

MINUTES
February 18, 2020
Milford Township Building
560 Route 6 & 209, Milford PA
7:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of Milford Township Supervisors was called to order at 7 P.M. by Vice Chairman Gary M. Williams. Also present were Supervisor Rachel Hendricks and Secretary/Treasurer Shahana Shamim.

Rachel Hendricks made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Gary M. Williams seconded, and it was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Shahana reported that she had received \$10,367.14 from Real Estate Transfer Taxes, \$25.00 from building rent, and \$70 from Milford Borough. She said that the Investor Money Market of the Township in Wayne bank could be changed to Regular Money Market. She explained that in a Regular Money Market the amount could be kept as low as \$2,500, the Township would not get any penalties for the funds being so low, and the interest rate would be the same as the Investor Money Market. Ms. Hendricks made a motion to change the Investor Money Market to Regular Money Market, Gary M. Williams seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

Roadmaster:

Gary M. Williams, the Roadmaster, reported that the road crew had been cutting brush for the past two weeks. He also reported that there were some ice storms and the trucks were out four times since the last meeting.

Public Participation #1:

Phyllis Simpson inquired if a spotlight should be on the flag, as it is kept up at night. Rachel replied 'yes'. Mr. Kevin Stroyan said that the Township's flag was a weather-proof flag, but putting a spotlight on it was a preferable. He added that a lot of public places did not have the ability to put spotlights on their flags. Mr. Williams said that he would look into it.

Correspondence:

Shahana presented correspondences including liability insurances, legal, Pike County Tax Administration, Pike County Humane Society, Matt Cartwright, Pike County Office of Community Planning, Milford Water Authority, and UGI. Ms. Hendricks made a motion for the Township staff to forward any notices of funding assistance regarding the fire and EMS services to the Fire Department, Mr. Williams seconded, and it was passed. Mr. Williams asked Shahana to forward the notice to the Fire Department.

Old Business:

UGI Conditional Use Hearing: Mr. Williams opened up the Conditional Use Hearing of UGI. He made a motion to continue this hearing to the next Supervisors' meeting, which was scheduled for March 2, 2020, so that the Planning Board could review in its meeting, which was scheduled for February 25, 2020. Rachel seconded to this motion, and it was passed.

UGI Request for Township Building Use:

Gary M. Williams said that UGI had requested to use the Township building on February 27, 2020, from 11pm till noon for their meeting. Rachel made a motion to approve this request contingent upon the Solicitor's review, as UGI was a for-profit organization. Mr. Williams seconded to this motion, and it was passed.

Act 537 Alternatives

Rachel Hendricks stated that the County Planning Department had sent some maps to the Township with regard to the sewer project and wanted comments back by February 21st. She made a motion for the Secretary to send a letter to him asking for more time for Supervisors' response until March 4-5, Gary M. Williams seconded, and it was passed. Mr. DiLorenzo said that the Township experienced system failures, but not ground failures. Mr. Bill Pittman commented that alternate locations instead of alternatives for sewage was discussed in the last Sewage meeting.

Mr. DiLorenzo commented that State Representatives had said in the meeting that residents within 150' would be mandated to hook up to the Central Sewage. He continued that this hook up would be expensive, especially for septic owners, who have repaired or installed their septic systems within the last two years. He tried to make it so property owners with recently repaired or installed systems would get up to ten years to hook up to central sewer, but Representatives had urged for only five years. Mr. DiLorenzo said that he would have his comments at the next Supervisors' meeting. Rachel said that she wanted to understand why some of the maps were labeled as "Malfunction" when no systems are denoted along the proposed routes.

Bill Pittman informed that the next Sewage meeting would be held at 3:00 P.M. on March 4, 2020, and added that the cost would be discussed in that meeting. Ms. Hendricks indicated that she appreciated that the meetings were being videotaped as watching the videos gave a better understanding of the maps we are being asked to comment on. She explained that Mr. DiLorenzo had stated that if certain funding sources were to be used, mandatory hook ups would be required so that the costs of the project can be recovered. A tipping point occurs below which too few users do not allow the project to be financially feasible. Mr. Stroyan commented that the Task Activity Report (TAR) was the first requirement for Federal and State funding. He continued that everybody would have to hook up if these funding sources are utilized. The Senator had agreed to set aside six million dollars for this Sewage Project, and this money would necessitate mandatory hook ups.

Rachel commented that the Township needed to know if we have a sewer problem, what issues the study has or has not identified. Mr. Stroyan replied that the phrase "Act 537 Alternatives" needed to be changed to "alternative routes". Mr. DiLorenzo said that some businesses might be required to change the exits of their sewer systems in order to hook up to central sewage. Rachel supported this statement by saying that on the video one alternative discussed was running a second Sewage line along the Alley instead of running only one line along the Harford Street, and running two lines would double the cost.

Tax Anticipation Note:

Ms. Hendricks stated that the Solicitor had reviewed the Tax Anticipation Note loan documents. She made a motion to authorize Penney Luhrs and Gary M. Williams to sign the loan documents, Mr. Williams seconded, and it was passed.

New Business:

Mr. Stroyan informed that he had attended the Westfall Township workshop, and he found that that Township was quite interested in joining with this Township for making the joint Comprehensive Plan. He continued that Westfall Township had made a motion for joining with

this Township, and that meant this Township at least has one partner. The Act 537 Plan needed to be done before the Sewage Extension, and the Comprehensive Plan needed to be done also. He asked Supervisors if they could ask Mr. Mrozinski what the County had for the draft 537 Plan, as the County was leading the Sewage Project. The County Plan needed to be done first. Rachel added that Dingmans Township was also serious about joining with this Township for the joint Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Stroyan added that he was not sure if Milford Borough was interested in joining with this Township. He suggested inviting everybody to join in the training sessions with the Planner, Mr. Ted Ritsick, and work on commonalities.

Mr. Stroyan indicated that the Water Authority had provided him with a copy of their Source Water Protection materials that they previously asked the Township to consider. Much of the focus is on possible sources of chemical contamination that the Municipal Authority cannot filter out of the water. Rachel made a motion for the Planning Commission to take a look at Dingman Township's Source Water Protection as a model to develop something that might be recommended to the Supervisors for adoption, Gary M. Williams seconded, and it was passed.

Residents brought up concern about tractor trailers going through the town to and from the cookie factory and particularly the speeds and loud braking coming down Rt. 6. They suggested putting solar speed check posts and enforcing taking certain exits for these trucks to limit the passage of these trucks. Gary M. Williams said that PennDOT would not look into this matter, as the Town does not have enough accidents. He added that he would talk to the State Police about speed enforcement.

Mr. Kevin Stroyan commented that having esthetics requirements in the ordinance would be one important opportunity to maintaining the character of the community in the design of the commercial and mixed use developments. He added that the Township would soon be dealing with a new type of mixed use development. Gary M. Williams said that a legal opinion in this matter would be important. Mr. Stroyan added that the Planner's opinion would be very helpful too and it would be very different than the ARB in the Borough because the Township is not dealing with a historic district. Rachel Hendricks added that the State Historic Preservation Office in some places urges not making the new development look too much like the Historic buildings. Mr. DiLorenzo added that the esthetics for Mixed-Use should depend on the look and feel of the area.

There was no other business or executive session needed, so a motion was made by Gary M. Williams to pay the bills and adjourn. Rachel Hendricks seconded it, and it passed. Adjournment was at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shahana Shamim

Secretary/Treasurer