

MEETING WEDNESDAY 12-2-15, 7:00 P.M.  
Municipal Bldg. 306 Byron Street McGrann

In attendance: Supervisors McGinnis, Rearick and Fabian, Secretary Davis, Road Foreman Robert Southworth, Solicitor Andrew Sacco and Sgt. Bish.  
Citizens: See list.

Meeting called to order by Chairman McGinnis at 7:00P.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of 11/4/15 regular meeting were distributed, motion to approve by McGinnis, seconded by Rearick, unanimous.

Rearick made a motion to adopt Ordinance 15-1 Residential LERTA and Ordinance 15-2 Commercial LERTA, seconded by Fabian, unanimous.

Fabian made a motion to send a police renewal agreement to Manorville with an increased price of \$250.00 per month, seconded by Rearick, unanimous.

Fabian stated he would like to pass a policy that non-working supervisors are not eligible for healthcare. Fabian stated his family health plan would cost the Township \$30,000 and he didn't do that amount of work and if the supervisor took the healthcare he would need to have working hours. McGinnis stated it is an incentive to become a supervisor. Rearick stated if this Board did adopt a policy it could be rescinded by a future Board. McGinnis made a motion to keep healthcare for non-working supervisors, defeated for the lack of a second. Fabian made a motion to adopt a policy that non-working supervisors don't get healthcare, defeated for the lack of a second.

In the employee handbook the driver/laborer job description has been updated, a sexual harassment and drug and alcohol policy have been added. Rearick made a motion to update the handbook, seconded by McGinnis, unanimous.

2016 Budget: estimated balance 1/1/16 \$1,217,003.25, total receipts \$1,220,709.87, total expenses \$1,278,232.00, balance 12/31/16 \$1,159,481.12. The budget has 6 mill of tax for general purpose, 0.39 mill for fire hydrants and per foot front on street lights, with no tax increase. Fabian stated in the budget .75 raise was figured for the police department but he would like to see them receive the \$1.17 raise that Davis is receiving. McGinnis stated he feels the .75 raise is enough. Rearick made a motion to adopt the budget, seconded by McGinnis, unanimous.

Fabian made a motion to adopt Resolution 15-9 Tax Levy that states our current taxes, seconded by Rearick, unanimous.

Reorganizational meeting is January 4, 2016 at 7:00P.M.

Auditor's meeting is January 5, 2016 at 6:00P.M.

Fabian stated he hasn't received any new information on the cat epidemic.

Davis talked to Dave Dunmire, Ford City Ambulance, and he recommended the Lifepak AED because it is compatible with their equipment and also Kittanning Ambulance Service. Fabian made a motion to purchase the AED for \$1,970.87 and to get a wall mount case, seconded by Rearick, unanimous.

Davis stated there is a need for more tables when we rent the room. Rearick made a motion to purchase five 5' tables and two 6' tables, seconded by McGinnis, unanimous.

Discussed a 16X24 vinyl shed from AZ structures. Fabian is not in favor of windows in the shed. Fabian stated we are looking for a shed because the worker's compensation representative sees the mess in the garage as a liability. Fabian made a motion to purchase a 12X16 from Country Acres for \$3,900.00 but rescinded motion after McGinnis found a 14X20 for \$4,079.00 at AZ Structures. Rearick made a motion to purchase a 14X20 high side vinyl building without windows from AZ Structures for a purchase price of \$4,079.00, seconded by Fabian, unanimous.

Fabian made a motion to purchase a refrigerator for the maintenance garage, not to exceed \$450.00, seconded by Rearick, unanimous.

Police Business:

Sgt. Bish read the police report. Rearick made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Fabian, unanimous.

Rearick made a motion to have Chief Karabin sign the 2016 contract with YIS/Cowden Group, seconded by McGinnis, unanimous.

Rearick made a motion to sell the police cage for \$150.00, seconded by Fabian, unanimous.

Other Business:

If all parties can be contacted there will be a public hearing to abandon an unopened portion of Quay Street on January 4, 2016 at 6:30P.M.

Fabian read his resignation letter effective January 3, 2016. Rearick thanked him for his service and wished him the best of luck. Fabian stated the Board has put differences aside and worked together for the benefit of the Township and stated Davis is the heartbeat of the Township. Rearick made a motion to accept his resignation, seconded by McGinnis, unanimous.

Fabian gave Davis Steve Anderson's letter of interest for the Transit Board and stated Ed Gerny wasn't interested in the vacancy board. Rearick thanked McGinnis for his 38 years of service and wished him the best in retirement, Fabian agreed. McGinnis wished Southworth luck with becoming a Supervisor.

Comments:

Greg Hedglin – He showed pictures of high grass on the Humenick property that is very close to his back deck. There was an ordinance violation issued but it was put in his door by mistake but Chief Karabin took care of this. When Officer went to deliver the citation Supervisor McGinnis told him not to deliver because he didn't see an ordinance violation. This property had been cut for 31 years and was cut the first year he was there but hasn't been cut in two summers. He now has mice in his home from this high grass. Hedglin stated McGinnis stopped the Police from doing their job. Rearick agreed the Police are to enforce the ordinances, McGinnis said let the police handle this then.

Bill McMaster – He took it on his own to go to the school and purchase 10 lockers. Fabian told him the Board had agreed to spend \$50.00 on lockers. He stated if the Township pays \$50.00 for the lockers Crime Watch will pay the other \$50.00. Sgt. Bish wishes the Officers would discuss these items with the Chief or himself. Rearick made a motion to purchase the lockers for \$50.00 with the Chief's approval, seconded by Fabian, unanimous.

Don Palmer – he moved to the corner of Center and Armstrong last July and now the cats are destroying his property. They are in his garage and ruining his pool. Fabian stated the Township discussed contributing \$500.00 to have these cats fixed if they could get some donations from the people in that area. Barb Bittinger who lives on Park stated she has found 5 of the cats homes, had 2 fixed and has 6 more scheduled to be fixed by Frankie Felines. Rearick stated we will continue to explore options for dealing with the cats.

John Szul – ask if non-working Supervisors get a 1099 for receiving healthcare. Davis told him there are no non-working Supervisors on the healthcare. He ask if the AED company provided training, Rearick told him the machine gives step by step instructions. He finds it hard to believe there are no ordinance violations and would like another letter sent out with the ordinances and fines on it. Ask the Board what they are doing to control stormwater. Fabian told him the Township has the strictest stormwater rules and MTJMA has spent significant money to correct some of the issues. He ask what the \$25,000 was for in the capital reserve budget, Davis told him the firehall

parking lot. He said he sent an email about the budget but didn't get a response. Davis told him she didn't get an email but he can resend it.

Barb Bittinger – She hopes the cat problem is handled in a nice way. She feeds the cats and has never had more than 13 cats in her yard.

Motion to pay the bills by McGinnis, seconded by Rearick, unanimous.

Motion to adjourn by McGinnis, seconded by Rearick, unanimous.

Adjourned at 8:50P.M.

Jill A. Davis  
Secretary