

July 10, 2019
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular July meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Ken Coles on July 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 –** Ray Vogt expressed that he was grateful for dust control, but that this was the worst annual management of Town Hill Road in 32 years, stating that Linde was a big part of the problem. He felt that Linde held the township hostage, and that a large company like that should have more than one grader operator. He stated that the calcium came twelve days after the grader, as opposed to being applied following the grader. Twelve days of cars going up and down the road made the calcium to not stick. Supervisor Curtis said that everyone was behind this year because of the weather. Brian Non said that Suit-Kote finished last night and they were a half load short for calcium, adding that when the township dealt with Vestal there were more problems. Curtis said that Pykus wouldn't haul for us. Donnie asked about the bills listed for Linde and was told that the \$156,000.00 bill was for paving Smith Road (paid for with combined state and general account monies). Chair Coles said that the grading would be over \$40,000.00. Township Engineer Jeff Weinberger gave a heads up that none of the driveways on Smith Road were banded. Zefran said that before the fire tax results come up, what effect will the homeowner's insurance have. Josh said that insurance goes by an ISO rating and the better the rating, the better the insurance. Ken said that he was told that it was done by mileage. Tom Baileys says that it goes by both distance and ISO rating.
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- D. Minutes of Regular Meeting June 12, 2019 -** Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to accept the minutes of June 12, 2019. All voted yes. The motion carried.

- E. Road Master Report –** Road Master and Vice Chair Brian Non gave a brief report stating that Smith Road has been paved. Some touch up needs to be done with grading. Equipment is still here. Ravnika Dirt and Gravel project should be done in the spring.

F. Open Issues

- a. **Bids for Pole Barn –** There was only one bid. Chair Coles noted that Supervisors can't solicit as it's against the law. There was a suggestion to close the bid and start over. Chair Coles said that he would like to get the project done this year, so that he can apply for next year's grant to cover the extras. Ron Poska spoke up saying that if that is this year's price, next year it the base price will be increased. He noted also people don't like it when bids are constantly rejected. Chair Coles stated that we talked to several companies who asked for specs but didn't bid. The grant was for approximately \$46,000 and the purpose of the building will be to house equipment. It does not include heat or electricity. He noted that the bid must include prevailing wage which drives the price up. Vice Chair Non made a motion to table it. Supervisor Curtis said an effort should be made to get more bids by posting in more than just the Wayne Independent.
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Company Name	Job	Bid Amount
Pioneer Buildings Schuylkill Haven, PA	Pole Building Including Prevailing Wage	\$93,289.00

Vice chair Non made motion, seconded by Chair Coles, to reject the bid, rebid, and advertise in Lancaster area. All voted yes. The motion carried.

- b. **Checking account at FNB** – Chair Coles made a motion to open up a vehicle checking account at FNB, seconded by Vice Chair Non. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- c. **Attorney Chris Farrell as Alternate Township Solicitor** – Chair Coles made a motion to have Attorney Chris Farrell as Clinton Township’s Alternate Township Solicitor on a per hour basis, seconded by Supervisor Curtis. All voted yes. The motion carried.

G. New Business

- a. **2017 and 2018 State Liquid Fuels Audits were successfully completed** – noted.
- b. **Auditors’ report on Fire Tax Survey** – Jennifer Weist read the auditors’ report on the results of the survey. A report is on file. Auditor Don Salak spoke up saying that he has the sealed box with the results and that it will be burned if there is no longer a need for it. It was noted that comments were written on many surveys ranging from suggestions for the township to make a donation from general funds to threats of law suits if the tax was passed. Chair Coles made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non, to not enact a fire tax. All voted yes. The motion passed. Vice Chair suggested talking with fire company at a later date about a donation.
- c. **Exterminator needed** – Chair Coles says he uses Forbes pest control and he will contact them.
- d. **Resolution 07.10.19 for Plan Revision for New Land Development as required by Pennsylvania DEP** - Chair Coles explained that Clinton Township has a sewage plan and that this is a codicil to that plan. Vice Chair Non made a motion, Seconded by Supervisor Curtis to accept Resolution 07.10.19 for Plan Revision for New Land Development as required by Pennsylvania DEP. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- e. **Linde grading bill; separation of time grading and rolling vs other work** - Chair Coles explained that a we need a bill showing beaming grading, rolling, and cleaning out ditches. Supervisor Curtis said that they should have been told ahead of time and that the ditches had to be dealt with or we don’t have the road. Chair Coles said that a key would be to put a Road Master in place who has the time to actually oversee the work. He further complained that the township has the highest bill we’ve ever had to which Supervisor Curtis disagreed. Vice Chair Non stated that we have replaced more pipes in the township than ever. Chair Coles replied with the question of didn’t we just pay Linde for the crossovers? He continued by saying, I think we need a new road master. Chair Coles made a motion to make Kevin Weist the road master stating that Kevin is here every day. Supervisor Curtis said no to the motion. Chair Coles said that the grading, rolling and ditch work is not necessarily bad, but that its being done in the wrong process. Township Engineer Jeff, Weinberger stated that the grading bid should be done in a lump sum as opposed to an hourly rate. He stated that the Supervisors should spend an hour to come up with what you need on each road. Chair Coles suggested holding back \$1,000 for Linde for not having banding done.

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- f. **Supervisors are invited to the Susquehanna 21st Annual 2019 Equipment Show on July 25 from 9:00 – 3:0 at Lazy Brook Park, Tunkhannock, PA – Announced.**
 - g. **Signing maps for Un-subdivision of lots for Harry and Debra Patten –** This will be handled at the end of the meeting.
- H. **Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment** – Chair Coles stated that he was okay with everything except two Linde bills. Chair Coles made a motion to hold back a thousand dollars on the bill for paving Smith Road until banding is done and to not pay the \$22,000.00 bill until a breakdown of services is provided (grading and rolling verses berming and other work) and that two or more supervisors agree that it is done correctly, and to pay the other bills as listed. Vice Chair Non seconded the motion. The motion carried. We should have gotten road slips from paving and the road master should be around to look for tonnage slips. Vice Chair Non said he will call and see if we can get the tonnage. Chair Coles stated that the deliveries should be matched with the tonnage, logged, and accounted for. He stated that the state auditors will want to see the slips.
- I. **Browndale Fire Department** – Fire Chief Debevec gave an oral report. A written report is on file.
- J. **Public Comment** – Chair Coles updated all and explained that the township is going back to court for the issues with Flagge. Flagge put in concrete swale without a pipe, even though he was told he needed one. Originally, Flagge representatives said that they would stop the concrete 40 feet back. Additionally, he explained that we have a pre-bid meeting on the Burns Road project on July 24, 2019 at 10:00 am. He added that a notice would go in the paper regarding that meeting, by the Redevelopment Authority. Vice Chair Non explained that currently Burns road is half pavement, half dirt and it needs both cinders and salt. Ray Vogt asked why we don't do more paving, rather than stopping at where it was paved years ago to which Vice Chair Non replied that we went for a grant and were turned down. Ron Poska interjected, stating that years ago, Browndale had a lot of low income and handicapped was paved by block grant. Chair Coles noted that since Poska was involved qualifications have changed a lot but that the Block Grant is truly beneficial to low income families. Maria Miller asked the Supervisors if they know anything about the new reservoir project to which Chair Coles replied that he had not heard anything official but that he had heard that there would be a recycle project off of Smith Road. Ms. Miller explained that she met with a father and son team who explained that water would flow down and go back up during off peak hours. There were concerns about bringing poor quality water to our side of the mountain. Currently the project proposers are in the phase of doing feasibility study. She also, noted that his company has changed names. She looked up history of company and found issues and she wanted it known that he met with them on the stipulation of no press. When they asked him to quit his project Waymart representatives said that he could shift his project to Charlie Howells fields. It was also noted that the project is industrial and properties are residential. The topic was changed when Paul Badalucca spoke of a problem with erosion on the bottom end Yarnes Rd by Rte. 170 since the grading was done. Before grading the ditches were open and draining properly. He noted that last sluice pipe is smaller than the ones further up to which Chair Coles replied that Yarnes Road had been fixed after flood damage to FEMA/PEMA specifications. Chair Coles then explained that the windmills are on the fast track and waiting for FAA to clear them on height. They have permits with property owners and such. Linda Zefran spoke of the sidewalk project stating that she had gotten an additional \$80,000.00 for the project from a Keystone Communities Grant Contract. She said that the entire project should be done by mid-August. Mike Dolph, Clinton Township Permit Officer stated that too many people putting up buildings without permits. Elk

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lake had seven houses that all had violations. Chair Coles reminded him that as Permit Officer he had permission to deal with that and he noted that Attorney Treat will be taking several violations to the magistrate. Supervisor Curtis cautioned to give private citizens a chance and that we're not here to hurt anyone. Ken Swan gave an invitation to the Elk Lake general meeting this Saturday at 10:00 am. Josh Debevec said that he would go. Supervisor Curtis suggested that new signs should be put up saying "Clinton Twp. - Permits Required".

- K. **Adjournment** – Vice Chair made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. All voted yes. The motion carried.