

NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP
June 4, 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 Charles Rausch. Also present: Recording Secretary and 14 citizens.

I. **Announcements**

None at this time.

II. **Agenda**

No amendments to the posted agenda.

III. **Minutes**

Motion by Meckley, second by LeVault, to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 7, 2024. All members voted aye; motion carried.

IV. **Treasurer's Report**

A. **Motion** by LeVault, second by Meckley, to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2024as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.

V. **General Public Comment**

Lehman Road accidents – there was an accident on Lehman Road involving a car and a bus. It was confirmed that the young person driving the car was not speeding. This section of the road gets slick, no matter the weather. It is a PennDOT road, and they know it is a problem. Mr. Martz spoke with someone at PennDOT, and they are trying to address the issue. Sometimes it is a speeding problem, but certainly not always. People are trying to make PennDOT more aware of this problem. The road surface needs some anti-skid material. Let us push harder for a solution before the consequences get worse.

Larry Baugher asked about how to get on the Public Comment section of the agenda. If he wants to call ahead, he can get put on the agenda. Otherwise, now is the time. He asked about the sketch plan for the Messersmith Road property near the church. Townhomes or single-family homes are options, as presented at the Planning Commission meeting in May. Also from Mr. Baugher, how about the old fire hall plan? That is on the agenda for tonight.

Fred Mula mentioned that the old fire hall plan would be good for the Township, refurbishing a blighted building, creating more homes for more residents but not affecting farmland.

VI. **Fire Company Report**

Mrs. Altland gave the fire company report for May 2024. Wellspan EMS had 45 calls in the Township. It was noted that no new agreement is needed since the Township is required by the Foreign Fire Insurance Agreement to turn the funds over to the NCT Fire Company (the only fire department in the Township).

VII. **Police Report**

Walters Hatchery Road – speed trailer was placed in the vicinity of Hoke Road – average speed was 43; fastest speed was 88. Most people go 40-55. Mrs. Altland noted that this road will be tarred/chipped, and a double yellow line painted on it. That might help.

Chairman Ilyes reported that the police department is still reviewing the new charter. Of note, hackers and scammers are increasing and getting more cunning. Be on your toes.

VIII. **Permits, Plans, and Modules**

Nothing at this time.

IX. **Administrative Reports**

A. Supervisors' Reports

Nothing at this time.

B. Public Works – the Spring Clean-up was successful, netting \$182 for recycling scrap metal! Perhaps schedule this for spring and fall. How about a designated area near the Township building to collect bulky items (couches, etc.) and the Township crew will take it to the appropriate place? (This is later on the agenda.) This is better than people dumping bulky items on the side of the road and then the Township crew has to collect them. The Crew continues to mow, spray, and trim along the Township roads. Installed catch basin on Dubbs Road. Fixed potholes. Waiting for a quote for the Kubota tractor with side mount flail. Discussion was held on what to do about the situation; Travis is trying to get quotes and options. Waiting for another quote for a 50' x 80' fabric dome for the winter supplies; one quote was about \$50K. Also, (not on the agenda) we need to add some more lighting in the park. Travis will get some pricing.

Motion by LeVault, second by Meckley, to authorize the purchase of a 20' x 30' dome and pad for the large item trash drop-off at a cost of approximately \$10K, using ARP funds. All members voted aye; motion carried.

WWTP: the fabric sunshade arrived and was installed.

Motion by Meckley, second by LeVault, to authorize the upgrade to the flood lights to LEDs at a cost of about \$1,200. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Mrs. Altland is checking with BIG to see if it is feasible to get remote access to the computer that monitors the WWTP system. This would prevent someone from having to physically go to the WWTP in the middle of the night if an alarm/alert goes off. The person checking the alert could see what is up and decide if it can wait until normal business hours or not.

C. Manager's Report

1. Traffic studies completed on Brown Road (30mph); Bungalow Road (25mph); Prospect Hill Road (25mph). During the week of June 10, Martin and Fire Hall Roads will be studied.
2. Received a refund of excess operating expenses from YATB in the amount of \$20,206.69.
3. Received \$2,493.68 for state police fines and penalties.
4. Letter of interest received from Adam Hetzel to serve on either the Planning Commission or the Zoning Hearing Board if there are any vacancies.

It was noted that the Ag Security Board members should meet to reorganize. Mr. Ilyes can serve as the farm representative from the Township and Mr. Meckley can serve as the Board representative from the Township.

The Township pays the SPCA \$6,517.00 per year. Starting July 1, residents will no longer be permitted to drop off a stray animal at the SPCA; a dog warden or licensed person must do this. We need an ordinance to recoup some of the costs from the pet's/animal's owner.

C. Engineer's Report

Nothing at this time.

D. Solicitor's Report

1. Discussion was held on the proposed real estate tax credit program – this should be available to the first responders, fire fighters, EMTs, etc., not someone who just cleans up after a chicken barbecue. However, that would exclude a person who spends thousands of volunteer hours to serve in a non-dangerous position. There is a specific credit system, depending on how many 'points' each person has accrued. **Motion** by Meckley, second by LeVault, to authorize the Solicitor to move forward with *advertising* the Volunteer Service Tax Credit Program for adoption. All members voted aye; motion carried.

IX Old Business

A. It was noted that YCPC is in favor of this text amendment. NCTPC recommended approval and passed it to the Board of Supervisors. It was also noted that this Zoning Amendment would be Township-wide and would affect any blighted building. Attorney Rausch noted that this ordinance would benefit the person who purchases the property, not the person who created the problem. This text amendment does not approve any specific project. Any applicant would have to present the proposal to the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board if necessary, and the Board of Supervisors. **Motion** by LeVault, second by Meckley, to approve advertisement of the Zoning Text Amendment. All members voted aye; motion carried.

B. Rebert farm – a letter was sent to the Jefferson/Codorus Joint Sewer Authority. The response was that 'at this time, there are no plans to use eminent domain' to procure this property. Since the property is in the Ag Security area, the NCT Board of Supervisors must approve any eminent domain taking, which is highly unlikely. The Rebert family can rest easy right now...

XI. New Business

Nothing at this time.

XII. Announcements

A. The Board of Supervisors will meet on July 2 at 7 p.m. That is Chairman Ilyes' birthday! ☺

B. Northern York County Regional Police Commission will meet on June 18, 6 p.m., at headquarters.

C. Planning Commission will not meet in June.

D. The Zoning Hearing Board will not meet in June.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Altland,
Township Secretary/Manager

Julie B. Maher,
Recording Secretary