

MINUTES
March 1, 2021
Zoom Meeting of the Board of Supervisors
7:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of Milford Township Supervisors was called to order at 7 P.M. by Penney Luhrs through a Zoom call, the meeting ID for which had been advertised in advance in the Pike County Dispatch. Also present were Vice-Chair Rachel Hendricks, Supervisor Gary M. Williams, Solicitor Anthony Magnotta, and Secretary/Treasurer Shahana Shamim.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Shahana reported that since the last meeting she had received \$11,709.14 from Blue Ridge Cable Technologies, \$367.30 from Code Inspections, and \$325.00 from UGI. She also reported the financial institution account balances as \$55,900.01, \$15,381.61, \$42,493.68, \$7,834.92, and \$98,077.62 in Wayne Bank (Investment), Wayne Bank (Payroll), NBT Bank, PLGIT (General), and PLGIT (Liquid Fuels) accounts.

Roadmaster:

Mr. Gary M. Williams reported that he had bought enough salt and antiskid for the rest of the year (hopefully). He continued that he had been putting a lot of money into the old truck, and a new big truck needed to be purchased to push the heavy snow that the township usually gets. A new big truck would cost about \$150,000, and it takes about six to eight months after placing the order. Penney added that it needed to be added into the next year's budget. The Solicitor added that for a \$150,000 truck, some money could be put up front, and then DCED approval would not be required for paying the rest of \$125,000 over five years. Gary added that the Kodiak truck, which is 25 years old, was still working okay, but it was gradually becoming harder to find replacements for its parts. Bids for the salt for next year and for paving Schocopee Road needed to be done soon.

Public Participation #1:

None

Zoning:

The Zoning Officer said that he had sent a violation letter to NAPA for their storage trailer, which was put in 30 days ago for redoing their store. He added that the fee for this permit of temporary use of storage trailers would be \$300 instead of \$100, as they had done the storage beforehand, and Supervisors would have to act on it. Supervisors said that it would be put under new business in the next meeting.

Correspondence:

Shahana presented correspondences including HRG, Pike County Office of Community Planning, Pike County Area Agency on Aging, Matt Cartwright, A+ Onsite Computer Repair, Milford Borough, and PSATS

Old Business:

- a. **Extension of COVID 19 Emergency Declaration:** Ms. Hendricks made a motion to extend the COVID 19 emergency declaration for another 90 days or until the Governor rescinds it, Ms. Luhrs seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- b. **Consideration of Supervisors' participation in March 4th meeting with other municipal officials regarding ambulance services:** Ms. Hendricks made a motion to allow the Board of Supervisors to attend this meeting, Ms. Luhrs seconded, and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

- c. **Grant Funding Contract through the SRCP Program - Amending the end date of the contract:** Rachel said that the County had sent an amendment to the SRCP grant contract that funds the Eastern Pike Regional Act 537 Sewage Plan, and this amendment would extend its period by one year. She explained that it is typical to extend a grant contract to ensure that all work is done during the contract period. She made a motion to execute this amendment, Ms. Luhrs seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- d. **Ray's Truck and Auto Conditional Use – Permission to advertise for a Hearing in front of the Planning Board:** Mr. Kevin Stroyan explained that the Planning Commission was asking for permission to advertise hearings for upcoming projects, including Ray's Truck and Auto, but that the Planning Commission would not be requiring a stenographer but rather just wanted the public to be aware and the applicants to participate so that they could generate a list of recommended conditions as appropriate. There was some discussion about how this would or would not work. Gary and Penney reiterated that there was consensus to have only one conditional use hearing for conditional use applications. The Solicitor commented that conditional use applicants should not have to pay for two hearings. Rachel said that the Planning Board was asking for permission to advertise this application so that they could formally review it, and add reasonable conditions at their next meeting. She continued that they are not actually requesting to hold a "conditional use hearing," but it could be advertised so that the community could come forward and participate in making formal recommendations, perhaps using another term than the formal "conditional use hearing" which triggers the fee and stenographer structure. Mr. Kevin Stroyan, the Vice-Chairman of the Planning Board, said that the Township had always had two conditional use hearings in the past, one with the Planning Commission and one with the Supervisors. He continued that the Planning Board can have a full discussion with the applicant and then can forward good recommendations to the Board of Supervisors after the Planning Board hearing. If only the Supervisors directly hold a hearing with this applicant, then the Planning Board would not have the opportunity to formally discuss conditions with him, and make a formal recommendation to the Supervisors. EconoPak was making a big change to their property; its rear parking lot would be 20' higher than Rt. 6 & 209, and the community deserves to know have more than one opportunity to give input.

The Solicitor added that the ordinance includes the clause, "and/or", for having one or two hearings for conditional uses. Penney added that the Planning Board would be able to review all requirements, and formally accept the application so that the clock

could start running. Penney further added that the hearing in front of the Planning Board could be held at the Board of Supervisors' discretion depending on how big the project is. The Solicitor suggested posting Planning Board's agenda into the website whenever such project reviews are done. Mr. Stroyan asked the Secretary to post the advertisement along with the agenda. Rachel made a motion to allow the Planning Commission to advertise for conditional use project reviews for developing reasonable conditions for recommending to the Supervisors, Mr. Williams seconded, and it passed unanimously. The Zoning Officer commented that the party that would be responsible for the cost of the advertising needed to be clarified. Rachel made a motion for having applicants of conditional use project reviews bear the cost of advertising, Mr. Williams seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Public Participation:

There was no other business or executive session needed. Penney Luhrs made a motion to pay the bills and adjourn, Gary M. Williams seconded, and it passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shahana Shamim

Secretary/Treasurer