

The regular meeting of the Liberty Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on September 3, 2020 at 7 p.m. Supervisors present: Doug Sivers, Dave Bailey, and Alton Wilber. Secretary/Treasurer and Alternate Secretary/Treasurer present: Linda Rockwell and Janette Tiffany. Public present: Dennis & Rach Magargal, Charles Reinwald, Tami & Kevin Noonan, and Lori Raub.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comments Dennis Magargal thanked the supervisors for dust control on Mahoney Road and maybe a Dirt & Gravel Project. Tami Noonan expressed concern over the corner on Mahoney Road being obstructed. Dave explained that it is private property.

Minutes Dave made a motion to approve the August 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented. Doug seconded and Alton voted yes.

Road Report Dave reported the following August 2020 activities: repair storm damage from August 7; grade, rake and roll Mahoney; repairs to Mt. Valley, Smith Drive, Lower Rhiney, Mill, and Tripp; hauled modified from Wilber Quarry, cleaned pipes on Mt. Valley, Hunsinger; and storm cleanup. Dust control on Shanty Hill, Mahoney, and Valley View.

Treasurer's Report Dave made a motion to accept the August 2020 Treasurer's Report, pay Bill List 09-2020, pay any bills which are normally paid during the month and pay the payroll for September. Linda noted that the 2019 Annual Audit and Financial Report filed with the Governor's Center for Local Government Services was reviewed and is now approved. Intuit QuickBooks Payroll Services notified us that they are in discussions with the IRS on how to implement the Presidential Memorandum relating to payroll tax deferrals. Franklin Township has been billed for their portion of the Snake Creek Volunteer Fire Company's Workers Comp.

Scheduled Public Input None.

Old Business Doug reported that the supervisors had met with representatives of the Snake Creek Volunteer Fire Company's Executive Committee. Three areas of concern were the focus of the meeting: a recent fire, membership and participation of a convicted felon, and general questions regarding company operations. Two actions are being developed as a result of the discussions following the fire: rapid interior teams and location and development of possible water source sites throughout the district. The convicted felon was explained to members along with his credentials as a trained firefighter and trainer. He was unanimously approved. General operations of the fire company were explained to the supervisors. Year-end reports will be provided as required with the township contract with the department. The township and the fire department are legally separate entities, governed by their own rules and regulations. It is the intent of the Supervisors and the Fire Department to maintain open communication and together work for the benefit of the people of Liberty Township.

New Business Dave made a motion to appoint Darin DeRose for a 3-year term to the Liberty Township Planning Commission. Doug seconded and Alton voted yes.

Kevin Noonan, President of Belair Lake Association, stated they are looking for assistance from Liberty Township as they are seeking a state grant funded by the impact fees from the Marcellus Shale Industry. Grant proceeds will be used to repair the dam at Belair Lake.

The American Cancer Society and the Susquehanna County Library have submitted requests for donations. There was no interest on the part of the supervisors.

Meetings The Planning Commission will meet on September 14 and COG will meet on September 15. The 2021 Budget Meeting will be Tuesday, October 20.

The Executive Board of the Susquehanna County Township Officials Association decided to cancel the October Annual Convention due to the Covid-19 situation. Instead, a business meeting will be held on October 1, 2020 at 3 p.m. at the New Milford Township building. Alton will represent Liberty Township at this meeting.

Correspondence Joe Barry from the Susquehanna County Probation Department sent an e-mail to all townships in the county to determine if any community service projects could be completed by defendants under their supervision. Currently Liberty Township has none.

Linda reported that the right-to-know request from Charles Rudolph of Smart Procure was discussed with our attorney. Mr. Rudolph was informed that his request was too broad and not submitted on the correct form and does not exist as he requested.

Check Signing The supervisors signed the checks presented for payment.

Adjournment Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Alton seconded and Doug voted yes.