

Forward Township

July 23, 2018
Special Meeting

PRESENT:

Jay Rape, Chairman	Mary McElhinny, Vice Chairperson
Mel Musulin, Supervisor	Tom Hartwig, Engineer
Jim Rape, Chairman Planning Commission	Bette Spithaler, Secretary
Steve Longwell, Vice Chairperson Planning Commission	

VISTORS:

Mark Wilson, FTSA	Vito Pilosi, ECWSA
Kathy Wearing, Bieber Estate	Diane Rodgers, Bieber Estate
Linda Defeo, Bieber Estate	David Ice, SEO
Ronda Miller, Tax Collector	Brian Miller, CEO

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Rape called the special meeting to order & welcomed everyone at 6:00 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:

No Public Comment

DISCUSSION:

David Ice Sewage Enforcement Officer introduce himself and gave an update on the Act 537 plan. He stated that the DEP is requiring a door-to-door Sanitary Survey of the On-Lot Sewage Disposal Systems located in the area/roads of Birch Street, Glenwood Avenue, Seneca Lane, and a portion of Mars-Evans City Road, the same areas as surveyed back in 2008. In order for him to proceed letters need be sent out to notify the area residents of the door-to-door Sanitary Survey and to get permission to enter their property. Mr. Ice stated that the homeowner does not need to be present and a separate sanitary survey report will be done on each individual property. Mr. Ice has a scheduled meeting date of August 13, 2018 with Tomisa Kiskadden, DEP Sewage Planning Specialist to conduct the Sanitary Survey. Supervisor Musulin suggested that member of the board be present at the meeting. Supervisor Rape requested that Tom Hartwig, P.E. and Mark Wilson accompany them as well. A letter to the area residents will be composed and mailed by the township secretaries with the guidance and approval of solicitor Tom May.

In the case of system failures, the possibility to connect to Evans City Water & Sewer still exists depending on the availability and cost. Vito Pilosi from Evans City Water & Sewer stated the current sewage availability location. He also mentioned that a force main or lift station maybe needed in order the handle the capacity should the township proceed.

Chairman Jim Rape discussed the necessity to get the approval of the Bieber Estate Subdivision (1556 Mars-Evans City Road) Planning Module from DEP. Engineer Tom Hartwig feels we have met all the Act 537 requirements. Mr. Ice stated he would talk with Tomisa from DEP to see what is needed to resolve the situation for approval.

Supervisor Rape stated the need to transfer \$40,000.00 from Act 13 Fund to the General PLGIT Fund for the road improvement infrastructure.

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to transfer \$40,000.00 from the Act 13 Fund to the General PLGIT Fund. Vice Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Musulin made a motion at 7:03 PM to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bette Spithaler
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Township Secretary