

**FORWARD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
FEBRUARY 9, 2016  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

Mary L. McElhinny, Chairperson  
J. Rodger Lees, Supervisor  
Jim Rape, Planning Commission  
Jeff Argyros, Engineer

Jay Rape, Vice Chairman  
Charles Behm, Roadmaster  
Donna Behm, Auditor  
Tom May, Solicitor

**Visitors:**

Dave Jones  
Matt Otto, ECVF  
Kristia of Metcalf's office

Jerry Oliver  
Mel Musulin

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson McElhinny called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and 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:**

Dave Jones was present to report on the Pattie J. Nelson 5 K race to be held from 9:00 a.m. until approximately noon on April 23, 2016 along Old Route 68, Community Park, Needle Point and Dufford roads. There will be people staged along the route; they have informed the 911 office. Additional details regarding this event can be found at the following website:

<http://pattijnelsonfoundation.com/>

Mel Musulin thanked the road crew for the good care they take of the roads.

Matt Otto of the ECVF reported that they had 85 calls in Forward Township for 2015. Their active membership roster is 35 with roughly 18 regular participants and three Junior firemen. Mr. Otto requested a future planning meeting with the Supervisors at a more convenient time for all.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Vice Chairman Rape moved that the January 4, 2016 Reorganization meeting minutes be approved as presented. Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed.*

*Supervisor Lees moved that the January 26, 2016 special work session meeting minutes be approved as presented. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.*

Approval of the January 12, 2016 regular meeting and the February 4, 2016 special personnel meeting were tabled.

**BILLS:**

*Supervisor Lees moved to approve the PLGIT General Fund bills – January 13, 2016 to February 9, 2016 as presented in the amount of \$20,398.39. Vice Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed.*

NexTier General Fund payroll & expenses bill approval were tabled.

The Liquid Fuels inter-fund transfer for \$1,483.00 (State Police fines put in Liquid Fuels by mistake) was tabled.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Total amounts for all funds including the escrow accounts in the Quick Book balance is \$1,074,155.29.

**REPORTS:**

Jim Rape of the Planning Commission presented the annual 2015 report of activities (41 projects in total) to the Supervisors. Jim also reported that they held election of officers at their meeting.

He also mentioned that the Kozar plan was returned, the Hixon plan remains in review and work has begun on the comprehensive plan activities.

**Solicitor:**

Tom May reported that the Wilson Ridge Phase 3 & 4 (Reibold Associates) Developer's Agreement is approved to be signed. Plans were signed.

Tom also reported on the Evans City Sewer Authority rates. He will send a letter.

**Engineer:**

Jeff Argyros reported on the Peachmont draw down of the Performance Bond. There will be a meeting with Jerry Oliver, Jeff and Charles before the wearing course and after 75% build-up. *Supervisor Lees moved to approve motion. Vice-Chairman Rape second the motion, motion carried.*

**Roadmaster:**

Charles reported that Detweilers Wood Products have requested their bond returned. *Supervisor Lees moved that the \$2,500 bond be released. Vice Chairman Rape second the motion, motion passed.*

Charles asked for approval to have Pave Care sweep the roads at \$110.00 per hour beginning

first week in April. *Vice Chairman Rape moved to allow up to \$5,000.00 for sweeping. Supervisor Lees seconded the motion, motion passed.*

Charles reported that the Costars order for salt must be in by March 15, 2016. This will be done at the March meeting.

Charles reported that Columbia Midstream asked about the release of their bond. Will call them and look for the bond.

ESCOR will send a bond for the bonding of Ash Stop Rd.

**Auditors:**

The Auditors reported on the duplicate payment to Power-up on the bill for a chain saw. Power-up will return the check and Forward will void the duplicate payment.

**New Business**

*Discussion on Connie's cleaning. Chairman McElhinny moved that if there is not an agreement to terminate now. Vice Chairman Rape send the motion, motion carried.*

*There being no further business, Chairperson McElhinny moved to adjourn. Supervisor Lees seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Forward Township Board of Supervisors.