

Minutes  
June 9, 2022

Chairman Kreitzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisors in attendance were Bill Bering, Jr., Richard Kreitzer and Dean Patches. Also in attendance were Attorney, Colleen Gallo; Engineer, Michelle Brummer; and ten (10) residents.

Public Comments

Judyth Murphy – 9 Moritz Drive – commented on the excellent job that was done accommodating the primary election.

Zoning / Code Enforcement

Two Zoning permits were issued in April: A milking parlor and a shed.  
Property maintenance violations have thirteen active violations. Six are with Light-Heigel and 7 are with Reilly Wolfson.

6 Cherry Lane – the owners are requesting an extension to allow more time to clean up the property. The Supervisors reviewed photos taken by Mr. Sowers on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Bering moved to extend the deadline by 30 days and they will reevaluate the situation at the July meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Patches.  
All voted in favor; motion carried.

35 Monroe Avenue – Ms. Dominguez, Nate Carpenter and Wes Hollinger from the JRock Group were on hand to offer their support. The group has been working with the property owner on the cleanup. A request was made that Mr. Sowers provide an itemized list of items that need to be removed. JRock requested an extension until mid-September to complete the cleanup to allow their volunteers adequate time.

Supervisor Bering moved to grant an extension until September 8<sup>th</sup>. A list of items to be removed will also be provided. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

201 E. Hazel Street photos confirmed that the property became compliant this week. Mr. Sowers has spoken to the property owners and they would like to know what needs to occur to withdraw the complaint.

Supervisor Patches moved to withdraw the complaint pending the receipt of the filing fees from the property owner, in the amount of \$361.75. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Chief Farneski was on hand at the request of the Township

He commented on intersection at SR 72 and Thompson Avenue is less about the speed and more about the intersection. He offered suggestion of work that had been done at Hill Church and Thompson which may benefit this intersection. PennDot will be contacted to see if they would be agreeable to applying intersection indicators. Supervisor Bering asked if they could provide more of a presence in that area.

Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the May 12th Meeting Minutes and May 25<sup>th</sup> Workshop Minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

May 2022 Financial Reports

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the May 2022 financial reports. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Bills Payable

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the bills payable list totaling \$119,947.40 from the MR Sewer, Monroe Valley Sewer and General Funds. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission – Jeff Werner

Mr. Werner expressed his opposition to the proposed stormwater ordinance. He is seeking equitable justice. He is hoping that a compromise can be found. As it currently stands, he cannot vote for the ordinance as proposed. Supervisor Kreitzer suggested hiring a different engineer to write the ordinance.

Supervisor Patches motioned that the Planning Commission had also discussed the Comprehensive Plan, Stormwater, Dwelling Definitions and Manufactured houses. The stormwater ordinance will need to be hashed out at either the workshops or the planning commission meetings.

Recreation Board Report – Trish Harris

An overview of the last meeting was provided. The Supervisors are not in favor of charging for the event. A list of expenditures was provided which has not yet reached \$3,000.

Township Report – Jennifer Harding

In the past month, the Road Crew maintained the park and widened the park trail, repaired the tile line along Darkes, preparing roads for paving, and equipment maintenance. The seal coating is set to begin in mid-July. The 04 F550 has been repaired but the '13 F550 is still waiting for parts.

Line Painting

Quotes were received for painting 44,352 LF of 4” Double Yellow lines with beads and 76,032 LF of Single White lines with beads.

Berks Traffic	\$12,735.36
DCS – DeAngelo Contracting Services	\$14,826.24
Alpha Space Control	\$13,998.12

Supervisor Patches moved to accept the quote from Berks Traffic in the amount of \$12,736.36. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Jonestown Borough is considering line painting Mill Street between the Borough and the Township. The Total cost is \$2,120.

Supervisor Patches moved to participate by paying half the costs of painting lines on Mill Street with Jonestown Borough. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Stormwater Management – Michelle Brummer

Discussed under the Planning Commission report.

Communications:

NLCA Minutes from April 26, 2022

Life Lion EMS Report from April 2022  
Lebanon Valley Rails to Trails – Thank you for donation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mill Street Heights Swale Project

The bid packet has been readvertised for letting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

SR 72 and New Bunker Hill Street

Chief Farneski commented that in his opinion the intersection is the real problem. The Taylor's commented that their goal remains speed reduction. They were seeking direction as to whom they should contact. The recommendation was made to contact Senator Gebhardt's Office.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments

There will be a hearing at 6:30 p.m. on July 14<sup>th</sup>, before the next Township Meeting for the zoning amendments.

N. Lancaster Street and SR 22

The Stop Bars were installed along SR22. PennDot suggested speaking to the MPO regarding this project to see if it would qualify for consideration.

Comprehensive Plan – Michelle Brummer

The planning commission will be the working body of the comprehensive plan for the next few months.

Building Expenditures – Sign, Message Board and Electric

Genesis Lighting and Electric has provided a quote of \$460.00 to add outlets in the conference room. They also provided recommendations regarding the lights flickering.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to approve the installation of outlets and also to fix the welder as recommended. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Horst Signs provided options for a building sign and truck badging. The Supervisors requested a price for Option 2 of the building signs. Suggestions were made for modifying the truck badging.

Monroe Avenue Road Repair

Hoffer Paving provided a quote. This project will need to be bid under prevailing wage because the Darkes Road project already being awarded and exceeded \$100,000.

Supervisor Patches moved to advertise and bid the Monroe Avenue paving project. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Old Jonestown Road Guiderail Damage Restitution

The Supervisors are agreeable to a payment Plan. Mr. Shenberger is to be contacted to see what he is willing to pay.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mill Street Park – Shed Request

Prices were obtained for a 12'x16' shed with wooden siding and no windows.

Jono Hardware	\$3,814
Myerstown Fence and Shed	\$3,435

Supervisor Bering moved to purchase a shed from Myerstown Fence and Shed and keep the existing shed for the mower. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

#### Burning Ordinance Update - #2022-08

The ordinance has been properly advertised.

Supervisor Patches moved to adopt the revised Burning Ordinance #2022-08. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

#### 5 Groy Avenue – Rick Roberts

Mr. Roberts had been directed to attend the Township meeting to discuss the progress at his property and discuss a payment plan. Atty. Gallo requested an Executive Session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

#### 3 E. Broad Street – Mike Chirdon

Mr. Chirdon called earlier in the day to say that he would not be attending the meeting. Mr. Sower's explained the concerns presented to him by Mr. Chirdon during their conversation.

#### Amending Manager's Ordinance - #2022-07

Supervisor Patches moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-07 amending the Manager's duties to include public works and roadcrew management. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

#### Manager's Salary Resolution #2022-10

Supervisor Patches moved to adopt Resolution #2022-10 amending the Manager's Salary. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

#### Zoning Hearings – June 13, 2022

Two hearings are scheduled on June 13<sup>th</sup>. One is requesting a dimensional variance which the Township had no issues with. The second is requesting a use variance.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize Supervisor Patches to attend the zoning hearings to represent the Township. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

#### Levan's Bridge

Supervisor Patches inquired if there would be support to offer financial assistance to the County's bridge project. There was concern that even with support it would not move the bridge up on the County's list.

#### Attorney's Report – Colleen Gallo

Nothing further to report

#### Engineer's Report – Michelle Brummer

Nothing further to report

#### Executive Session

Supervisor Patches moved to recess into executive session at 9:03 p.m. to discuss matters of potential litigation and personnel matters. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize 5 Groy Avenue to make monthly payments of \$100 to be paid before the last day of each month until the fees and costs are recovered. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Patches moved to grant an extension to 5 Groy Avenue for the cleanup of the property until July 13<sup>th</sup>, subject to the itemized list prepared by Mr. Sowers. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further action or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding