

Chairman Nelson Brenneman called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisors present: Dennis Luckenbaugh and Dennis Ilyes. Present on behalf of the Township: Manager Sharon Kerchner, Solicitor Doug Myers. Also present: Recording Secretary and eight citizens.

I. **Minutes**

**Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 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 May 2021 as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.

III. **General Public Comment**

Willa Lefever asked why some meetings are recessed until 8 a.m. It depends on the reason for the recess. Basically, it's the time that best suits two of the members of the Board members. Mrs. Lefever noted that it's not really convenient for the members of the public.

Per Mr. Ilyes, it was mentioned on some social media comments that Chairman Brenneman and Mr. Luckenbaugh "weren't cooperating with Mr. Ilyes." Not true at all. Sure, there are and will be disagreements, but nothing further than that. Mr. Ilyes was amazed at the number of people who, at the last primary election, asked him why he wasn't running for Supervisor again. Um, because he was already elected. Moral of that story: people aren't informed.

Rodney Shearer relayed some significant accomplishments for which Chairman Brenneman was responsible over the years, equaling to substantial cost-saving measures. He initiated the Township's participation in the Dirt and Gravel Grant Program, (Panther Hill, Brush Valley, Spangler, Stambaugh, Bentz and Martin Rd) receiving funds that enabled the improvements on these roads, including arch and box culvert installations. These improvements were made possible by this program, saving approximately 70% of the costs for the Township tax payers. For many years, Mr. Brenneman plowed and spread cinders in all kinds of weather, saving even further costs, due to the lack of availability of part-time help. As township road master, Nelson volunteered much of his time, handling 911-County Control Road emergency calls; clearing downed tree branches, etc. Chairman Brenneman was also on the Sewer Authority during the planning stages. The Authority anticipated on spending \$1M for a location of the Sewer plant. But after many meetings with Todd Platts and the Army Core of Engineers, Brenneman fought to get the grounds from the Army Core of Engineer, saving a million dollars, again saving the Township significant costs. The stormwater proposal from DEP was thwarted because of people like Mr. Brenneman opposing it at endless meetings, although we need to stay awake at the possibility. Plus, your support with the change in our Police services, a savings of \$400,000/yr., a result in lowering the taxes for North Codorus Township, which is very rare. Mr. Shearer feels that not many people realize all that Mr. Brenneman has done for this Township and that the decisions made were for the good of the Township. So, he wanted to take this time to acknowledge and thank Chairman Brenneman for all he has done for the Township. Mr.

Brenneman wanted to comment that he got water lines for North Rohrbaugh Road for people whose wells were failing. Mr. Shearer said he is sorry that Mr. Brenneman lost the election, especially because of some things that were said at the election. It's difficult to get the information to the public – and you can't make the public attend the meetings or even read the minutes. The Board tries its best to be transparent, but people also have to make some effort.

Chris Bruce echoed Mr. Shearer's comments in support of Chairman Brenneman's accomplishments.

Kim Altland noted that for some reason, some people don't realize that what goes on in this room affects them ultimately.

Mr. Luckenbaugh noted that the sewer project was necessary to comply with Act 537, which was forced onto the Township. In that regard, Mr. Shearer admitted that he didn't realize that the Sewer Authority exercised eminent domain to gain land, and he was very displeased with that action.

Todd Zeigler suggested getting information out in the newsletter and posting the Agenda on the website ahead of the meetings. Mr. Luckenbaugh noted that the response to the "do you want the newsletter?" question was less than helpful. Mr. Ilyes suggested that social media might be the way to go, rather than a physical paper newsletter. Mrs. Kerchner will check into it, with an eye toward resurrecting the Facebook page. Discussion was held on what information would be helpful to post. Set it up as information only, no comments or questions.

Willa Lefever agreed that using social media postings is a great idea. Please consider doing a newsletter, possibly transmitting it via email to the residents. Make it the residents' responsibility to respond by giving his/her email address. She encouraged using a variety of methods to help residents be better informed. Mr. Ilyes thought it might be difficult to get email addresses from residents.

#### IV. **Police Report**

Mr. Luckenbaugh gave the police report for May 2021. Calls are down. Motion was approved for Buchart Horn Engineer firm to do a survey on the main headquarters building located in Dover, to get building up to code, at a cost of \$13,800.

#### V. **Fire Company Report**

Mrs. Kerchner gave the fire company report for May 2021. Reminder: barbecue chicken -Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>

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

Otter Creek – Subdivision Plan for 4306 Zeiglers Church Road; plan #05/18/2021

Harry W. Naill was present on this application. The property's septic system failed, so he's purchasing a half an acre from the neighbor's lot to add to the Naill property to build a sand mound system. When was the holding tank last pumped? He didn't know. Chairman Brenneman said there's been no report filed indicating that it was pumped, and he wants that tank to be pumped. Noted.

Mr. Martz confirmed that all outstanding issues have been addressed. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval. It was noted that the old system will be disposed of properly with the SEO's recommendation and approval.

**Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the waiver for Section 165-29.D, plan scale. All members voted aye; motion carried.

**Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the plan as presented. Two members voted aye; *Brenneman opposed, due to no report of septic pumped.*

## VII. Administrative Reports

### A. Supervisors' Reports

1. Junction Road culvert spray repair is finished.
2. Yohe Paving to begin next week, starting on Stambaugh Road.
3. Mr. Luckenbaugh reported that the Township received notice of a new development for 90 homes. Although it is in the very early stages, Mr. Luckenbaugh reached out to the school district to inquire about how this may impact the housing of school(s); may need to add to New Salem's elementary school; possibly more buses; unknown. Mr. Luckenbaugh voiced his support to have this development build a recreational area/park in lieu of paying the recreation fees. Mr. Martz reported that a traffic study is in the works for the roads affected by the development. This development has been in the works for several years.

**Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Brenneman, to correct a typographical error in the ordinance §195-8, D.2 (F) AND to send it to General Code. All members voted aye; motion carried.

### B. Manager's Report

1. There was a complaint to the Township about the dust on Martin Road. They have complained before. Discussion was held on the previous practice of applying liquid calcium to the road surface, but that has been discontinued. Yes, rain helps, but so far, the Township can't make it rain.

### C. Engineer's Report

No comments or questions on the submitted report.

### D. Solicitor's Report

1. Attorney Myers reported on the letter that would be sent to Attorney Sunday regarding the SWRPD costs incurred to keep paying the liability insurance because of continuing legal matters. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to authorize Attorney Myers to send the letter. All members voted aye; motion carried.

**Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to work with the other municipalities to move forward with this letter/matter. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Andato, LLC – Lots 62 and 78A in Country Manor -- the corporation (Andato, LLC) has decided not to develop any further properties, and so no additional sewer development will be needed. The applicant would like to terminate the sewer extension agreement with the Township. Any purchasers would need to comply with then-current ordinance requirements. How about any remaining EDUs left over from that agreement? Are they available?

**Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to terminate the sewer extension agreement dated 7/30/20 with Andato, LLC. All members voted aye; motion carried.

3. CAP/COM processes from YCPC; these would make simple land transfers, etc., easier to accomplish. The Board members should review the proposal and decide to adopt or not adopt. Would that affect the Township's ability to enforce/govern? Yes, it might indeed. Attorney Myers suggest that the Board revisit this issue in July. Put it on the agenda.

4. Re: Sheffer/Shank plan: signatures obtained, all should be in place, per Mr. Martz.

VIII. **Old Business**

Nothing at this time.

IX. **New Business**

A. Nothing at this time.

X. **Announcements**

A. Northern York County Regional Police Commission meets on June 15, 7 p.m. at headquarters.

B. The Rec Board will meet on June 28, 7 p.m.

C. The Board of Supervisors will meet on July 6, 7 p.m.

D. The Planning Commission will meet on June 29, 2021.

Get prepared for the fireworks, both literally and figuratively, with the Fourth of July coming up. Hopefully, there will not be any incidents/trouble.

Rebecca Bruce suggested that the CAP/COM proposal by the YCPC would be a great thing to include on the Facebook page so that people are aware. Also, maybe the Board can share with the high school students how their local government works.

There are plenty of other items that might be included on the Facebook page – road closings/paving, ordinance tidbits (like how close to the property line may one plant a tree), tree trimming, etc.

**Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to adjourn. All members voted aye; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kerchner,  
Township Secretary/Manager

Julie B. Maher,  
Recording Secretary