

June 17, 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, 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.

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts since last meeting: Zoning Permits \$100.00, Sewage Permit \$400.00, State Police Fines \$514.47, Real Estate Transfer Tax \$3102.13, County Fines \$69.58, and UGI \$415.00

Roadmaster:

Gary M. Williams reported that the road crews had been cutting brush, working on the ditches, and cleaning up around the Township. He said that the big ditch on the Vandermark Drive was quite big and the work was being delayed because of plenty of rain. He said that the bids for paving four roads of the Township from Wayco and Linde were opened in the last meeting, and their bids totaled \$87,641.22 and \$102,500.90 respectively. As the bid from Wayco was less, he made a motion to accept this company's bid for paving these four roads, Gary Clark seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

Public Participation:

A resident from 704 6th Street of Milford explained that the proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was a spot zoning. One of the property owners of Milford Borough read out some portions of the past meeting minutes regarding this Amendment proposal, and pointed out that the Board of Supervisors had been having similar concerns as the local residents regarding this amendment. Penney replied that those were discussions, and she was ready to accept all kinds of suggestions. She also suggested having a new Comprehensive Plan by including more Municipalities.

One of the residents of Milford Borough inquired if the Supervisors would delay their decision on accepting the Amendment proposal even if they got approval from the Planning Board, and wait for revising the Comprehensive Plan. Gary Clark replied that the proposal would be sent to Pike County Planning after the Planning Board's approval, and there would be an advertisement of 30 days for hearing and public comments. One other resident of Milford Borough said that the Wheatfield Village was a nice example of what the Township had done in the past. Gary Clark replied that the setbacks hadn't been changed since then, and hence this new proposed Zoning Ordinance should be fine. Phyllis Simpson commented that a Comprehensive Plan was just a wish list, it is not mandated to be followed. Penney added that Comprehensive Plans are kind of dreams of what should happen in future, and said that her dream was to see sidewalks in Town.

Phyllis Simpson commented that Mr. Ted Ritsick, a Community planner from Scranton, had trained about making joint municipality Comprehensive Plans, and this training had taken place in Milford Borough. Gary Clark said that the approval of Supervisors or Planning Board Members attending

a meeting in Milford Borough was never discussed and never voted in any of the Supervisors' meetings. He added that he would listen to the decision of the Planning Board about the Comprehensive Plan.

Rachel Hendricks asked who specified the area that would be served by the central sewer, as according to the Intergovernmental Agreement it was the Township's responsibility to specify this area. Gary Clark replied that Ms. Luhrs has the approval to make decisions about the expansion of this sewage system. Penney said that the specified area spanned from Westfall to Borough. She added that Moon Valley Road already had their central sewage, which was not working too well, but Moon Valley Road was not going to get the central sewage in the first phase. Gary Williams added that the Apple Valley would be added for the central sewage also. Ms. Hendricks asked if Pine Acres would be added into the area also. Penney replied 'no', and added that she could add this area if requested.

Rachel Hendricks inquired if due diligence was done to decide if WWTP needed to be expanded for the extension of the sewage. Penney replied that as of then WWTP was not going to be changed. Rachel further inquired if the Township could be sued in case the feasibility study ended up showing that the sewage could not be extended. The Supervisors replied that the Township is not under any obligation for extending the sewage, and the Solicitor has it in writing. Penney said that there would be a meeting about septic on July 10, 2019 at 3 P.M. at the Commissioners' office, and anybody would be able to attend.

One of the residents of Milford Township inquired if the writing that states that the Township is not obligated to extend the Sewage could be obtained. Gary Clark replied that he would have to place a Right-to-Know request to the Open Records Officer. He further inquired why all the appointed Members to the Planning Board lived in Moon Valley Road, and why the sewage was being extended to this road. The Supervisors replied that they owned their own septics. They also said that they had just learned that the sewage was being extended to that road. The Supervisors added that they got a small number of applications to pick Members from. This resident inquired why the Supervisors agreed to the feasibility study of sewage extension, as the Supervisors had earlier said that no ground failures happened in Milford Township. The Supervisors said that they were asked for this extension, and they had accepted this proposal, as the cost of this study was being paid from grants.

Correspondence:

Pike County Area Agency on Aging, Pike Co., Open letter from Amy Eisenburg, information and invitations, PSATS, Pike County Conservation, Liberty Flags, and Municipal Leaders' Conference, NYC, PSATS Bulletin, TRUGREEN, Insurance certificate, Training, National Park Service, and HRG Engineers for Sewage Extension

Old Business:

Kennels Ordinance: Gary M. Williams made a motion to re-advertise for the adopting the Kennels Ordinance #413.3 and #413.4 for July 15, 2019, Penney seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Electronic Recycling: Mr. Tommy Ricks from A Plus Computer Services said that he was looking for a way to dispose electronic items properly. He said that he would advertise at his own expense for August 17 and 18 of 2019 for the disposal of electronic items. Gary M. Williams made a motion to approve Mr. Ricks to advertise for these disposals on these dates. He added that only Milford Township and Borough residents would be allowed to dispose electronic items, Gary Clark seconded to this motion, and it was passed unanimously.
- b. Sawkill Run POA: Gary M. Williams made a motion to allow this association to use the Township building for their meeting on June 24, 2019, and added that this association would have to provide their liability insurance before using the building. Penney seconded to this motion, and it was passed unanimously.
- c. Sunshine Act: Gary Clark said that while agencies must provide opportunities for residents/taxpayers to comment on issues before decisions take place, agencies are permitted to limit time to three minutes for each commenter. He made a motion to approve this proposal, but the motion failed.

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.