

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 14, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

The Highland Township Board of Supervisors met on this date @ 7:00 p.m., as publicly advertised, at the Highland Township Municipal Building located at 3641 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Craig Rockey, Supervisor Ed Steinour, Supervisor Gary Dingle, Secretary Mary Sherman

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Gil Pringle, Scott Michalski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisors Meeting Minutes April 9th, 2019:

Supervisor Dingle moved, seconded by Supervisor Rockey to approve the April 9th, 2019 Supervisor meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORTS:

The April 2019 Treasurers report was discussed in detail. The Treasurers report was accepted as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID AND PAYROLL

Supervisor Rockey moved, seconded by Supervisor Steinour to approve the April 2019 reports as presented. The vote was unanimous.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT:

Tar & Chip Sealed Bid:

Hammaker East, LTD. was the only bidder on the project. Carr Hill Road, Knorr Road, Glenwood Lane, Seven Star's Road, Meadowbrook Lane #2, Silo Road, Byers Lane and Thompson Lane will be tar and chipped. Supervisor Dingle moved, seconded by Supervisor Rockey to award the bid to Hammaker East. The vote was unanimous.

Mack Truck:

The Mack Truck was advertised for sale on the Municibid auction site for 30 days. The reserve bid was not met. The highest bid was rejected. Many Townships have called the Secretary expressing interest in buying the truck directly from the township. The Supervisors agreed to take bids by email from all the townships who are interested in buying the truck. The email bids will be accepted through May 22 at noon. The reserve bid will be \$130,000. The township has the right to reject all bids.

In addition to the above, the following road repairs will be completed this summer:

- Roger will start mowing along the roads on May 16th.
- Riprap will be placed along ditches on Cold Springs Road and Sydnor Trail near Stoops Road.
- Ditch on Knox Road near the Heller property needs to be cleaned out with the backhoe to stop the water from running across the road. Supervisor Dingle volunteered to help Roger with this and Rist Trail.
- Supervisor Rockey mentioned that there is rippling on some of the roads caused by the snowplow.
- The boom mower is rented for one month starting the last week of July and the first three weeks of August.

Resident complaint:

The Secretary received a call last week from a resident residing at 2960 Fairfield Rd. complaining that his neighbor is directing water on to his property using plastic flex pipe that floods his back yard. The Secretary directed him to call Brandon Guiher at KPI to find out if it was a violation of his stormwater maintenance agreement. Brandon emailed the Township wanting to know if it was ok to investigate the complaint. The Supervisors agreed to have KPI look into this and get back to us.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Scott Michalski, Land Surveyor for the new owners of 110 Knox Road attended the meeting to request a waiver from the SALDO, avoiding the process of a formal subdivision plan. The property has one deed with two separate tracts. He would like to combine the two tracts and have a new deed written up by his client's attorney. The deed will show everything as one lot. The new deed will have to be reviewed by the township solicitor, recorded at the courthouse along with a Declaration of Consolidation. The documents will be notarized and returned to the township.

Supervisor Rockey moved, seconded by Supervisor Dingle to grant a waiver from the SALDO in order to combine the 2 lots. The vote was unanimous.

LAND AND SEA SERVICES:

April 2019 Reports:

The April 2019 reports were reviewed and discussed. The Supervisors agree to accept the reports as written.

RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUEST:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COG: The April meeting was cancelled due to the legislative forum. The next meeting is on May23rd.

YATB: Supervisor Dingle attended the meeting and discussed details from the agenda. The next meeting is July 29, 2019 @ 6:30 in York. Supervisor Dingle will attend.

Fairfield Fire Department meeting: The next meeting is July 15th,2019 @ 3:30.

FREMA: Supervisor Dingle attended two workshops and discussed the details. The next meeting is July 15th @ 11:00 am.

Junk/Nuisance Ordinance:

Supervisor Rockey has rewritten a new draft of the Nuisance Ordinance. It's a simplified version and focuses on the issues of derelict cars/equipment and structures. Supervisor Dingle mentioned that he has been studying the HT Zoning Ordinance and feels that several sections of the ordinance contain coverage of nuisance type references according to each zoning district. Supervisor Steinour proposed writing letters to residents who clearly are using their properties in ways that are not allowed by the Zoning Ordinance. The Supervisors decided to consult with the township solicitor on the issue and discuss at the June meeting.

LCAC: Brown Farm:

The Township received a letter from David Salisbury, President of the Land Conservancy regarding the township's contribution towards the purchase of a conservation easement on the Dan Brown property. They have submitted a grant application to the Adams County Green Space Program and have applied to the federal Agricultural Conservation Easement program. They anticipate replies from the applications by mid-summer.

Fairfield Fire Department audit:

The Secretary called the Department of the Auditor General to inquire if we are obligated to split the state foreign fire funds to the three fire departments that service Highland Township. The Secretary was told that the township can determine how to split the funds. She stated that the State would not withhold the funds due to the non-compliant audit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cashtown Fire Dept donation:

Brent Strasbaugh, Treasurer of the Cashtown Fire Department submitted a spreadsheet with updated tax assessments of the homes in Highland Township serviced by their department. This was done to compare the 2012 assessed values of properties in Highland Township done for the 2013 Fire Tax Study. The Supervisors reviewed the report and would like Brent to attend the June meeting to answer some questions they have about the report. The Secretary will communicate this to him.

Hb-349 resolution:

A resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Highland Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania opposing Pennsylvania hb-349 of 2019 requiring municipalities enforcing the Pennsylvania uniform construction code through utilization of third-party agencies to retain two third party agencies to act on behalf of the municipality. Supervisor Rockey moved, seconded by Supervisor Dingle to adopt Resolution No. 2019-003. The vote was unanimous. A copy will be sent to Senator Camera Bartolotta per Wilbur Slothour's request.

Supervisor Rockey moved, seconded by Supervisor Dingle to adjourn the meeting @ 9:35 pm.

Mary Sherman
Secretary/Treasurer
Highland Township