

June 12, 2019  
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular June meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Ken Coles on June 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building. Vice Chair Brian Non, Supervisor Russell Curtis, and Solicitor Treat were present. Chairman Kenneth Coles was present by phone communication.

**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 –** No comments were made.

**D. Minutes of Regular Meeting May 8, 2019 -** Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to accept the minutes of May 8, 2019. All voted yes. The motion carried.

**E. Minutes of Special Meeting May 23, 2019 -** Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting on May 8, 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 Smith Road paving project was underway. The shoulders on Smith Road are not finished. Ravnika Road is next. There are pipe changes. The workers did pipe changes on Little Keen Road today. Road sides are being mowed. Leeward is doing grading. They are in the second week of grader work. Chair Coles interjected that he wanted it noted in the minutes that not having the grading done is now holding up the Burns Road project. Matt Curtis inquired about Smith Road being paved at a width of fifteen instead of sixteen feet and asked if that represented a savings for the township, to which the response was that the cost stayed the same and the material applied to the road surface was thicker.

**G. Open Issues**

- a. **Bids for Pole Barn –** It was brought up that two companies showed interest in bidding. There was an error on the due date of the bids in the first legal ad placed. A corrected legal ad was then placed. Chair Coles stated that he talked to both companies, *Pioneer* and *Conestoga* the day after the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and each was told of the corrected due date. Vice Chair Non read of some of the specs and the amount of the only received bid as follows:

Company Name	Job	Bid Amount
Pioneer Buildings Schuylkill Haven, PA	Pole Building Including Prevailing Wage	\$115,854.00

Chair Coles was concerned whether the bid included insulation as it should have. Chair Coles suggested that the Township re-bid the project to see if lower bids come in. Attorney Treat suggested looking at the *Lancaster Farmer* to find other companies to invite to bid. Secretary Droppa was told to contact *Conestoga* and let them know of the re-bid.

**H. New Business**

- a. **Resolution addressing \$80,000 in funding from Keystone Community Development for the Browndale Sidewalk Project.** – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non, to adopt the resolution for an additional \$80,000.00 Browndale sidewalk funding. All voted yes. The motion carried. Matt Curtis asked who would be responsible to maintain and clean the sidewalk once it's

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in. Supervisor Curtis said it would be the responsibility of the individuals. Chair Coles suggested worrying about that further down the road.

- b. **Glide Path Resolution and Township Road Occupancy Permit** – Attorney Treat said that the township would need to appoint another solicitor in the matter of Glide Path and windmills being added to Clinton Township to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest. He went on to say that the township should have an alternate solicitor regardless, in the event of his (Treat's) unavailability, death, or in case of a conflict of interest. He recommended Matthew Meagher of Honesdale, who is an alternate for other townships for whom Treat is Solicitor. Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Coles, to appoint Matthew Meagher as alternate solicitor for Clinton Township as well as legal representation to work with GlidePath on behalf of Clinton Township. Attorney Treat said that he would contact Attorney Meagher and Secretary Droppa could send him any information she has on GlidePath. Chair Coles said that he had gotten a call from Wayne County and that GlidePath is putting up ten more windmills. A representative from Nextera Energy Resources Devin Pryar was given the floor to explain details of the project. He explained that Waymart II is partially in Clinton Township and that ten more wind turbines would be put up in Clinton Township. Eventually the project would encompass the counties of Susquehanna, Lackawanna, and Wayne, extending from Clinton Township to Clifford to Archbald. In its entirety, there would be anywhere from nineteen to twenty-four new wind turbines. Technology has changed since 2003 and the new towers would be taller, but still compliant with the FAA. When asked, he said that GlidePath and Nextera are two separate entities. When asked by Matt Curtis if the decibel rating of the new turbines were similar to the old turbines, Pryar did not have an answer.
- c. **E. R. Linde Construction Corp. proposal for Trench Paving Cross Pipes on Smith Road Paving Project.** – Chair Coles asked how many crossovers were involved, to which Vice Chair Non responded that there were seven.
- d. **Payroll must be reported by the Road Master to the treasurer by 8:00 A.M. the Saturday before the meeting for it to be processed for payment.**
- e. **Browndale Fire Co. Gun/Cash raffle tickets are on sale now.**
- f. **Maps for Debra and Harry Patten** – There were some negative comments from Wayne County GIS. Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to hold off signing approval until the issues were taken care of. All voted yes. The motion carried.

- I. **Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment** – Chair Coles took issue with the bill to E.R. Linde for the amount of \$12,129.00. He stated that he did not think that Clinton Twp. should pay until the job is done. It was his opinion that Linde should be fired and the next highest bidder should be hired, as Linde was in violation of the 30-day contract. Supervisor Curtis disagreed, stating that last week there were five days of rain and that he, himself shut them down to avoid wasting township funds. Chair Coles countered that now we have nice days, and the work still isn't being done. Supervisor Curtis explained that the grader operator had been hospitalized. Chair Coles countered that a company that large should have a back-up driver. Chair Coles made a motion to not pay until the job was complete. Supervisor Curtis said no. Vice Chair Non suggested giving Linde a deadline of one week. Supervisor Curtis said that this was unrealistic citing the number of roads that still need to be done, saying that you have to figure on one mile a day. Attorney Treat suggested modifying that Linde would be paid by a certain date. Chair Coles said that by doing that there would be no incentive for them to get done. Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Coles to pay half of the bill (amount of \$6,063.50). Supervisor Curtis voted no. The motion

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carried. Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Coles to pay the bills as reported (note the change to the E. R. Linde bill). All voted yes. The motion carried.

- J. **Browndale Fire Department** – Chair Coles asked Chief Debevec if a 911 issue was resolved, to which Debevec assented. The Fire Chief Debevec gave an oral report. A written report is on file.
- K. **Public Comment** – A citizen said that he lived at 84 Yarnes Rd. and that the ditches on both sides were largely filled in on both sides. Vice Chair Non said that he'd come up the following day to look at it. Matt Curtis said that the grading job should be bid out in a price per job or price per mile format, stating that when it is bid out as price per mile, there is no incentive to do anything but stretch it out. Another citizen asked about a new grocery store taking the place of Ray's Supermarket. Supervisor Curtis told her to talk to the Wayne County Commissioners. Ray Vogt expressed that there should be compensation to Clinton Township from the wind towers. The representative Pryar said that that was another phase. Christine Salak relayed that Little Keen Road has much more traffic with summer usage. There is a big hole in front of her mailbox. With all of the rain, the culvert can't take it all in. Vice Chair Non said that there would be cold patch done on Friday. Theresa Opeka asked if the Supervisors wanted to express an opinion on the proposed Governor Wolfe State Police Plan that would put a \$17.00 per resident tax on Clinton Township residents. Matt Curtis asked about the cost of the Fire Tax Mailer to which Chair Coles said that multiple companies were called and this was the cheapest. Attorney Treat said that he redrafted a letter in support of the Browndale Fire Company and said that he would email it the following day and asked if the Supervisors would sign it. Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to sign a letter in support of the Browndale Fire Company. All voted yes. The motion carried. Chair Coles changed the topic to the issue of Burns Road. He explained that in spite of the court judgement Flagge Company failed to repair the damage that they caused to Burns Road in a timely manner. With the passing of time the cost of materials has increased as has the amount of damage. Currently the damage is around \$12,000.00. Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to allow Treat to pursue collection of damages through the courts. All voted yes. The motion carried. Ron Poska asked about the Fire Tax Survey and it was reiterated that it was a survey of citizens' wishes, not a vote. Don Salak maintained that he felt the Supervisors should give the Fire Company funding from the wage tax and not enact a new tax. A resident brought up the issue of water drainage run off on Vine Street and Vice Chair Non said he would look into it tomorrow.
- I. **Adjournment** – Vice Chair made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. All voted yes. The motion carried.