bonhams can put down flake calcium and that by the end of the week all roads should be done with flake calcium until liquid calcium can come. Ray Vogt asked for grading to be done earlier in the future. Ron Poska asked for oil not be used. Chair Zefran said that it is cost prohibited so it won't happen. The topic changed to that of getting a concrete floor in the cinder shed.

**Concrete Floor in Cinder Shed**

Company	Description	Bid
Zablocky, LLC	Concrete 6", 10' apron	\$11,990.00
Ed Million	Concrete 4" thick, 10' apron	\$12,800.00
Zembricky (phone bid with Vice Chair Non)	Concrete 6" pitch with 10' apron	\$16,000.00

*Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to award the bid to Scott Zablocky with a change for a twenty-foot apron. All voted yes. The motion carried.*

Vice Chair Non gave a public thank you to Wayco for putting a skim-coat on Flat Rock Rd.

**D. Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment** - Secretary Droppa amended the report to include an invoice from Wayco for the amount of \$69,435.95. *Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to pay the bills as presented. All voted yes. The motion carried.* Chair Zefran gave a quick overview of the financials noting that after paying for roadwork, the township would still have a general fund balance of roughly \$107,715.00. Additionally, he noted that last year from August to December there was an income of \$110,000.00

**E. Browndale Fire Department** – No representative was present.

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F. **Old Business** – Bill Keller reported more issues with neighbor who is living in prefab garage with no septic. Mr. Kellermen reported that the landowner was Mr. Elfstrom who currently lives in Virginia, and that the issues were with a man who had a rent-to-own option. Supervisors will reach out to SEO Chris Martin. Another citizen complained of carpets, furniture, computers, and garbage being dumped on N. Smith Rd. This will be reported by the Supervisors to Mike Dolph, Nuisance Enforcement Officer.

G. **Public Comment** - Donnie Salak asked what was needed to start getting N. Smith Rd. paved. He noted that the other side of Smith had been paved two times. Vice Chair Non said that they have been exploring that possibility. Chair Zefran said that there was a Road Plan meeting each spring which was always advertised in the paper. The township had thus far only been approved for a block grant on Brook Street. He continued by telling Salak that he was welcome to canvas the area and that the township would provide the necessary forms. He cautioned that N. Smith Rd. was not likely to be eligible. Zefran continued that N. Smith Rd. is less than a mile with ten to eleven homes. Five of the people living there were retired but are still living above the \$30,000.00 is poverty level. Every available grant has been looked at. Attorney Treat concurred that grants for pavement are very rare. Zefran again extended the invitation to come to the yearly road planning meeting, saying that it will take several years to get roads ready to tar and chip. It costs the township nothing to have core samples done on roads. He noted that shade or tree canopy is a problem to roads.

H. **Adjournment** – Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. All voted yes. The motion carried.