

May 20, 2019

A scheduled meeting of Milford Township Supervisors was called to order at 7 P.M. by Chairman Gary Clark, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Vice-Chairman Penney Luhrs, Supervisor Gary M. Williams, Solicitor Anthony Magnotta, Zoning Officer Shawn Bolles, Secretary/Treasurer Viola Canouse, and Assistant Secretary Shahana Shamim.

A motion was made by Gary M. Williams, seconded by Penney Luhrs, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

A representative of Hometown Hero Honors program asked for a permission to put banners in Town for honoring military people. She explained that the banners would be hanging on the utility poles. Gary M. Williams made a motion to fly the flags on utility poles with the permission of Pike County Light & Power, Penney Luhrs seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Receipts since last meeting: Hickory Hills POA rent \$25.00, Zoning Permits \$50.00, Sewage Permit \$400.00, Building Permits \$47.27, Variance Hearing \$900.00, Investment account interest \$10.28, Consolidation of Snyder Estate \$150.00, Real Estate Transfer Tax \$2695.00, County Fines \$900.00, extra 2019 discount taxes collected \$872.20, April building Permits \$39.94, Liquid Fuels deposited \$61,165.61, Penn Dot will also June 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$514.47

#### Roadmaster:

Gary M. Williams reported that they had been assisting the Water Authority for putting water lines in Owego Turnpike. He added that the Roadcrews had been working on the ditches, which became pretty bad from heavy rain, of Vandermark Drive.

#### Building and Zoning:

The Zoning Officer, Shawn Bolles, reported that he had done a site inspection for GAIT Property last week.

#### Public Participation:

Mr. Michael Bello from Milford Fire Department informed the total year to date response count. He also gave a description of the status of the equipment, membership, and trainings. Gary Clark inquired if the ambulance, which went out of order, was back. Mike said 'yes'. Mike said that there were no updates on the ALS situation. Ms. Amy Eisenburg of Milford Township expressed her concern about the low manpower of the Fire Department and added that the Blooming Grove police showed up 40 minutes after she had called for help. She also inquired if this scenario could be a concern if density increased. Gary Clark replied that as of then there were no applications for any increased density developments. Penney Luhrs said that Milford Township needed to grow anyway, and she would consider Ms. Eisenburg's concern. Gary Clark added that he had attended all the ALS meetings, and most of the EMT calls come from Westfall Senior Housing. Shawn said that the man-powers declined because of the high number of hours of required schooling to join EMT.

#### Correspondence:

Pike County Area Agency on Aging, notice of surplus equipment from DPW, information and invitations, PSATS, Pike County Conservation, Liberty Flags, Municipal Leaders' Conference, Frisky Goat Coffee House, Letter from Viola Canouse and Harry Forbes.

A letter from Frisky Goat Coffee House requested for a permission from the Supervisors for a 5K Run on New years day from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. The run would start at this Coffee House at 611 Broad Street. They would be able to provide traffic control through Milford Fire Department, and the insurance would be provided after in October, 2019. Mr. Harry Forbes sent a letter with an intent to resign from the Planning Board, as he was having health issues. Ms. Viola Canouse read her resignation letter from the Planning Board, and suggested making Shahana Shamim the Secretary of that Board.

Mr. Magnotta informed that he had received a letter from Attorney Anthony Waldron. This letter was about the lot consolidation of Delaware Highland Conservancy. Mr. Waldron stated in the letter that his application was reviewed by Pike County Planning, and this Commission had recommended to include improvements and wells in the map. Mr. Waldron asked for a waiver in the letter, as three lots were being joined, and now new lot lines were being created. Mr. Magnotta asked Shawn to take a look at this matter. Mr. Magnotta also asked the Supervisors to send this matter to the Planning Board for a review. Shawn said that the shortcut ordinance for joining contiguous properties was offered to Mr. Waldron, who chose to go through the whole subdivision process. The correspondence from Mr. Magnotta was a letter that he wrote to Kirk Summa and Company, the Auditor of the Township, about no pending claims on the Township in 2018.

#### Old Business:

- a. GAIT: Nobody from this property showed up. Shawn informed that the site visit for this property was done. Gary Clark informed that the owner of that property was planning to demolish her shed and rebuild it in a different spot. Shawn added that the new spot proposed by the owner was within the setback limit from her property lines. Gary Clark said that putting plants around that shed would solve the sight problem. One of the neighbors of GAIT Property said that there were other buildings in that property, and inquired if those buildings were legally constructed. Shawn said that he would have to look at the records. Gary Clark made a motion to postpone this hearing till the next meeting of June 3, 2019, Gary M. Williams seconded, as it was passed unanimously.

#### New Business:

Penney Luhrs made a motion to allow Frisky Goat Coffee House to conduct a 5K Run on January 1, 2020 from 11am till 1pm, Gary M. Williams seconded, and it was passed unanimously. The condition for this motion was that the Coffee House would have to bring their insurance for the event.

Gary M. Williams made a motion to accept the resignations of Ms. Viola Canouse and Mr. Harry Forbes, Penney seconded, and it was passed unanimously. Gary Clark made a motion to move the lot consolidation of Richard L. Snyder firm to the Planning Board for their review, Gary M. Williams seconded, and it was passed unanimously. Gary M. Williams made a motion to appoint Shahana Shamim as the Secretary to the Planning Commission, Penney Luhrs seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

Gary Clark said that Ms. Viola Canouse had been the Secretary for the past 42 years and 57 years as the Tax-Collector. He added that he would miss Viola's service, and urged her not to leave the Township entirely.

Executive Session:

Gary Clark declared the result of the executive session as moving the position of Mr. Larry Kotar from Alternate Member to a full time Member. He made a motion for this change, Gary M. Williams seconded, and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Clark said that the other vacancy in the Planning Board would be filled later.

Public Comments:

Phyllis Simpson inquired if there were renters in Richard Snyder's property, and if they belonged to the Conservancy. The answer was that that property was owned by the State, which carried all the expenses. Some revenues were generated from the rentals. There is a 50-page long rules that explain what can or cannot be done, such as constructing buildings, on that property.

There were no other businesses or executive sessions needed, so a motion was made by Gary Clark to pay the bills and adjourn. Gary M. Williams seconded to it, and it was passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 8:00 P.M.