

Chairman Nelson Brenneman called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Supervisors present: Dennis Luckenbaugh and Dennis Ilyes. Present on behalf of the Township: Manager Sharon Kerchner, Solicitor Andrew Miller, Zoning Officer Jeffrey Martz. Also present: Recording Secretary and nine citizens.

I. **Announcements**

The Board met in Executive Session tonight at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular Board meeting, to discuss the interpretation of a subdivision in the RAC zone. No action was taken.

II. **Agenda – no changes**

III. **Minutes**

Motion by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2021, as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.

IV. **Treasurer's Report**

A. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Ilyes, to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2021 as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.

V. **General Public Comment**

A. Ann Jones, Glatfelter Public Library, was present to thank the Board for its support and to request continued funding for the library. She outlined the various programs and activities that the library holds (and continued to hold even during the pandemic). Next year will bring celebrations for the 30-year anniversary of the library. The building, however, needs some major repairs such as a roof, to keep it open for the next 30 years.

B. Bev Hilt, Spring Grove Ambulance – The organization will be losing \$205K over the next several months. They are exploring a few options to remain a viable organization and continue to serve the communities. One of the members on our board worked on some calculation scenarios, to try to recoup, at the minimum, \$150,000 loss of revenue. All of those municipalities that SGA serves as first due, would contribute a percentage, based on population. It would be great if they would be able to make it on their own. Mr. Luckenbaugh noted that two other municipalities use the Community Life team at no charge to the municipalities. There are organizations that might be interested in purchasing the Spring Grove Ambulance. Ms. Hilt will report back to her board.

VI. **Fire Company Report**

Mrs. Kerchner gave the fire company report for September 2021. Reminder; Open House Saturday, October 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mrs. Kerchner also gave the report for Tri-Community Ambulance.

VII. Permits, Plans, and Modules

A. Otter Creek, 4302 Zeigler's Church Road, Subdivision Plan #L204-N61; amend the approval date

No one was present on this plan. Nothing discussed.

B. Strawberry Fields Subdivision Plan #2020182, conditional approval of the preliminary plan

Bob Sharrah was present on behalf of the applicant. There are a few administrative items that are still outstanding, which the applicants will gladly satisfy. A number of open items are dependent on outside agencies. Also at issue is the traffic study and provision for Joseph and Salem Roads; the developer will do the work at that intersection if the Township obtains the permits from PennDOT. Developer's Agreement and Stormwater agreements will be due at final plan stage. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Brenneman, to approve the Strawberry Fields preliminary plan, #2020182, subject to the satisfactory resolution of the open items on the Buchart Horn letter dated October 4, 2021, AND the resolution of the issue at Joseph and Salem Roads. Two members voted aye; Luckenbaugh voted "present." Motion carried.

VIII. Administrative Reports**A. Supervisors' Reports**

1. Public Works: during the annual road maintenance inspection, Roadmaster Nelson Brenneman, Supervisor Ilyes, and road crew member Roger Shifflett, discovered necessary pipe rehabilitation, in preparation of the paving for 2022. Roads include Rockery, Strickhouser, Spangler, and Brush Valley. Hershey is also included in the paving project. Oil and chipping is planned for Haar, Heindel, Bungalow, Sunnyside, and Brown Roads. As a side note, 2022 is already shaping up to be a trying time for supplies and/or deliveries along with contractors struggling with a shortage of workers. Also, the public works department has been dealing with unusual stormwater issues following hurricane-like rains.

Mr. Luckenbaugh asked about a project on Bentz Road to widen it a bit or at least to try to keep it from washing out at the sides. He wants to have the engineer take a look at it. From Attorney Miller, don't forget about the ARP funds! Also, the signs at Jefferson Road and Lischey's Church Road and Colonial Valley and Lischey's Church need attention.

2. Mr. Luckenbaugh gave the police report for September 2021. Heidelberg substation improvements to join the 2 separate parking areas around the back of the building; allowing entering and exiting access. The parking area will also be extended. Hopefully, the project will be completed by the end of 2021. Cost estimate: \$29K. Can the Township contribute funds to this project? Yes, but there are provisions with which to comply, per Attorney Miller.

B. Manager's Report

1. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Ilyes, to ratify the hiring of John T. Garrett for the Public Works Department, starting rate \$21/hour, effective August 23, 2021. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Alpha Space Control will start line painting by mid-October; single yellow line application for 14.43 miles, total of \$11,265.36. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the line painting as outlined above. All members voted aye; motion carried.

3. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the MMO for 2022 in the amount of \$102,800. All members voted aye; motion carried.

4. 2021 leaf collection increase, from \$65 to \$75 for two 20-minute collections. Sign-up deadline November 8. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to approve the increase in the leaf collection fee as outlined above. All members voted aye; motion carried.

5. Volunteer Fire Relief Association State Aid allocation was received in the amount of \$45,875.68. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Ilyes, to approve the transfer to the NCT Fire Relief Assoc. All members voted aye; motion carried.

6. SPCA – **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Ilyes, to renew the SPCA Contract for 2022 in the amount of \$4,586.59. Two members voted aye; *Brenneman opposed*. Motion carried.

7. 98-KME apparatus repair – replaced all five batteries (FRP) – labor, \$680.48; batteries (Cumberland Truck Equipment), \$443.45, for a total of \$1,123.93. **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh to approve the expenditure for the KME repair in the amount of \$1,123.93. All members voted aye; motion carried.

8. 2013 International 7400 (Roger) five-star truck – diagnostics and repairs, \$14,938.68. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Ilyes, to approve the expense for diagnostics and repairs to the truck in the amount of \$14,938.68. All members voted aye; motion carried. Mr. Luckenbaugh questioned if the biofuel could be affecting this vehicle, requiring such maintenance on a truck with so few miles.

9. 2022 Health Insurance renewal – less than 1% increase (.0095). **Motion** by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the 2022 Health insurance renewal policy. All members voted aye; motion carried.

10. Electronic sign upgrade; requested quote from Strickler Signs.

C. Engineer's Report
Nothing at this time.

D. Solicitor's Report

1. The solar ordinance was discussed briefly. Mr. Luckenbaugh would like solar farms to be approved only in the Industrial Zone. Mr. Ilyes wants to make sure that the problem of noxious weeds is addressed in the ordinance.

IX. **Old Business**
Nothing at this time.

XI. **New Business**

A. FYI -- Non-Uniform Pension State Aid for 2020 was received in the amount of \$33,580.97.

B. Notice of estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2022 in the amount of \$336,713.96 and turnback allocation in the amount of \$16,160.

XII. **Announcements**

A. The Northern York County Regional Police Commission will meet on October 19, 7 p.m. at headquarters. Open House October 21, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. to be held at the Dave Tomes substation.

B. Recreation Board will meet on October 25, 7 p.m.

C. The Planning Commission will meet on October 26, 7 p.m.

D. The Board of Supervisors will meet on November 2, 7 p.m.

Motion by Ilyes, second by Luckenbaugh, to *recess* the meeting to October 8, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss the Budget and any other Township business that may come before the Board. All members voted aye; motion carried. The meeting recessed at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kerchner,
Township Secretary/Manager

Julie B. Maher,
Recording Secretary