

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2022

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on August 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Watson Township Municipal building, with James Seltzer, James Potter and Allen Green present.

Also Present: Wilbur Moore, Bernadette Albertson, EMC Paul Stitzer, Violet Flickinger, Rick Glace, Doug Brown, and Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky

Chairman Seltzer called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the July 21, 2022, monthly meeting minutes, there being none, Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Green, MCU.

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report, there being none, Supervisor Green made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

Correspondence: Invitation to the Lycoming County Association of Township Officials Annual Convention and Dinner scheduled for October 19, 2022.

Roadmaster's Report:

1. Removal of a downed tree on West Side Road
2. Mowing
3. Pipe needs replaced on Dennison Hollow
4. The Tombs Run Road Tar & Chip Project should be completed by next week

It was noted that the Dutch Hollow Bridge project that is being done in Pine Creek Township will not be completed before school opens and is now expected to be completed by the end of September or October. There will be a detour in place during the project.

The Board contacted Rick Sanders to see if he would be interested in the Roadmaster position.

Zoning Report:

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky attended the dedication of the bridge crossing the Susquehanna River on the Bald Eagle Valley Trail and reported on the crossing now known as "Katie's Crossing" in honor of County Planner Katie deSilva who worked on the project and is retiring as Clinton County Planner. He noted that the Bald Eagle Valley Trail will eventually connect to the Pine Creek Valley Trail.

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky provided updates on permits:

1. 960 Torbert Lane – permit was issued, and Code Inspections will follow up with inspections and everything is going well
2. Route 44 North – Love property, PennDOT issued a highway occupancy permit and the permit for the porch has been issued
3. Kissell property at 1009 Torbert Lane – flat porch – received the permit application on August 11<sup>th</sup> and dropped of material to Township Engineer on August 12, 2022

Other matters addressed:

1. Site visit at 226 Westside Drive, Jersey Shore, on August 15, 2022, with Supervisor Seltzer – Business in a residential area; found trash, garbage, debris, junk, junk vehicles and tires; a Violation Notice will be sent out by certified mail

Emergency Management Coordinator Report:

Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Stitzer reported that he attended a quarterly training session June 23, 2022, and the next training sessions are scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>.

EMC Stitzer reported purchasing new pads for the AED's and he replaced the pads stating that he did not want reimbursed for the purchase.

Chairman Seltzer reported that he followed up with Lycoming County about Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) and they do not have any available and suggested the Supervisors reach out to Jersey Shore EMS.

EMC Stitzer reported that there is a new set of directives from PEMA that requires additional training and courses, most of which are held in Harrisburg. He said he would not be able to attend training in Harrisburg and plans to resign as the Emergency Management Coordinator.

EMC Stitzer also reported there is a webinar session on Natural Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> and registration is through County EMS.

Recreation Committee Report:

Chairman Seltzer indicated that work would begin again to remove the remaining playground equipment at the park.

Old Business:

Short Term Rental Ordinance No. 2022-08-18 was presented to the public for discussion.

Residents discussed enforcement of the ordinance, permit requirements, and the contradictory language in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph B.1. on Page 2 regarding the ability to transfer the permit when a property changes ownership. It was the consensus of the Board to change the language on page two to make it consistent.

Supervisor Potter made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the condition the language on Page 2 is corrected to make it consistent that a permit may be transferred within 90 days from the date of change in ownership of a property; seconded by Supervisor Green, MCU.

#### New Roof for Trading Post Building

Chairman Seltzer reported that he met with a company to get quotes for a new spray polyurethane foam and rubber roof on the Trading Post Building. There are two different systems that are similar, and the quotes were \$12,972.00 and \$14,701.60.

A discussion was held, and it was agreed that additional quotes would be obtained for the new roof.

#### Well at Township Municipal Building

Chairman Seltzer reported that there is an issue with the water from the well at the township municipal building. He said there are black specs in the water, and it has an odor. The Company previously hired to drill a new well never showed up to do the work.

A discussion was held as to whether it is cost effective to pursue having a new well drilled.

#### New Business:

Supervisor Green said that an individual stopped and asked if he could purchase the three rolls of fencing stored at the Trading Post building site.

A discussion was held as to whether the fencing belongs to Little League and the Supervisors agreed to follow up on the matter.

#### Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy

Supervisor Green pointed out that there is a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. It was the consensus of the Board to advertise the vacancy on the Township's website.

#### Invoices:

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to approve the invoices as presented; seconded by Supervisor Green, MCU.

Public Comment - public comment was entertained through-out the meeting.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, the motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem  
Secretary