

January 6, 2020  
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular January meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman James Zefran on January 6, 2020 at 8:44 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building. Chairman James Zefran, Vice Chair Brian Non, and Supervisor Russell Curtis were in attendance along with the alternate Solicitor Christopher Farrell.

**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** – John Doyle expressed concerns over whether a budget was passed and its validity. Chair Zefran said that to comply with the law, the budget had been passed at the December 30, 2019 meeting. Zefran was working on amending the budget to make it more cogent and was planning a work session. Don Salak expressed concern about the Maiocco bill of over \$27,000.00 dollars. It was explained that that bill was for the Browndale Sidewalk project and would be reimbursed. He countered with concern over who would be held liable if someone got hurt on the sidewalk. Zefran said that he had asked the same question at a previous meeting. Ken Coles spoke up and said that because the sidewalk has not been completed and has never been turned over that should an incident occur everyone would be named, but the contractor would be considered to be the primary care taker.

**D. Minutes of Regular Meeting December 11, 2019** – Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to accept the minutes of the regular December 11, 2019 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.

**E. Minutes of the year-end meeting December 30, 2019** – Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to accept the minutes of the year-end December 30, 2019 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.

**F. Road Master Report** – Road Master and Vice Chair Non gave a brief report stating that a lot of cinders have been used so far this winter. He is aware of the problem of semi-trucks traveling on Ravnikar and that there are no clear answers for the problem, but that weight limit signs are being posted to prevent trucks over weight limits from using the roads. Chair Zefran spoke directly to Vice Chair Non and said that the reason he voted “no” for Non to be appointed Road Master was because he had numerous complaints from people who did not get returned phone calls from him. He reminded Non that he, Non, needed to return phone calls and address people’s concerns so matter what.

**G. Open Issues**

a. **2020 Budget** – Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to have a work session to amend the budget on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton Township Municipal Building. All voted yes. The motion carried. Chair Zefran requested that the three auditors come to the meeting to give their input. He explained that the budget would have state codes and the amounts used would be averaged over a three-year period. A flow chart showing expenses and categories would be given to the audience at every meeting. Chair Coles noted that the fire hydrants are no longer owned by the township.

**H. New Business**

a. **Waymart Wind Farm’s Road Use Agreement matter** – Michael Hoadley, Director, Real Estate of GlidePath Power Solutions, Ronald Bugaj, Attorney, and Craig Nicks, Vice President of Construction were in attendance. They explained that there was a south string of turbines and that electrical circuitry is needed to connect the southern most part to the northern most part through a private easement. Assurance that road usage of a 750' stretch on Smith Road and

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also Flat Rock Road is needed to keep the project viable. Craig Nicks explained that tree trimming, bridge upgrade and shoulder widening would be done at their expense, as needed, to allow trucks to maneuver. It was expected that the road work would be done in a six to eight-month time frame and that the company would bring the road back to original or better than original condition. It was stressed that they may not even need this road usage if the other litigation is solved, but what they were seeking was assurance that the plan would move forward regardless. It was stated that the lawyer, Chris Farrell would receive compensation for the township's expenses. Attorney Chris Farrell asked if landholders had been contacted and they mentioned names of Charlie Howell, Elmer Bender, Matthews, and Tallman, and to date there is no problem. Maps provided were examined by the Supervisors and the Attorney. Zefran asked how high the poles would be. The answer was approximately 50 feet, compared to the 25-foot height of telephone poles. The poles would come off the mountain to Rte. 296. It was proposed by the representatives that, in form of compensation to the township, there would be an initial payment and a final construction payment, but that they would be open to an annual fee. It was asked from the audience if they would be using the bridge which connected roadways from Smith Road to Flat Rock. The representatives said that they would be using the 5-ton weight limit bridge and the culvert bridge and that they would improve both. Lore Vadella expressed that all of the stone was gone on the road due to the 18 wheelers from Camp Freedom and that the road is a mess. Nicks explained "if your vehicles slide, our vehicles slide" and that they would daily improve Flat Rock as necessary. Chair Zefran made a motion that the Supervisors and legal counsel be excused to the back room for an executive session. Vice Chair Non seconded the motion and requested that the executive session include Township Engineer Jeff Weinberger and Consultant Ken Coles. The motion carried.

- I. **Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment** – Vice Chair Non made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to pay the bills as reported. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- J. **Browndale Fire Department** – The Fire Chief Debevec gave a brief oral report. A written report is on file.
- K. **Public Comment** – Maureen Freed inquired about the website waynecountypa.gov and asked that it be updated and maintained with road master reports of dates and places for road work being done, alerts, and meeting minutes. Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to update the website and to find someone to keep it updated. As a second point of concern she noted that cell service in the immediate area is terrible. Lore Vadella commented at length about the muddy mess and tractor trailer usage from Rte. 296 to Ravnkar and asked how long the heavy road usage by tractor trailers will last. Ken Coles said that if the road master calls the trucking company and says that they owe \$8,000 (an example) that you'd get a check. Vice Chair Non said that there are weight limit signs to be put at the bottom of Flat Rock Road and Ravnkar Road and that they would be put up tomorrow. Supervisor Curtis said that, depending on cost, a few loads of #2 stone could be put down and Pykus could level it off. Brad Bates expressed concerns about the cost to the township caused by the tractor trailers. Chair Zefran said that that is a good reason why we need the Solicitor at each meeting. It was noted that the damage is being caused by RHL Company in Montrose, PA. Josh Debevec said that propane delivery and other local delivery trucks should not be affected. Camp Freedom does permit trucks with heavy equipment to go down Rte. 6 to Camp Freedom. Chair Zefran said that the Road Master will check on that. When Chair Zefran was asked to please see that there were widened snow pathways on Ravnkar, he replied that the Road Master would be on that, too.
- L. **Adjournment** – Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. All voted yes. The motion carried.