



**FORWARD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING
September 13, 2016
7:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Jay Rape, Vice Chairman	Jeff Argyros, Engineer
J. Rodger Lees, Supervisor	Tom May, Solicitor
Charles Behm, Roadmaster	Jim Rape, Planning Commission
Brian Miller, CEO	
Donna Behm, Auditor	

VISTORS:

Dean Zinkhann	Sherri Schubert
Willie Burr	Walter Wiemann
Aaron Beyer, Cleary Building Corp.	Pam Gray, Vector Security
Brad Heckleman, Hikvision	Matthew Otto, ECVF

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Rape called the public meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 7:01 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at the Forward Township Municipal Building located at 207 Ash Stop Road, Evans City, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Pam Gray (Vector Security) along with Brad Heckleman (Hikvision) gave a presentation on their proposed security system.
- Dean Zinkhann asked for a status on the Stamm School House. The Board asked who would be doing the up keep on the building. Mr. Zinkhann stated that he has an organization of 15-20 people who are willing to maintain the building. Vice Chairman Rape and Supervisor Lees both agreed to bring the school house to the Forward Township Property. Mr. Zinkhann stated he will start the process of getting proposals on moving the building and also raising the funds to do so.
- Aaron Beyer from Cleary Building Corp. introduced himself and stated that he has started working with Nickolette Goodemote on a proposal for the new building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Lees made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 9, 2016, August 26, 2016, and September 9, 2016 with minor edits. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- The Board reviewed the outstanding bills for the month of August 2016 in the amount of \$179,381.30 for payment from the PLGIT General Fund. Supervisor Lees questioned the

\$61,691.89 to McClymonds. Roadmaster Behm stated that the township will be getting reimbursed from the Conservation District Low Volume Road Grant for the majority of the bill.

Supervisor Lees made a motion to approve the August 2016 payables in the amount of \$179,381.30. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Lees stated he has been working with Bette and Lindsey on reconciling accounts in QuickBooks.

PLANNING COMMISSION

- Jim Rape introduced Willie Burr to The Board. Mr. Rape asked the board for approval on the Burr #3 Lot Drawings.

Supervisor Lees made a motion to approve the Burr #3 Lot Drawings. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Rape proposed the driveway variance request for resident Harry Gates. Engineer Jeff Argyros asked if this was going to improve line of sight, Mr. Rape stated that it would.

Supervisor Lees made a motion to approve the driveway variance for Mr. Harry Gates. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Rape ask The Board if it was possible to get railroad lights at the crossing on Spithaler School Road. The Board referred to Roadmaster Charles Behm. Charles stated that it is up to the railroad company to determine if there was enough traffic on the road to need the lights.
- Supervisor Lees asked Jim Rape about getting a nuisance ordinance. Mr. Rape said he would bring that up at the next Planning Commission Meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

- Charles Behm presented Brian Miller with some pictures of a residence on Critchlow School Road. The resident has been filling in the drainage swale with dirt and debris. Brian and Tom May suggested The Board send a letter stating he cannot continue to fill the drainage swale.
- Vice Chairman Rape informed Brian Miller that the township has been getting phone calls about a junk yard on Cashdollar Road parking cars on the road. Brian said he would stop and check out the situation.
- Brian also stated that TJ's Hide-A-Way is not in compliance of storm water ordinance. Jeff Argyros will follow up with Tom Hartwig on the storm water drawings.

EVANS CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Matthew Otto presented the supervisors with a report on the activities for the month of August.
- The Evans City Fire Department is concerned about the closing of Spithaler School Road. Roadmaster Behm stated the signs blocking the road can be removed in case of emergency.
- Matthew stated the next consolidation meeting is October 10, 2016 at the Connoquenessing Fire Hall.

- Matthew also stated that Octoberfest is September 16-18, and that they will be hosting a \$5.00 all you can eat pancake breakfast.

SOLICITOR:

- Tom May stated he has been in contact with Wilson's Ridge Developer. Tom stated the gentleman does not get into town until October 21, 2016, but will set up meeting to go out and look at issues.
- Tom also stated he would like to look at contract with Nickolette Goodemote more and get back to The Board.

ENGINEER:

- Jeff Argyros suggested we not release the bond reduction for Meadow Ridge. Charles Behm recommends repaving the areas in question.

Supervisor Lees made a motion to deny the release of the bond for Meadow Ridge Phase 3. Vice Chairman Rape seconded, motion passed unanimously.

- Roadmaster Charles Behm presented pictures of Wilson's Ridge Phase 3 & 4 silt sock. Mr. Argyros said it is the developer's responsibility to check once a week to make sure things are operating correctly. Supervisor Lees asked for some documentation confirming the work is being done. Mr. Argyros agreed to find the information.

ROADMASTER

- Charles Behm stated we can release the MarkWest road bonds for Nursery Road and Spithaler School Road.

Supervisor Lees made a motion to release both bonds. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Board made the decision to pay the fire hydrant bill for Peachmont until a Home Owners Association is developed.
- The Board agreed to start paying for the maintenance and power to the traffic light located Lloydmont and State Route 68.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Vice Chairman Rape made a motion to make a contribution to the Evans City Library in the amount of \$100.00 in honor of Dave Lamperski. Supervisor Lees seconded, motion passed unanimously.*
- Supervisor Lees also recommended that when The Township starts a memorial wall that Dave Lamperski's name be added.
- *Vice Chairman Rape made a motion to approve the cost of \$10.00 per person to attend the October 12, 2016 BCATO 34th Annual Safety Seminar. All road crew and secretaries are to attend. Supervisor Lees seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.*

- *Vice Chairman Rape made a motion to approve no more than \$160.00 to allot for Auditors, Supervisors, and Secretaries to attend the October 25, 2016 Annual Fall Convention.*
- *Supervisor Lees made a motion to approve the website training for Lindsey not to exceed \$100.00 to MIBS Total Online Presence, Inc. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.*

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Rape made the motion to adjourn at 9:08 PM. Supervisor Lees seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.