

October 27, 2020

The October 27, 2020 meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Pleasant Township municipal building. Chairman Arden Knapp called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag at 7:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman John Phillips, Supervisor Andy Brooks and Secretary-Treasurer Lea Ann Adams were present. Also in attendance were Harry Anderson, Tim and Kathy Johnson, Frank Scalise, David Tipton, Ed Dorunda and Andy Close.

Public Comment: Harry Anderson requested from the township that the September surcharge payments that were added to the residential homes to be refunded. It was the equivalent to \$50 with all homes combined. Mr. Knapp explained that additional man hours and modifications were needed to be implemented in an effort to determine the origin of illegal material. In addition, there was no proof that items were not coming from the residential line in September, but with the additional modifications, the township was comfortable with removing the surcharge starting in October for the residential homes. Andy Close, writer of Yourdailylocal.com, was present to report on the meeting. Mr. Dorunda inquired about the data from the EMS agreement for the 1st month. Pleasant Township Assistant Fire Chief Mr. Tim Johnson shared that at the moment there were no financial numbers but the number of calls directly to the Manor were lower during the daytime hours; however, there are still a number of calls to the Warren Manor outside of the daytime hours. As for the financial data, the billing cycle turnaround is usually 60-90 days and after that time period passes it should show what has been billed, not what has been collected. Mr. Dorunda continued to inquire about a formula that is used for the funds coming in and being used to pay for the service created by the agreement what is coming back to the township or fire department. He further explained that he is looking for a return with the system if taxes are going up. Mr. Brooks explained that the township's responsibility is to maintain fire services and all funds come to the township and those funds are used to purchase fire equipment and services from the agreement. It was further explained that the fire department operates self-sufficiently on monthly basis. The fire tax collected continues to build to help the fire department purchase equipment, fuel and insurance. Mr. Brooks continued to explain that the township's position is undetermined about the continuation of the agreement after January 1, 2021. It was noted that there is no perfect answer to the solution of the problem. It was noted in the conversation among the audience that Emery Care could potential provide a service for a household fee. Mr. Johnson stated that it was known that Emery Care has begun coverage for Glade Township and Youngsville without increasing their staffing. Emery Care may agree to coverage for Pleasant Township, but Emery Care would not be required to increase their staff and the township would be back in the same scenario. Mr. Dorunda asked that Mr. Brooks since he is involved with the EMS task force would continue to seek some type of return to the tax payers of Pleasant Township for this agreement. Mr. Brooks agreed that some type of formula would be needed. Mr. Johnson requested from the board a letter signed by the township in support of billing a call if it ends up being a routine transport. The fire department is willing to take the call, but if the fire department does not get reimbursed by insurance company, they would like the ability to bill the patient for the balance. Mr. Knapp, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Phillips agreed that the fire department has the township support and will sign the letter.

Minutes from the October 6, 7 and 13, 2020 meeting were approved by John Phillips and seconded Arden Knapp. Motion passed by voice vote. Bills are presented for payment as follows: General Fund \$25,184.75; Sewer Fund \$36,969.34; Fire Fund \$303.53 for total bills of \$62,457.62. Andy Brooks made a motion to pay the bills as presented and John Phillips second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Upcoming reminders: A PennVest meeting will be on October 28 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss funding of the Mohawk Sewer extension project. COG is scheduled for November 4 at 7:00 p.m. A fire services meeting is scheduled for October 29 and a hazard mitigation meeting is scheduled for November 4 at 4:30 and 6:00 p.m.

Correspondence for Review consisted of the September 2020 building code report from the City of Warren and the September 2020 Real Estate Tax Report.

Old Business: ► The Sewer Revenue Fund Agreed Upon Procedures through December 31, 2019 was received and the 2019 reconciliation charges were issued for payment. Attorney Bevevino and the City of Warren's attorney are working on the issues regarding the current sewer meter and location. Andy Brooks made a motion to have E & M Engineers design a bid package for a new meter and location. Arden Knapp second and motion passed by voice vote. ► The township will have a Skype phone meeting with PennVest to discuss financing of the Mohawk Sewer Extension project on October 28. ► Andy Brooks made a motion to sign the Amendment to the Intermunicipal

Cooperation Agreement regarding Fire and Emergency Medical Services with the City of Warren for an additional 2 days a week after the agreement is corrected to name Pleasant Township as a participant. Arden Knapp second the motion and motion passed unanimously. ► Andy Brook made a motion to approve the request for a water well isolation distance exemption related to the holding tank for 3010 Morrison Run Road (Green Buck Acres) once the maps are corrected by Mr. John Delacio. Sewage Enforcement Officer Todd Fantaskey indicated that due to the property lot size, the overall topography of the site and the proximity to Morrison Run stream, these isolation distances are unattainable. He has stated that once the wastewater system is repaired, it will be water tight and neither the well nor Morrison Run will be negatively impacted. Mr. Fantaskey assured the board that he has been involved with similar situations and he has never encountered a problem or issue. Arden Knapp second and motion passed by voice vote. Mr. Kestner of Morrison Run Road needs to update his permanent living quarter's status in order to receive a composting toilet permit. Planning and Zoning cannot issue his zoning permit until his permanent address is supplied. ► A letter was sent to Mr. Stephen Smith of Ridgeway informing him of the outstanding ordinance violations existing at 1465 Route 62. The Blighted Property Review Committee is to send him a letter as well. ► A certified letter was sent to Donald MacMartin of Wattsburg of the violations that are existing at 494 Grunderville Road. ► The board approved to have the 2021 budget available for public display beginning October 30. Adoption is scheduled for November 24, 2020. ► The Winterfest special permit application was discussed and PennDOT will be consulted on the correct applicant and signatures needed. It was determined that millings are not available at this time and Winterfest committee chairman Mr. Atwood will be notified.

New Business: ► Arden Knapp made a motion to approve the Sharp Subdivision along Route 62 that divides Tax Parcel # YV-932-866 into 2 pieces. Parcel A (.45 acres) will be annexed to Parcel #YV-932-868 and Parcel B (.14 acres) will be annexed to #YV-932-8664. Andy Brooks second and motion passed by voice vote. ► The Warren County Commissioners requested to hold a town hall meeting on July 29, 2021 from 6-7:30 p.m. and the supervisors approved.

Wastewater System Report: Chairman Arden Knapp stated that the cleaning and video of the section of the Mohawk Sewer Extension Project was completed. It is noted that a section of line between Farm Lane and Linda Lane is in need of repair as well as a spot that is sagging on Crestview.

Road Foreman Report: The road crew has continue to pick leaves and work on equipment. Andy Brook said he got a request to have leaves picked up on Wilderness Trailer Park. He felt that the trailer park pay taxes and leaf pick up should be available for a couple of passes. Arden Knapp agreed and made a statement that they cannot burn leaves since leaf pickup is available. The F-550 is at Midtown motors due to an oil pan issue.

Compliments/Complaints: It was brought to the attention to the township that Justine Zimmerman of Plymouth Rock Road is blocking some of the ROW with a cement barrier and hay bales and could prevent emergency vehicles from entering the road. Warren County Planning and Zoning spoke with Justine's daughter and the situation may have been resolved. Regardless it was explained that it is a civil matter between the neighbors with property disputes.

Public Comment: Pleasant Township Assistant Fire Chief Tim Johnson asked about the October 13 minutes and the local services taxes. It was explained that 2018 & 2019 had a total of \$14,798.50 that would be transferred to the fire fund and the remaining tax money would be used for road maintenance. Tim also raised concern that the local services tax and raising the fire service millage one-half does not generate enough funds to pay for the agreement for the year. He wanted to know how the supervisors are going to pay for the agreement. Tim wanted to make sure that when the time comes to approach the township for a new equipment that the fire fund has not dwindled down due to having to pay for the agreement at \$60,000-\$100,000 per year. Arden Knapp explained that the board can use funds from the general account to pay for the service. Also, Tim invited the board to attend a meeting during the week of November 9 with the City of Warren and the fire departments to review the data that has been collected.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Lea Ann Adams
Secretary