

NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP
February 6, 2024

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Dennis Ilyes called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisors present: Jackson LeVault and Scott Meckley. Present on behalf of the Township: Manager Melissa Altland, Zoning Officer Jeffrey Martz, and Solicitor Andrew Miller. Also present: Recording Secretary and 11 citizens.

I. **Announcements**

Nothing at this time.

II. **Agenda**

Add to the posted agenda: “York Water Company wants to add two fire hydrants in the Township.” **Motion** by LeVault, second by Meckley, to amend the agenda as above. All members voted aye; motion carried. It was noted that discussion will be held but no action will be taken on this item.

III. **Minutes**

Motion by LeVault, second by Meckley, to approve the minutes of the Reorganization meeting of January 2, 2024. All members voted aye; motion carried.

IV. **Treasurer’s Report**

A. **Motion** by Meckley, second by LeVault, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for December 2023 and January 2024 as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.

V. **General Public Comment**

A concerned resident spoke, noting that she saw a cow near her property that wasn’t moving much and was just lying near a large compost pile on the neighboring property. She called the police about the situation because it was distressing and didn’t seem humane to her. Chairman Ilyes noted that it’s likely a situation where the animal is dying. The resident went on to describe other situations on that same property. This isn’t really a situation that the Township can get involved in. Attorney Miller checked for animal control provisions in the Township Code. It might well be that agricultural operations are exempt in these cases. Also, there is a pile of old tires (mosquito traps) on this property, which is alarming as well. The resident wants to report this to the proper authority. Chairman Ilyes will try to find a contact person for her. There are a couple of options.

VI. **Fire Company Report**

Tim Carr gave the fire company report for December 2023 and January 2024. *On average*, response time is 11 minutes from receiving the call to arriving on the scene. That’s a little higher than Mr. Carr would like, but they’re working on this by training new personnel.

Motion by LeVault, second by Meckley, to authorize the fire department to order equipment and supplies allocated from the ARP funds. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Resident, Fred Mula, ask are there any funds other than ARP funds available to offset the cost of the hydraulic piercing nozzle for electric vehicles? Mr. Carr responded that these units

are cumbersome at best and aren't on the horizon for the Township's fire company just yet. The funds are available through the producers of the electric vehicles.

VII. **Permits, Plans, and Modules**

Nothing at this time.

VIII. **Police Report**

Chairman Ilyes gave the police report for January 2024. Six new officers have been sworn in. Two replacements, four new ones.

IX. **Administrative Reports**

A. Supervisors' Reports

1. FYI, YCPC emailed information from the LGAC explaining Adaptive Reuse.
2. Public Works –

Two storms – Chairman Ilyes praised the road crew/public works crew for their good work during the recent storms.

Working on the Township building remodeling and doing an excellent job!

Motion by Meckley, second by LeVault, to approve the ordering of chemicals and lime for the park and baseball/soccer fields (less than \$2,000). All members voted aye; motion carried. It was noted that Travis will do the spraying (since he now has a license to do this work).

B. Manager's Report

1. Meeting to be held on February 22 at 1 p.m. with Business Information Group for computer upgrades/replacements. Mrs. Altland will get some pricing at that meeting.

2. Audit was conducted on January 25. So far, everyone can stay out of jail.

3. The general consensus was to permit the office staff to check rates with Pligit for an account for the Capital Reserve fund. All members voted aye; motion carried.

4. **Motion** by LeVault, second by Meckley, to distribute the following 2024 donations: Windy Hill Senior Center, Spring Grove library, Spring Grove community center, and York County Quick Response Team. All members voted aye; motion carried.

5. Will receive \$3,395.45 revenue for annual small games of chance.

6. Mrs. Altland attended a meeting on January 31 with community leaders and the school district. Mrs. Altland suggested all residents should attend the school board meetings to be better apprised of the progress on some issues.

C. Engineer's Report

Nothing discussed.

D. Solicitor's Report

1. International Property Code – **Motion** by LeVault, second by Meckley, to authorize the advertisement and scheduling of a public meeting for **March 5, 2024, at 6 p.m.** to discuss/adopt the International Property Code and Quality of Life Ordinance. All members voted aye; motion carried.

X. **Old Business**

The elected auditor meeting was not held because no one showed up. Anyone interested?? It involves attending one meeting per year, setting pay rates for the supervisors, and oversight of some other general duties, if necessary. Attorney Miller said that because the Township has paid auditors, if an elected auditor is not identified, that should not be a problem.

Motion by Meckley, second by LeVault, to draft a resolution for the Employee Pension Conversion on April 1, 2024, naming Conrad Siegel as the administrator of the employee pension. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Attorney Miller gave the history of the Stu Harrison case, noting that there was sufficient evidence to indict this person, yet the district attorney declined to follow up with prosecution. Courts have determined that prosecution should indeed proceed. Perhaps there will be some action. The indecision is costing the Township money so it would be good to resolve it.

Motion by LeVault, second by Meckley, to authorize sending a letter to District Attorney Dave Sunday concerning the Stu Harrison case, contacting Spring Grove, Heidelberg, and Manheim Townships to see if they would like to be included. All members voted aye; motion carried.

XI. **New Business**

Mr. Martz explained the situation with the Lynwood Development. This development is nearly finished; the road needs completed for adoption and sidewalks need completed as per the subdivision plan. The current owner does not agree with the amount of the bond, which has changed because of the lengthy time that has elapsed since the original bond was estimated. If the owner and Township can't agree on the numbers, the Township will not adopt the road, nor maintain it.

Motion by LeVault, second by Meckley, to *deny* the surety reduction request for Lynwood. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Meckley, second by LeVault, to accept the updated engineer's estimate of the bond figures. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Attorney Miller noted that if the owner doesn't come through, no permits should be issued until this project is fully secured.

York Water Company would like to place hydrants on Joseph and Rockery Roads. Probably a good idea. Those residents will be assessed a fire hydrant tax, but they will also get a break on their homeowner's insurance.

XII. **Announcements**

- A. The Board of Supervisors will meet on March 5 at 7 p.m.
- B. The Northern York County Regional Police Commission will meet on February 19, at 6 p.m., at headquarters.
- C. No Planning Commission meeting in February.
- D. No Zoning Hearing in February
- E. Public meeting on March 5, 6 p.m., immediately prior to the regular meeting.

Motion by Meckley, second by LeVault, to adjourn. All members voted aye; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Altland,
Township Secretary/Manager

Julie B. Maher,
Recording Secretary