

Chairman Nelson Brenneman called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Supervisors present: Dennis Luckenbaugh and Dennis Ilyes. Present on behalf of the Township: Manager Sharon Kerchner, Solicitor Andrew Miller. Also present: Recording Secretary and 14 citizens.

Chairman Brenneman introduced and welcome the Township's new Zoning/BCO officer, Jeff Martz.

I. **Minutes**

**Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the minutes of the Reorganization meeting of January 4, 2021. All members voted aye; motion carried.

II. **Treasurer's Report**

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

III. **General Public Comment**

Benjamin Wyrick – Eagle Scout Project final update – Ben Wyrick was present to report that he recently finished his Eagle Scout project, which was to install six fitness stations at the Township Park. The project was funded through Recreation fees. He and other volunteers from the Scout troop constructed the stations. The Board approved \$6K for expenses; the total project came under budget at a total \$5,700. Also, some supplies were donated by H&H General Excavating and Oldcastle Stone. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Ilyes, to accept the expense report from Ben Wyrick for his Eagle Scout project. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Willa Lefever – expressed her gratitude for the fitness stations, and for a job well done. Are vegetable gardens permitted in front yards? Mr. Martz sees nothing in the ordinance pertaining to gardens; his concern would be high weeds, but Ag use is exempt, so...Will noted that in 1945, 45% of food used in this country was produced in home gardens. Now it's down to one thousandth of one percent. Hmmmm....

Are lawn chemicals still being applied to the Park? Yes, weed control. Would like to encourage the community to stop using toxic chemicals for the environment. Supervisor Ilyes asked what Ms. Lefever considers a toxic chemical? Herbicides. Anyone can purchase a 24D but the very toxic ones require a license to purchase, and there are varying degrees of toxicity.

Hellam Township now permits tiny homes. Perhaps that Township's ordinance can answer some of the concerns that Mr. Ilyes has on this subject. He will take the information along to read.

IV. **Police Report**

Mr. Luckenbaugh gave the police report for January 2021. In January, there were 34 medical assist calls. There were several other calls of note.

**V. Fire Company Report**

No one was present to give the fire company report for December 2020 and January 2021.

**EMA (SG/Tri-Community)**

Brent Auchey gave the report. Most of the employees have successfully received the Covid-19 vaccine. Coming in the near future, they will be moving services to Porters in the NYCRPD substation. They will be housing two rigs there and one at the Thomasville/York airport.

Amy Howdyshell reported from Tri-Community Ambulances, noting that they were having some personnel issues, and they have been out of service quite a bit, but that is turning around, with great improvement. Some of the personnel issues were due to lack of experience and because Tri-Community having lesser volume of calls, many EMTs have moved on. Progress is being made overall. Supervisor Ilyes is hopeful that both Ambulance companies will succeed.

**VI. Permits, Plans, and Modules**

Nothing at this time.

**VII. Administrative Reports****A. Supervisors' Reports**

1. Road crew was out Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, and they will be out opening drifted areas after this. Supervisor Ilyes acknowledges that the road crew are essential personnel because plowing most likely occurs overnight, while everyone else is asleep. Hats off to all of them!

2. Joseph Rd box culvert project completed.

**B. Manager's Report**

1. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to approve the quote of \$1,500 from James Family Tree to remove a tree at the WWTP; they will request access approval from property owner. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to approve the quote of \$1,600 from James Family Tree to remove two trees in ROW on Beard's School Road. All members voted aye; motion carried.

3. By consensus, the Board acknowledged approval of the junkyard application renewal for 2021 for Eichelberger's U-Pull-It; Zoning Officer received a final electrical inspection from CCIS.

4. Mr. Luckenbaugh gave the details of the upgrades that are planned, including new card readers and/or cameras for Township building, Fire Co building and installation of 2 cameras on the lower tanks at the WWTP. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Ilyes, to authorize the 50% required deposit in the total amount of \$6,088 to Coulson Security Systems, LLC. All members voted aye; motion carried.

5. Mr. Luckenbaugh would like to install a security monitor/screen for the Zoning Officer's use. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to approve Mr. Luckenbaugh's project for installing a monitor in the Zoning Officer's office. All members voted aye; motion carried.

6. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Brenneman, to distribute the following annual allocations in accordance with the 2021 Budget amounts: Spring Grove Ambulance, \$5K; Tri-Community Ambulance, \$2,500; Windy Hills, \$3K; Spring Grove Community Center, \$1K; and Glatfelter Library, \$2K. Two members voted aye; *Luckenbaugh voted present*. Motion carried.

7. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the disbursement to the York County SPCA for 2021 in the amount of \$4,586.59, per the agreement. Two members voted aye; *Brenneman opposed*. Motion carried.

C. Engineer's Report  
No report.

D. Solicitor's Report

1. Inquiry from an attorney representing a resident who wishes to withdraw his or her property from the Ag Security area; what would be the process. A certified letter needs to be sent to the Municipality, requesting to be withdrawn. If that happens, the Township will have to adopt a resolution to be recorded, signifying the property has been removed from Ag Security.

2. Letter to go to residents of Johnson Lane regarding the fact that the Township had vacated this road and an Ordinance had been adopted and recorded. A copy of the ordinance will be included with the letter. We will ask them to stop filing complaints with SPCC.

VIII. **Old Business**

Nothing at this time.

IX. **New Business**

A. There's a sinking manhole on Bahn Avenue. Mr. Rehab will inspect with light flushing of the sewer line; will review video and reports to make recommendation for possible repairs. Cost for these preliminary services, \$2,200. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to authorize getting this fixed. All members voted aye; motion carried.

X. **Public Comments**

Kim Altland had a concern about the Covid-19 vaccines being used for property rights in a person's body. Would getting the vaccine enable the manufacturer to claim rights to anything in a person's body? He recited a poem written in the late 1800s, having to do with repairing results as opposed to stopping the cause. He suggested, metaphorically speaking, a fence rather than an ambulance.

Discussion was held on the relocation of the ambulance to the police station on Thoman Drive. Response times will vary with the location of the call, of course. There are more developments in some areas, so the move makes sense. The ambulance companies will monitor the responses and situations and will change if necessary. Working together is the main thing.

Rodney Shearer asked if anyone contacted a state representative. Mr. Ilyes has not yet. Mr. Shearer gave an update on the situation (voter fraud issue). He's frustrated with the lack of response from his state representative and feels that the representative doesn't actually represent

the people. Mr. Brenneman relayed a story with similar frustrating results. The discussion degenerated into other topics of dissatisfaction.

XI. **Announcements**

- A. Northern York County Regional Police Commission will meet on February 16, 7 p.m., at headquarters.
- B. The Rec Board will meet on February 22, 7 p.m.
- C. The Board of Supervisors will meet on March 2, 7 p.m.

**Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to adjourn. All members voted aye; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kerchner,  
Township Secretary/Manager

Julie B. Maher,  
Recording Secretary