

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2024

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on March 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Watson Township Municipal building, with James Seltzer, James Potter, and Richard Macklem present.

Also present: Wilbur Moore, Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky, Dennis Buttorff, EMC, Richard Lange, Nick Klaras, Allen Green, Spencer Boone of HRI, Inc.

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

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the February 15, 2024, monthly meeting minutes, there being none, Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Macklem, MCU.

The Board reviewed the Treasurers Report and Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Macklem, MCU.

Correspondence – None.

#### Roadmaster's Report

Roadmaster Rick Macklem provided the Roadmaster's Report as follows:

- Employees plowed and treated roads after recent storms
- Removed fallen tree on West Side Road
- Purchased 12 tons of road salt from Porter Township
- Water at ball field was tested and it is not drinkable
- Met with Direct Solutions about upgrading the security system and contacted Keystone Solutions but has not received a return call from Keystone Solutions
- Met with PennDOT Representative Greg Dibble on the 2024 Road Project
- Met with E.B. Schuster about installing a 10 ft. garage door at the Trading Post Building
- Met with Abel about repairing storage area at ball field – they will purchase topsoil 2B stone, grass seed and straw to repair the area
- Met with Steve Kimball of Chemung Supply about guiderails on West Side Road – the guiderails cost between \$25 and \$35 per foot and for three sections of the road the cost would be approximately \$3,000

The Supervisors discussed dates for the Spring Road Tour and Supervisor Macklem made a motion to schedule the Spring Road Tour for April 5, 2024, at 10:00 am; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

## Zoning Officer's Report

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky provided the monthly Zoning Report that included the following permit applications:

- John and Patricia Driver – 541 Torbert Lane for a shed
- Craig Kissell – 1009 Torbert Lane – short term rental
- Michael Schall – 13079 W. Route 973 – pole barn and swimming pool
  
- Permit issued to Craig & Christy Fishel – 14699 Rte. 973 – pavilion

Nick Klaras of Becca's Path is replacing a fence on his property located in the Agricultural Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Officer Petrosky noted that agricultural uses are exempt from permits and in this case a permit is not necessary.

## EMC Report

EMC Dennis Buttorff presented the EMC Report for the month and reported the fire company responded to two accidents and two trees down on roads.

Dennis also reported that PennDOT has plans to replace a culvert on Main Street in Jersey Shore and also plans to upgrade the traffic signals at the Main Street intersection and at the Broad Street intersection which will include road closures while the work is being completed.

## Old Business

### HRI, Inc. Agreement

Spencer Boone of HRI, Inc. spoke to the Board about office space for the PennDOT Inspectors and a "laydown area" for HRI to store materials and equipment during the Route 44 soil nailing and paving project for the next two years. The "laydown area" will also be used by the subcontractor for storing materials.

Chairman Seltzer called an Executive Session to discuss the terms of the agreement with HRI, Inc. at 7:35 pm and the regular meeting was reconvened at 7:44 pm.

The Board discussed the proposed terms of the agreement and agreed to a rental fee of \$1,000.00 per month for the "laydown area" for all months used and the agreement will be revised to incorporate all changes agreed upon by the Supervisors and Mr. Boone of HRI, Inc.

Supervisor Macklem made a motion to approve the contract with HRI, Inc. for rental of office space and material storage area, with the agreed upon revisions; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

## New Business

### 2024 Paving Project

The Board discussed the 2024 Paving Project for West Side Road and the estimate prepared by Greg Dibble of PennDOT.

Supervisor Potter made a motion to proceed with the 2024 Paving Project and to advertise for bids scheduling the bid opening for April 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm; seconded by Supervisor Macklem, MCU.

### Pennsylvania Treasury Department – Unclaimed Property

Secretary Macklem reported that Steve Shope of the Pennsylvania Treasury Department, Bureau of Unclaimed Property, contacted her about unclaimed property belonging to Watson Township in the amount of \$13,776.00. The credit balance is from October 2010, and references a credit balance reported by Pennsylvania General Energy Company.

Secretary Macklem said she prepared the Owner Claim Form and documents required to submit a claim to the Pennsylvania Treasury Department for the Board's approval and is required as part of the claim process.

Supervisor Macklem made a motion to authorize Chairman Seltzer and Supervisor Potter to sign and submit an Owner Claim Form with the Pennsylvania Treasury Department, Bureau of Unclaimed Property, on behalf of Watson Township and to sign all documents on behalf of the Township for the unclaimed property; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

### Watson Township Website

Resident Rick Glace spoke to the Board of Supervisors about information missing on the Township's website.

### Invoices

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

### Public Comment

Public comment was entertained generally throughout the meeting.

### Adjournment

Supervisor Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Macklem, MCU.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary