

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING  
MAY 18, 2023

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on May 18, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Watson Township Municipal building, with James Seltzer, Allen Green and James Potter present.

Also Present: Rick Macklem, Wilbur Moore, Richard Bater, Richard Lange, Dennis Buttorff and Brent Petrosky

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

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the April 20, 2023, monthly meeting minutes, there being none, Supervisor Green made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

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

Correspondence: None

Roadmaster's Report:

1. Installed lights at the pavilion
2. Mowing
3. Trimmed trees along Edgewood Drive
4. Marked SR 973 for new bus signs
5. Repaired entrances at the Trading Post and at the Municipal Building
6. Repaired trimmer and pole saw
7. Repaired bench
8. Fixed fencing at the ball field
9. New front tires on the Kubota

Supervisor Green read the minutes from the Spring Road Tour held April 28, 2023, by the Supervisors.

Supervisor Green made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Spring Road Tour; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

## Zoning Report

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky presented the following report:

### Permits:

1. Luke Motter – not proceeding with permit for a pole barn at this time
2. Shawn Branton – permit issued for a new home and shed at 2500 Tombs Run Road
3. Erika Morgan – Special Events Permit issued for events scheduled for Up the Crick, LLC
4. Special Event Permits issued for The Barn at Pine Creek for a wedding on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>

### Other:

Contacted by Sustainable Energy Systems out of Maryland about a project at 95 Valley View Drive – advised the company that the project is not in Watson Township but rather in Porter Township

### Emergency Management Coordinator Report:

Dennis Buttorff, EMC reported that a 30-day review period required prior to FEMA making changes to the NFIP including increasing the elevation to three feet, currently the BFE in Watson Township is one foot.

A discussion was held regarding FEMA regulations and EMC Buttorff also explained the Substantial Improvement Substantial Damage (SISD) procedures used to determine the extent of damage in the event of a flood.

### Old Business:

#### Ford F550 Truck

Chairman Seltzer reported that during the West Branch Equipment Show in Hughesville, Supervisor Green, Employee Rick Macklem and himself, looked at a Ford F600 Truck from Sunbury Motors. The truck has a 7.3-liter gas engine and with an aluminum body would cost approximately \$60,000. The truck would have to be ordered and could take at least five months to get to the dealership.

Bradco Supply would then outfit the truck with a cinder spreader, snow plow, and emergency lights, but currently has a 14-month backlog, so it would be over a year before the Township receives the truck.

Supervisor Green made a motion to move forward with purchasing a new Ford F600 Truck; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

#### West Side Road

It was noted that the Supervisors have been unable to reach the PennDOT Municipal Services Representative about West Side Road and further discussion was tabled.

#### Sealcoating Township Parking Lot

The Board discussed the quotes received from T&S Sealing, LLC and Aungst's Asphalt Services to sealcoat and re-paint the lines on the township parking lot and noted the amount of the quotes were close and T&S Sealing, LLC sealed the parking lot before and did a good job.

Supervisor Green made a motion to hire T&S Sealing, LLC to sealcoat and re-paint the lines for parking spaces on the township parking lot; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

#### Part-time Employee

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to hire Dylan Mundrick as a part-time road crew employee; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

#### Tax Collector Richard Lange

Tax Collector Richard Lange requested the Supervisors consider adopting an ordinance to setup a fee schedule for the Tax Collector to charge for Tax Certifications, Tax Duplicates, and research at \$10.00 per property/per year and setting a returned check fee at \$35.00. Mr. Lange indicated that the Lycoming County Treasurer's Office, the Jersey Shore School District Tax Office and many other local tax collectors charge for their services.

A discussion was held, and it was the consensus of the Board to move forward with an ordinance to set up a fee schedule for the Tax Collector.

#### Becca's Path

Secretary Macklem explained that she reached out to the Lycoming County Conservation District on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to follow up on the complaints made about various issues (i.e., manure, odor, insects) being caused by the horses and other farm animals at 174 Beccas Path. According to the Conservation District the property was inspected by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in February 2023, and a follow-up inspection is to be held 90 days after the original inspection.

Secretary Macklem requested that the Watson Township Supervisors be provided with copies of any correspondence and inspection reports involving the property.

New Business:

There was no new business presented for discussion.

Invoices:

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

Public Comment

Public comment was generally entertained throughout the meeting.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darlene S. Macklem*

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Secretary