

May 8, 2019
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular May meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Ken Coles on May 8 at 7:03 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building. Chairman Kenneth Coles, Vice Chair Brian Non, Supervisor Russell Curtis, and Solicitor Treat 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 – Ray Vogt publicly thanked the Supervisors for fixing the washout on Town Hill Road. He extended special thanks to Supervisor Russ Curtis for overseeing the job.

D. Minutes of Regular Meeting April 10, 2019 - Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to accept the minutes of April 10, 2019. All voted yes. The motion carried.

E. Minutes of Special Meeting April 16, 2019 - Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to accept the minutes of the special meeting of April 16, 2019. All voted yes. The motion carried.

F. Road Master Report – Road Master and Vice Chair Brian Non gave a brief report stating that the grading is underway and half finished. The township wanted to get calcium earlier this year and piggyback it off of the state with costars. The township will rent a chipper for two summer months. Supervisor Curtis interjected that Flat Rock road dried up after a French drain was put in, and that it should be bermed. He wondered if it should be put out for bid for two more French drains on the paved part. Vice Chair Non replied “I say we do it.” He continued that Dirt & Gravel was up on Ravnikar designing a project for next year. Chair Coles noted that bids go out in June for Burns Road, which will connect the two paved portions with approximately 9/10 of a mile of paving. Vice Chair Non continued by saying that prisoners will be coming to pick up branches, leaves, and other debris. Chair Coles made a motion to give dirt away, noting that anybody who wants fill (not millings), will have to contact a Supervisor and make arrangements for when they want to come and get it. Supervisor Curtis said that if dirt was taken, the person had to take everything. He noted that the concrete sluice pipes can go also. Chair Coles said that that area needs to be cleaned out for the pole barn project and that the township had another big stockpile on Johnson Creek Road.

G. Open Issues

- a. **Playground Grant** – The fact that paperwork was being submitted for a playground grant was mentioned.
- b. **Burns Road** – Although this was not on the original agenda, an update was given regarding the damage on Burns road. It was explained that Flagge Contracting, Inc. agreed to fix the road to our specifications. They must have the work completed by June 8, 2019. Chair Coles explained that he marked the road. Solicitor Treat noted that if Flagge didn’t fulfill the agreement, then the Township would have the judgement. He reminded Chair Coles to keep him informed with what they do and when they do it.
- c. **Paving of Ravnikar Road** – Chair Coles excused the himself, along with Vice Chair Non, Supervisor Curtis, Solicitor Treat, and Secretary Treasurer Droppa for an executive Session in the back room. Upon returning to the meeting room, it was explained that a paving bid had been submitted by Wayco at the April 16 meeting which hadn’t been acknowledged because it was

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lost in paperwork. This bid was for a total of \$67,327.92 and was the only bid for Ravnkar. The specifications were provided by PennDOT. A discussion ensued regarding various aspects of the paving projects. Tom Baileys asked why the Supervisors were not talking about rebidding Ravnkar. He noted that Wayco's bid on the Smith Road paving job was substantially higher than that of Linde's. His concern was that their sole bid on Ravnkar might also be disproportionate. Solicitor Treat explained that PennDOT engineers look at the roads when working on bid specifications and from their recommendations the Supervisors have an understanding of what would be a reasonable cost expectation. Chair Coles noted that paving both Ravnkar and Smith Roads would cost over \$220,000. Supervisor Curtis suggested paving Smith Road only and holding off on Ravnkar. Vice Chair Non countered with his feeling that the township should do both. Mr. Lillie spoke up stating that Smith Rd. is in bad shape and needs to be fixed. He wondered if Ravnkar could be tarred and chipped. Supervisor Curtis stated that PennDOT looked at Ravnkar, and in another year, if let go, the road would be in similar shape to Smith Road. Curtis then inquired about the crossovers on Smith Road, to which Vice Chair Non said that Township road workers would do them.

Company Name	Bid
Wayco, Inc. / Paving of Ravnkar Rd.	\$67,327.92

d. **Paving of Smith Road –** Bids were opened for Smith Road as follows:

Company Name	Bid
E. R. Linde construction Corp.	\$158,226.00
Wayco, Inc.	\$273,572.42

In spite of the difference between the bids, it was noted that the two bids were both for the same specifications.

Supervisor Curtis made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non, to pave both roads, awarding the Ravnkar Road paving bid to Wayco and awarding the Smith Road paving bid to E. R. Linde. Both jobs were to be completed by June 30, 2019 weather permitting. All voted yes. The motion carried.

H. New Business

- a. **Special meeting at the Clinton Township Municipal building at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 23, 2019 to open pole barn bids –** Announced
- b. **Wayne County Office of Emergency Management is having a quarterly training session on May 15, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the EOC Room, 43 Volunteer Drive, Honesdale, PA –** Announced. No interest was shown in attending.

Added to the agenda were the following topics.

- c. **Resolution to Amend the Right to Know Law and Provide Relief from Vexatious Requesters -** Solicitor Treat gave a report on a proposed resolution that Clinton Township could pass regarding support of a state amendment of the Right to Know law to supply relief of vexing, overburdening requests. Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to submit a verbal resolution that supports the amending the Right to Know law and provide relief from vexatious requesters. A written resolution will follow. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- d. **Opening an FNB Savings Account -** The Supervisors referred to the minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting in which Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Coles, to open an

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account at FNB. All voted yes. The motion carried. The Supervisors clarified that an FNB Vehicle savings account is to be opened with the same signature rules that apply to other accounts which require that two Supervisor's signatures as well as the treasurer's signatures are required for withdrawals.

- e. **Mailer for Citizens' Response to Browndale Fire Department Request for Fire Tax** – Secretary/Treasurer submitted estimated costs for a mailer totaling \$2,250.00. Chair Coles noted it included \$800.00 in administrative costs which will compensate Secretary/Treasurer Droppa for this work outside her regular duties. The names and addresses come from the Wayne County Voter Registration lists for both parties. The secretary will also place several ads in the local newspapers as well in an effort to inform all Clinton Township residents that may have been missed through voter registrations.
- I. **Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment** – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to pay the bills as reported including the bill that came in late. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- J. **Browndale Fire Department** – The Assistant Fire Chief gave an oral report on behalf of Fire Chief Josh Debevec. A written report is on file.
- K. **Public Comment** – Supervisor Treat brought up the issue of Pennsylvania Power and Light poles on Smith Road stating that the township will want poles as far to the edge of the right away as legally possible. He verified that PPL is responsible for traffic control on Smith Road while poles are being set. The topic was changed and it was noted that Nuisance Ordinance Officer Mike Dolph had a number of properties in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. Solicitor Treat said that the main thing now is to make sure that the paperwork is in proper order, which is between Dolph and Treat and does not require additional effort on the part of the Supervisors. Treat will continue to follow through as needed. Ken Swan said that he had information regarding hydro-invasive weeds from Lake Alden. Ray Vogt asked when to expect the completion of the pole barn project, to which Chair Coles responded roughly sixty days. Supervisor Curtis said that they would have to cut trees, get the area staked off and graded beforehand. Mr. Vogt asked if they would have to get a pad prepared. Chair Coles affirmed that they would, but the pad would not be done in concrete.
- I. **Adjournment** – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. All voted yes. The motion carried.