

PRESENT:

Jay Rape, Chairman
Mel Musulin, Supervisor
Tom May, Solicitor
Lindsey Everett, Secretary
Donna Behm, Auditor

Mary McElhinny, Vice Chairperson
Charles Behm, Roadmaster
Jeff Argyros, Engineer
Jim Rape, Planning Commission

VISTORS:

Mark Wilson, FTSAB
Mary Kosinski, Resident
Ed Tanski, ECWSA
Linda Scheidemantle, Resident
Michele Weiss, Resident

Michael Blank, Resident
Vito Pilosi, ECWSA
Diana Zoelle, Evans City Council
Judy and Ron Layton, Resident

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Rape called the public meeting to order & 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:

- Michele Weiss

Michele stated that the Township cleaned out the culverts from her driveway and her and her husband cleaned the debris around the driveway in order to take care of the water runoff. After some discussion the supervisors are satisfied with the work.

- Mark Wilson/ECWSA

Mark and representatives from the ECWSA spoke about the possibility of running public sewage to Margaret Avenue. The presentation included the project would have 2 phases and cost each resident approximately \$12,000.00. Resident Mary Kosinski spoke up against this project and the fact that the residents living on Margaret Ave. do not have the funds to do this. After some discussion Solicitor Tom May asked Mark and ECWSA to look more into financial issues and grants for this project and the upcoming Gaw Plan.

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to have Engineer Jeff Argyros look into all requirements in amending the Act 537 plan and bring to the September meeting. Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- Michael Blank

Mr. Blank spoke to the water runoff issue from Michele Weiss & Ronald Took's property. Roadmaster Behm suggest an open box trench. Michele spoke up asking about cost for this. Charles agreed that the Township would install the trench that she provided.

- Diana Zoelle

Mrs. Zoelle spoke about the flooding issue in the township and also nearby municipalities. She stated that the county is looking into it and will then contact each municipality in the county.

- Ron & Judy Layton

Mr. & Mrs. Layton spoke about the water runoff issue near their property. They would like the water on Needlepoint Road run directly to the Connoquenessing Creek. Charles explained that this is not possible due to it would have to run uphill. After more discussion the supervisors asked the engineer to research the Needlepoint Road project from back in 1995.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- June 7, 2019 – Workshop Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to approve the June 7, 2019 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Vice Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- July 9, 2019 – Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to approve the July 9, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Vice Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- PLGIT General Fund

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to approve the outstanding bills for the month of July 2019 in the amount of \$52,507.97. Vice Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- P-Card Payment

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to approve the payment of Charles's P-card in the amount of \$2,887.69. Vice Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to approve the payment of Bette's P-card in the amount of \$103.94. Vice Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- NexTier Payroll

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to approve the July 2019 payroll expenditures in the amount of \$19,079.04. Vice Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- The ECVFD had 34 total calls 13 of which were in Forward Township.
- Steelers Raffle Tickets (December 1, 2019)
 - \$5.00 Per ticket
 - Drawing to be held after Halloween Parade
- Octoberfest
 - Saturday, September 21st, 2019
 - \$5.00 Per Person pancakes only
 - \$7.00 Per Person for pancakes with sausage and/or bacon

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:

NA

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Nothing to report

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Nothing to report

SOLICITOR:

- Hidden Acres Phase 1 Developers Agreement

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to approve and accept the Hidden Acres Phase 1 Developers Agreement contingent upon the amendment of Paragraph 27. Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- Judicial Sale

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to accept service for the .4 acres located at parcel number 160-4F81-16A2. Vice Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER:

Jeff updated the supervisors on the Peachmont Farms comments from the DEP.

ROADMASTER:

- Allegheny Aquatic Connoquenessing Creek

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to allow Roadmaster Behm to work August 24 & September 7, 2019 in order to run equipment for the Allegheny Aquatic Alliance. Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- Buhl Road

Charles informed that the Buhl Road culvert has been completed and the road has been reopened. The roadcrew is moving on to another emergency project but will be returning to complete the Buhl Road project in the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Scheidemantle Escrow

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to write check for the remaining Scheidemantle Escrow balance once the township receives a letter from resident stating she is withdrawing her sewage application. Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Maintenance Building Renovation

Supervisor Musulin made a motion to reject all bids in the best interest of the Township due to emergency expenses. Vice Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:

- September 10, 2019 – Board of Supervisors

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Supervisor Musulin moved to adjourn to executive session at 8:39 PM. Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Musulin moved to reconvene the meeting at 9:01 PM. Chairman Rape seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Musulin made a motion at 9:02 PM to adjourn the August 2019 meeting. Vice Chairperson McElhinny seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lindsey Everett
Township Secretary