

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING  
MAY 16, 2024

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on May 16, 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, Nick Klaras, Paul Fye, and Allen Green

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

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the April 18, 2024, monthly meeting minutes, there being none, Supervisor Macklem made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

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

Correspondence:

- (1) Thank you notes for donations from Up The Creek, Lycoming County SPCA, Lycoming Regional YMCA and the Jersey Shore Public Library

Roadmaster's Report

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

- Placed additional mulch at the playground
- Rolled the ballfield
- Rented a skid-steer and Mini-Excavator for seven days from United Rentals to clean ditches along Fillman Road, Tombs Run Road and a portion of Furnace Run Road
- HRI, Inc. completed paving a 2,000 ft. section of West Side Road on May 14, 2024
- Mowing
- Sholder work on West Side Road
- Purchased a cab protector for the truck from Bradco Supply

Zoning Officer's Report

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky provided the monthly Zoning Report including issuance of a permit for the shed at the Driver property in Torbert and a permit for an addition at the Brayden Yost property on Edgewood Drive.

Brent discussed the procedure for individuals to receive a permit for short term rentals and indicated that he currently has an application from Craig Kissell and James Woods.

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky also reported completing the Census Bureau report providing the number of permits issued for new residents within Watson Township.

Brent also suggested that the Supervisors consider hiring Richard Marcinkevage, retired Lock Haven City Manager/Engineer as a consultant due to Dennis Norman, P.E. retiring.

It was the consensus of the Board that Brent contact Richard Marcinkevage and if he is interested in being a consultant for the township, request that he attend the June meeting.

#### EMC Report

EMC Denny Buttorff reported that he is trying to keep residents informed by providing updates for the township website during weather events, including water level readings.

EMC Buttorff also reported that FEMA is requiring that PEMA perform Required Community Assistance visits (CAV) to municipalities across the State to maintain contact with communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), to assess the effectiveness of the floodplain management regulations and to provide technical assistance.

EMC Buttorff said that there are 2500 municipalities in the Commonwealth and the State hired two individuals to perform these visits and they are required to do ten (10%) percent every year.

#### Old Business

There was no old business presented for discussion.

#### New Business

#### Road Maintenance/Repairs

Supervisor Macklem reported that he and Allen Green met with Municipal Services Representative Greg Dibble to look at several township roads to determine what repairs should be made to the roads and to get a cost estimate for the repairs.

It was determined that both Ridge Road and Fillman Road need work and Representative Greg Dibble suggested combining both roads as one project to gain more interest from contractors. Repairs needed to Fillman and Ridge Road include base repairs, oil and chipping and fog seal. Dibble also suggested getting quotes on the base repair work and advertising for bids for tar & chipping and fog sealing the roads.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed road project, and it was noted that bids are not required for projects under \$23,200.00.

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to obtain quotes for the base repairs and advertise for bids for oil and chipping/fog sealing Fillman Road and Ridge Road; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

## COG Meeting

Chairman Seltzer reported that Representatives from PennDOT attended the recent COG meeting and stated that they provided information on the project on Route 44 North stating that the project is on schedule and the drainage portion of the project should be completed by the end of May and then they will start installing baskets.

PennDOT Representatives also reported that EQT is paying HRI, Inc. to pave Route 44 North all the way out to the Black Forest Inn, which is a Cooperative Project between PennDOT and EQT and will split the cost of the \$9.5 million dollar project that includes fixing 18 potential slide areas between the Pine Creek Inn and Waterville.

## Invoices

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

Chairman Seltzer adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darlene S. Macklem*

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary