

NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP
December 1, 2020

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Nelson Brenneman called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor present: Dennis Ilyes. Absent: Dennis Luckenbaugh. Present on behalf of the Township: Manager Sharon Kerchner and Solicitor Andrew Miller. Also present: Recording Secretary and 19 citizens.

Chairman Brenneman reported that the Board met at 6:30 p.m. prior to tonight's meeting in an Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel.

I. Minutes

Motion by Ilyes, second by Brenneman, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2020. All members voted aye; motion carried.

II. Treasurer's Report

A. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2020 as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.

III. General Public Comment

Jackie Heffner, Ambulance Chief of Spring Grove, spoke on behalf of the organization. Ms. Heffner gave the call statistics for the current year, indicating Spring Grove has been providing coverage for over two thirds of the Township. Scott Zeigler from Tri-Community Ambulance had reached out to Spring Grove earlier this year, asking for their help. Ms. Heffner offered a few options; 1-to rent staffing, 2- to staff a unit at their station for their down days, with prior notice, 3-take over their area. They've been non receptive. Tri-Community has only been in service apprx.7 shifts in the past 7 months. They are not providing service. Just this past month, York County Communications did not have Tri-Community in service at all. We ran 15 of their calls in North Codorus Twp. Ms. Heffner is asking for consideration to serve as the main ambulance provider for North Codorus Township.

Scott Zeigler spoke on behalf of Tri-Community, noting that some of Ms. Heffner's numbers are incorrect. He admitted to reduced staffing because of difficulty getting people to serve. He feels that when Tri-Community is out of service, they note it right away so there's no delay in service. He said they're working on the problem. Ms. Heffner admitted that it is always possible but highly rare that Spring Grove is out of service. Ron McCullough stated the option of merging with Glen Rock, New Freedom Borough, is in the early stages, so still on the table. Ms. Heffner expressed how they just want to work together.

Willa Lefever thanked the supervisors and Township staff for all their efforts during this pandemic year, thanked the audience members for attending the meetings, and thanked the EMS personnel for working together to serve everyone.

IV. Fire Company and Ambulance Reports

Tim Carr gave the fire company report for November 2020. He noted that the water use figures given in the report include only the water used for calls in NCT, not for any calls outside the Township. A grant was received, in relation to the current Covid pandemic, used to purchase a spraying system for disinfecting the station and equipment. Also purchased masks for

emergency responses and gatherings, and upgrades for automatic hand sanitizers, etc. We also applied for the Annual State Grant for the purchase of tablets to install in trucks, for faster access to emergency response.

V. Permits, Plans, and Modules

A. William and Georgie Hirschhorn, Final Subdivision Plan #200804

Jason Brenneman was present on behalf of the applicants. Last month, the Board approved the waivers for this plan, which involves .2 acres being subdivided off the applicants' lot and being attached to the adjoining lot. Concrete monument placement is a problem, as "no one is making them" right now. The monuments will be placed when they are available. Attorney Miller asked about bonding for the monuments. Chairman Brenneman noted that he will definitely make Jason stand by his word and Jason is acutely aware.

Motion by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to approve the final subdivision plan for William and Georgia Hirschhorn, #200804. All members voted aye; motion carried.

B. Stuart and Melissa Shank, Final Subdivision Plan #140202, Sheffer Lane

Jason Brenneman was present on this plan as well. The original plan started in 2014, but due to financial troubles it became stagnant. Now, things are worked out, and this plan is finally being completed. There are a couple of administrative items that the attorneys are working out, plus, again, the concrete monuments haven't been placed.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of this plan, subject to all the open items being addressed.

Outstanding items: Driveway easement agreement, confirmatory agreement, and placement of the concrete monuments.

Motion by Ilyes, second by Brenneman, to approve the final subdivision plan of Stuart and Melissa Shank, #140202, subject to the approval of the easement agreement for Sheffer Lane and the confirmatory agreement for lot lines. All members voted aye; motion carried.

VI. Administrative Reports

A. Supervisors' Reports

1. Brush Valley Road culvert project has been completed and the road is open. Also, the Joseph Road culvert project is scheduled to begin on December 7. Be advised that the road will be closed.

2. Chairman Brenneman read the police report in the absence of Mr. Luckenbaugh. Also, earned income tax is down from 2019.

3. Leaf collection is underway.

B. Manager's Report

1. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to adopt the Budget for 2021. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to advertise the schedule for the Board of Supervisors meetings for 2021. All members voted aye; motion carried.

3. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Brenneman, to adopt Resolution #07-12-2020, setting the tax rate for 2021. All members voted aye; motion carried. It was noted that the tax rate remains the same as it was.

4. Attorney Miller reported that all parties must formally terminate the Articles of Agreement for the SWRPD. Disbursement and allocation of the remaining funds and costs must be accomplished, too. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Brenneman, to adopt Resolution #08-12-2020, authorizing the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement to dissolve the Southwestern Regional Police Department. All members voted aye; motion carried.

5. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to adopt Miller, Poole, and Law's proposal of solicitor services and the fee agreement for 2021. All members voted aye; motion carried.

6. Discussion was held on the possibility of employing a full-time Zoning Officer. Mr. Ilyes is not ruling it out, but since Mr. Luckenbaugh is not here tonight, it would be better to have all three Supervisors present. Tonight's meeting will recess until Dec. 7, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.

C. Engineer's Report
No report at this time.

D. Solicitor's Report
Nothing to add to the submitted report.

VII. **Old Business**

The switchover to LED streetlights is scheduled for the first quarter 2021.

VIII. **New Business**

Nothing at this time.

IX. **Announcements**

- A. The NYCPRD Commission will meet on Jan.19, 2021, 7 p.m., at headquarters.
- B. The Board of Supervisors will hold its Reorganization meeting on Jan. 4, 2021, 8 a.m. This will take the place of the regular Board meeting in January.
- C. The Township Auditors will meet on January 5, 2021, 5 p.m.
- D. The Planning Commission will meet on January 26, 2021, 7 p.m.
- E. The Recreation Board will meet on January 25, 2021, 7 p.m.

Kim Altland presented a reduced-format budget and requested that it be included in the mailing that the tax collector mails to each resident. Mrs. Kerchner noted that there is a summary posted on the website, and the budget is indeed advertised for anyone to review.

Rodney Shearer thanked the Board for keeping up with the dissolution of the police department. He's pleased with the resolution of the funds, and for the record, (in response to Mr. Zeigler's comment), he admitted that the Board did say that it would give funds to each ambulance company, and that didn't work out, so they decided to give a tax break instead of giving to the ambulances. Mr. Ilyes noted that it was important to keep things moving to have the resolution by the end of 2020. Chairman Brenneman thanked Mr. Shearer for staying with the project, as well.

With no formal motion or second, at 7:53 p.m., the meeting *recessed* until 8 a.m. on December 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kerchner, Township Secretary/Manager

Julie B. Maher, Recording Secretary