

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING
JUNE 15, 2023

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on June 15, 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, Shawn Branton, Rick Glace and Brent Petrosky

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

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the May 18, 2023, monthly meeting minutes, there being none, Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, 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 Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Correspondence:

1. Notice from Lycoming County Conservation District for the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Roads Program training scheduled for September and October 2023.

Chairman Seltzer said the Township is not eligible for grants under the Dirt & Gravel Program unless someone from the township is certified and suggested that two representatives attend training and get certified.

Roadmaster's Report:

1. Cleaned along West Side Road
2. Trimmed trees along Dennison Hollow, Furnace Run Road
along Edgewood Drive
3. Mowed ball field

Chairman Seltzer reported that the Township contracted with Mike Saar to trim trees along West Side Road and completed some of the work but left before completing the project because it was not cost effective to continue due to having to move equipment for vehicles to go through. Saar's agreed to come back and finish the work but would like the township to coordinate use of the Rail/Trail with DCNR which would allow residents to use West Side Road without delaying tree trimming along the road.

Supervisor Green reported that there is work to be completed at the upper end of Hiller Hill

where the township put in the turn-around. The former Roadmaster told the property owner that the township would level the area off and complete the landscaping when the turn-around was finished to enable the property owner to be able to mow the area with a lawn mower.

A discussion was held regarding making improvements to West Side Road and whether it is too late in the season to complete a road project this year.

Chairman Seltzer reported that he ordered the cab and chassis for the new truck with a 7.3-liter gas engine through Sunbury Motors under the CoStar's contract and is working on the package for the bed, snowplow and spreader through Bradco Supply, also an affiliate of CoStars.

The quote from Bradco Supply was supposed to include a quote for a steel, stainless-steel or aluminum bed, but the quote only included the cost of a steel bed and that quote was \$52,531 and Chairman Seltzer stated even though the cost for a stainless-steel bed may be higher, the Board agreed that it would be worth the extra cost because it would hold up better. He also estimated the total cost for the truck at \$120,000, noting the Township received \$60,000 from the sale of the township's second truck.

Zoning Report

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky introduced Dr. Shawn Branton who is building a log home along Tombs Run Road and indicated that the contractor is unable to haul the logs to the property because of the weight and will be using the Mahaffey property as a staging area.

Brent also discussed the property at 86 Pine Lane owned by Richard Miller which is for sale and the plans being proposed by a potential buyer of the property. According to Brent, currently the owner is in violation of Article 6, Section 6110 (1) of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to junk vehicles. However, Mr. Miller's realtor contacted Brent and advised him that the four junk vehicles will be removed from the property.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report:

Dennis Buttorff, EMC was not present for the meeting.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Computer Support

The Board discussed computer support and webmaster services for the township.

Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement

The Supervisors discussed the renewal of the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement and stated that the terms of the agreement have not changed, it is a 10-year agreement with no increase in the amount of franchise fee collected on behalf of and paid to the Township.

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to approve the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement; seconded by Supervisor Green, MCU.

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 Supervisor Potter, MCU.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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Secretary