

April 10, 2019
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular April meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Ken Coles on April 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building. Chairman Kenneth Coles, Vice Chair Brian Non, and Supervisor Russell Curtis were present.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Hearing Check / Meeting is audio and visual recorded - Noted

C. Public Comment – Items on the Agenda Only – Mike Urban spoke against the fire tax, stating that according to U. S. government figures, the mean wages earned by Wayne County resident are below poverty level. If Browndale Fire Company can't supply its own needs, it needs to be absorbed into others that are "more battle ready", referring to the seven fire companies in the surrounding areas, many which are closer to more township homes than Browndale Fire Department. The fire company could be liquidated and sell the building to a commercial entity which would bring tax dollars into the community.

D. Minutes of Regular Meeting March 13, 2019 - Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to accept the minutes of March 13, 2019. All voted yes. The motion carried.

E. Minutes of Special Meeting March 27, 2019- Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to accept the minutes of the special meeting of March 27, 2019. All voted yes. The motion carried.

F. Road Master Report – Road Master and Vice Chair Brian Non gave a brief report stating that cold patch is being used and grading is set up to be done by Leeward. The township has millings and hopes to use them on roads as a base. Six pipes on Johnson Road need to be changed.

G. Open Issues

- a. **New truck for Clinton Township** – Chair Coles tabled this issue until the township gets through the summer months.
- b. **Pole Barn Grant** – Chair Coles explained that the township had been seeking a \$91,213 grant for a pole barn for which \$46,092 has been granted. John Lillie spoke up, noting that the Supervisors just spent \$10,000 for a generator for this building, and the downstairs here is already heated. Vice Chair Non stated that two trucks are in front of the door, the garage floor surface is uneven, and there is still equipment out in the weather. Jim Zefran asked how long the grant was good for, to which Chair Coles said the decision to add money to the grant for the original project, or to cut the project down to the given amount had to be decided immediately. He further explained that the township got a grant for a 40' xx 60' building with metal all around, fully insulated, and a 4" concrete floor. Having to use prevailing wages makes the project more expensive. Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Brian Non, to put the building out for bid as written, with a modification for a 6" concrete floor and a 12' door. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- c. **Fire Tax** – Chair Coles explained that in order for the Fire Tax to be a balloted item, it would need to be a tax of more than 3 mils. He suggested that the Supervisors send out our own ballots to all township citizens and see what comes out of it. Jim Zefran spoke up, saying that he did not believe that that was a legal course of action and that they should check with the Solicitor. He made two alternate suggestions: 1. Instead of making a tax that lasts forever, he suggested instituting a ten-year tax, with the knowledge that, by that time, there may be a regional fire department. 2. The Supervisors could choose to reduce property taxes by 2/10,000^{ths} of a mil when enacting a new fire tax for the same millage. Chair Coles closed the topic by saying that he would call Solicitor Jeff Treat tomorrow. Chair Coles made a motion,

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seconded by Vice Chair Non to put out a mailer for citizens to respond with a yay or nay response to a fire tax enactment, if legal. All voted yes. The motion carried.

- d. **Opening Bids for Ravnikar Rd.** – No bids were received.
- e. **Opening Bids for Smith Rd.** – No bids were received. Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non, to put out an ad in both the Wayne Independent and the Forest City New, for rebidding both jobs to be opened at a special meeting on the 24th of April or the next soonest available date. All voted yes. The motion carried.

H. New Business

- a. **F.N.B. Bank Account** – Vice Chair Non stated that he would like to open an equipment account at FNB bank and deposit \$5,000 - \$10,000 per year. He noted that if the township has an account there, they would get a lower interest rate when it came time to purchase a new vehicle. Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Coles, to open an account at FNB. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- b. **Wayne County Board of Elections requests permission to use the Clinton Township Municipal building to conduct the municipal primary election on Tuesday, May 12, 2019.** – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non, to grant permission for the Wayne County Board of Elections to use the Clinton Township Municipal building to conduct the municipal primary election on Tuesday, May 12, 2019. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- c. **Medico Industries is having their “Government Day”, which includes demonstrations and lunch, on May 15, 2019. Registration is required.** – Roadworker Ron Poska and Supervisor Curtis both would like to attend.

I. **Browndale Fire Department** – Josh Debevic gave an oral report. A written report is on file.

J. **Treasurer’s Report Including Bills for Payment** – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to pay the bills as reported with the exception of Medico and Industrial Electronics. All voted yes. The motion carried.

K. **Public Comment** – The topic of pump storage came up. Pump storage involves pumping water uphill at night when electric is cheaper and having the water come downhill to create electricity during the day. Chair Coles said that he has not heard anything official and did not know if it affected Clinton Township or just Waymart Borough. Supervisor Curtis said that there was talk of pump storage on Louie DeNaples property up on Smith Road. Ken Swan announced that there would be a recycling collection for electronics at the fairgrounds. He also said that there were invasive weeds at Lake Alden and he wanted to remind people to wash their boats and trailers after using them. Supervisor Curtis affirmed the necessity of doing that, stating that it was a PA state law. Swan continued by reminding the Browndale Fire Company to not spread invasive weeds when using turbo drafts. Ray Vogt asked if the Supervisors could get an agreement on new wind turbines. He gave each supervisor with a copy of a newspaper article showing that a gas plant in Jessup provided the community with a million dollars a year for ten years, with a 10% increase every decade after that. His point was in reference to the windmills, stating that a host community and its citizens should benefit when companies make money within that community. John Lillie reminded all that if Global Wind Power or some other company put up more windmills, the heavy equipment used will ruin Ravnikar and Brace Brook roads. Swan expressed concern that wind towers may affect television reception. Chair Coles assured him that it was written in Clinton Township’s SALDO that companies have to fix any disturbances they create. Vice Chair Non suggested that the Supervisors have a work session with the Browndale Fire Department.

L. **Adjournment** – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. All voted yes. The motion carried.