

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2024

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on December 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Watson Township Municipal building, with James Seltzer, James Potter, and Richard Macklem present.

Also present: Allen Green, Rick Glace, Dennis Bottorff, EMC, Michelle Moore, Caleb Sheldon of Kilmer Insurance, and Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky

Chairman James Seltzer called the meeting to order, and Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Macklem made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to include authorization to proceed with the purchase of Kubota equipment with LSA grant funds; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the November 21, 2024, monthly meeting minutes, there being none, Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

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

Correspondence: Email from Michelle Moore with concerns about water runoff along Rte. 44 at 5865 N. Rte 44 Hwy

Roadmaster's Report

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

- Plowed roads and applied anti-skid after storms
- Replaced sensor in the outdoor light at the township building
- Moved some equipment to the Trading Post building
- Installed brake module and LED lights on truck
- Scheduled to meet with the Lycoming County Conservation District tomorrow to get the signed contract for the Soil & Conservation \$81,000.00 grant
- Ordered new decals with logo for township equipment

Roadmaster Macklem also reported that the new truck is finished and ready to be picked up.

Supervisor Macklem made a motion to authorize the purchase of a Kubota Excavator and Kubota Track Loader using Local Share Assessment Grant funds from Dotterer Equipment; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Zoning Officer's Report

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky reported there were no further developments with the Kissell Subdivision and no code violations for the month.

EMC Report

EMC Denny Buttorff reported he is continuing to work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Old Business

There was no old business presented for discussion

New Business

Caleb Sheldon, Kilmer Insurance – 2025 Insurance Proposal

Caleb Sheldon, of Kilmer Insurance presented a proposal for insurance coverage for 2025 explaining each type of coverage, policy limits, and a breakdown of the premium for coverage under the policy. He also provided information on adding Cyber coverage to the policy.

Supervisor Macklem made a motion to accept the proposal for insurance coverage through Kilmer Insurance and adding cyber coverage to the 2025 insurance policy; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

2025 Budget

Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the 2025 Preliminary Budget; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Tax Levy Resolution 12-19-2024 – 2025 Tax Rate

Supervisor Macklem made a motion to adopt Tax Levy Resolution 12-19-2024 setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2025 with no tax increase; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

Reorganization Meeting

Supervisor Macklem made a motion to schedule the 2025 Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 6, 2025, at 4:30 pm; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

Appointment of Auditors (2)

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to appoint Alice Norman and Dawn Hedges as Auditors for 2025; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

Computer Upgrade

It was the consensus of the Board to table discussion of a computer upgrade until next year.

Invoices

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

Public Comment

Michelle Moore presented her concerns about water running off of Route 44 onto her property at 5865 N. Rte 44 Hwy.

Supervisor Macklem said he spoke with Ms. Moore about the water runoff issue which has created potholes on State Route 44N creating issues on her property and safety concerns for vehicles traveling in that area of the road. He told her that the Township cannot do anything about the issue because it is a state road, and she indicated that PennDOT has patched this area of the road several times over the years but the problem is not resolved.

The Board discussed the matter with Ms. Moore and suggested that she contact Representative Joe Hamm about the issue and the Supervisors would support her efforts to get the road repaired.

Public comment was also entertained throughout the meeting.

Adjournment

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

Chairman Seltzer adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Darlene S. Macklem

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary