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**January 28, 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

Board members present:
Paul Fetter – Chairman
Bruce Kramer

Others present:
Sean Weik – Public Works Superintendent
Jennifer Snyder- Office Manager
Bob Lynn – Township Engineer
Amy Leonard - Solicitor
8 members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Chairman Fetter, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Board noted that Supervisor Ted Cromleigh was not in attendance this evening.

A call for public comment was made.

Matthew Blantz of 2505 S. Fifth Ave was in attendance to discuss the water main break in Juliada Heights a few weeks ago. He lives across Route 897 from the development and noted that his well water is compromised. He surmises that the water main break in Juliada Heights is what has affected his well and two other property wells in his neighbor also. Mr. Blantz brought a sample of his water and noted that current tests show a high level of iron in the water. The Board is unsure if the water main break is what caused the well water problem as there have been recent water main breaks in the area but no one has experienced problems in those instances. After much discussion, the Board asked Hanover Engineering to conduct geological studies to determine if the water from the main break could have affected the well water at these three properties. Bruce Kramer stated that if the sewer bills are higher for these three properties due to corrective measures for the well water, the Township will account for water that did not go down the sewer. Mr. Blantz thanked the Board for looking into the matter.

A review of the meeting minutes from January 6, 2020 was conducted. **A motion was made by Bruce Kramer to approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 6, 2020 and was seconded by Chairman Fetter. The motion was approved.** The Board also mentioned that the elected auditor's unapproved minutes from their January 6, 2020 meeting were presented for review.

Bills were submitted and reviewed for payment. **After a brief discussion, Bruce Kramer made a motion to accept the bills as submitted for a total of \$63,041.71 from the Light Fund, State Fund and General Fund for bills and payroll. Chairman Fetter seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Bills for Sewer Account were submitted for review and payment. **After brief discussion, Bruce Kramer made a motion to accept the bills as submitted for a total of \$10,032.62. Chairman Fetter seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Bills for the Water account were submitted and reviewed for payment. **After brief discussion, Bruce Kramer made a motion to accept the bills as submitted for a total of \$14,146.15. Chairman Fetter seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Engineer's Report

Bob Lynn presented the Engineer's report.

Landmark Builders has offered a time extension for the Copper Ridge Land Development plan which extends the approval date to March 24, 2020. Planning Commission offered no recommendation for this time extension. **After brief discussion, Bruce Kramer made a motion to approve the time extension for the Landmark Builders Copper Ridge Land Development Plan. Chairman Fetter seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

The Leslie Hoover Minor Stormwater Management Plan was presented for review and approval. The only modification requested is for driveway slope from 15% to 17 ¼%. The Stormwater Management Agreement and Improvement Guaranty are signed by Mr. Hoover and a cash escrow in the amount of \$20954.15 has been established. **After brief discussion, Bruce Kramer made a motion to approve the slope modification for the Leslie Hoover plan. Chairman Fetter seconded the motion and the motion carried. Bruce Kramer then made a motion to approve the Stormwater Management and Improvement Guaranty for the Leslie Hoover Minor Stormwater Management Plan. Chairman Fetter seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

The Flood Insurance updates require a new ordinance. PA Municipal League has prepared a sample ordinance which is being reviewed by Solicitor Leonard and Bob Lynn. The performance standards for the flood identified areas will be removed from the Zoning Ordinance and will become a stand alone ordinance. This new ordinance will be advertised and hopefully adopted at the same time as the revamped Zoning Ordinance. The Board was acceptable of the review and changes.

The Draft Zoning Ordinance was presented for review to the Board. .

A letter was received from the property owner at 134 Gravel Hill regarding a new on-lot septic system. The new system will replace a failing system but will be placed closer to wells than normally allowed. The letter seeks approval from the Board to place the new system where proposed. This will be a better placement away from the neighbor's well but still be within the 100' buffer DEP requires. The Board would like the neighbor notified of the placement prior to granting the permit for the new system. Ms. Snyder will convey that to the Sewage Enforcement Officer. **After further discussion, Bruce Kramer made a motion to approve the on-lot sewage permit for 134 Gravel Hill Road on the condition of notifying the neighbor. Chairman Fetter seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

The Copper Ridge Sewage Planning Exemption request will not be discussed until all Board members are present.

Bids for 2020 road projects will be reviewed between Bob Lynn and Sean Weik this week.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Leonard presented the Solicitor's report.

Discussion about the signing of Exhibit B of the performance agreement with Sunoco was discussed. Sean Weik noted concerns about the paving on Old Mill and Distillery Roads. Bad material could be an issue but the problems must be corrected before any overlay could occur. Sean Weik would not recommend signing the Exhibit to absolve Sunoco of any further corrective action. Solicitor Leonard will discuss the matter with the Sunoco attorney and determine milestones or additional language in the agreement for these issues.

The sample Flood Plan Ordinance will be reviewed by Solicitor Leonard.

The Utility dedication agreements and easements were sent to Blue Lake Builders for the Linda Sue Gardens project. There has been no communication back from them to date.

The 2015 Sewer Bond is eligible for refinancing. The Board would like to wait until spring to meet with anyone about the refinance.

The Sewer Delinquent and Unconnected list was reviewed. There is not very much movement at this time and some property owners need to be contacted.

OLD BUSINESS

Overhead garage door quotes for replacement were reviewed. The additional quotes are confusing and some items need to be included. Sean Weik noted he is waiting for another quote and will touch base with the other vendors.

NEW BUSINESS

The Costars Salt Contract for 2020-2021 is available to enroll. The Board elected to participate again. **Chairman Fetter made a motion to join the Costars Salt Program for the year 2020-2021 winter season. Bruce Kramer seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Tree removal and trimming quotes were received from three vendors. The Eberly Tree Service quote for \$6,000 is the lowest price received. **After brief discussion, Bruce Kramer made a motion to pay Eberly Tree Service to remove and thin trees at the Township property. Chairman Fetter seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Gas quotes were received from three vendors but they appear to be very different pricing. Bob Lynn reviewed them prior to the meeting and noted that vendors are pricing fuel needs differently. The Board tabled the matter until communication can be made with the vendors for more accurate pricing.

The Planning Commission minutes from November 2019 were reviewed.

Utility Update

The reports from Select Environmental for December 2019 operations were reviewed. The water use is increased due to the leaks in Juliada Heights and on Heidelberg Avenue but otherwise the reports are normal. A Flow Comparison Month to Date usage was reviewed. Envirep offered a quote for corrective measures to the Omnisite alarm systems in the satellite pump stations. This will change the electrical connections so the potential for future issues will be eliminated. The Board noted that this must be done. **After brief discussion, Bruce Kramer made a motion to accept the Envirep proposal for \$9762.90 to correct electrical issues at the satellite pump stations. Chairman Fetter seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

The waterline on South Church Street is an old transite pipe and needs some repairs. There is a creek that runs under South Church Street and poses potential problems with the repairs. Sean Weik received a quote from L&N Zimmerman to bore under the creek and the rest of the street, insert a 6" sleeve under the creek and replace the 750' of waterline. The sleeve would allow for easier repairs in the future. The Board would like to review the quote when the entire Board is in attendance.

EIT Update

The December 2019 EIT update was included for review.

Secretary Report

The Northwest Emergency Service sent response reports for December and the 2019 year totals.
The Tire Disposal program run by the Lebanon County Conservation District

At 8:58 Chairman Fetter called an executive session to discuss potential litigation matters. At 9:34 the Board reconvened to regular session.

At 9:40, Bruce Kramer made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Chairman Fetter. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

The next meeting of the Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors will be held on February 12, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building., 111 Mill Rd. Schaefferstown, PA 17088.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Snyder

Secretary