

The regular Township meeting was held on May1, 2021, at 7:00 PM. It was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers

Supervisors, George Henry, James Callahan and Kenneth Wertz were present. Sec-Treasurer Beverly Henderson, Engineer Thomas Levine was late, Solicitor Michael Gieg and, Assistant Secretary Robbin Grove were present.

Minutes

A motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to accept the meeting minutes of April 6, 2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to accept the Treasurer's report as presented for the month of April. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

General Comments

Chris Koop and Kari Geary, representatives from Sunoco Pipe Line, gave an update. Mr. Koop stated that this visit is long overdue since the pipeline has been completed for a year but due to COVID and the restrictions that were put into place, it was not possible to attend a meeting. Mr. Koop wanted to thank the first responders as well as the Township Board of Supervisors for all their assistance and the ability to work together to get this project done. The pipeline is now in operation.

Trina Illig, Blair County Housing, was present to have the 2019 allocation moved from Berwind Road Water to Frankstown Sewer Project in the amount of \$101,929.00. Resolution # 20210504-A transferring the 2019 allocations from Berwind Road Water project to the Frankstown Sewer Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Illig has also requested that we move the 2020 allocation in the amount of \$104,773.00 from the Berwind Road Water project to Housing Rehab. Resolution #20210504-B transferring the 2020 allocations from Berwind Road Water Project to Housing Rehab. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Henry had requested Engineer Levine to look into the speed bumps for Brush Mountain Road. Hollidaysburg Police Chief Rodney Estep was present at the meeting for another matter, however Supervisor Henry asked his opinion on the which speed bump and what kind of legal ramification did they get. Chief Estep said that with all the signage that they have, there is really none.

Lynn Granville asked where they were going to install these speed bumps. Mr. Granville felt that one needed to be where Joe Crossman built those new houses.

Fire Chief Dennis Estep was present on another matter as well, however questioned when the fire hydrants along Brush Mountain would be in operation. It was reported that the Borough needed to do some more inspections before they would be in operation. Chief Estep also stated he would like to see hydrants on up Scotch Valley Road to supply the Hallowdale Estates. It was reported that Frankstown Township is not in the water business.

Director Jessica Sorge, Board President Rodney Estep, and Fire Chief Dennis Estep were present on behalf of H.A.L.A.S. and retaining them as our sole provider for all medical calls. Ms. Sorge went on to explain that AMED took over Bellwood Borough for their medical provider and now Bellwood Borough is without an ambulance and any and all the calls for the ambulance will come either from Tyrone or the City of Altoona. Ms. Sorge went on to state their working relationship with Geeseytown Fire Company has been working well with supplying their PPE supplies as well as helping them restart their QRS. Ms. Sorge stated that we have a Resolution with the Township however, she would like to enter into a contract.

Board President Rodney Estep was seeking for a commitment from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Estep stated that they currently have 70 employees and their working budget is 2.6 million dollars. Mr. Estep stated that they currently have the township's coverage area and we would like to keep it.

Fire Chief Dennis Estep stated that the Geeseytown Fire Company does not want to change. The H.A.L.A.S. service helped them get their QRS status back and they have a great working relationship with this ambulance service.

Supervisor Henry looked at Supervisor Callahan and Wertz and stated that he was happy with the service that H.A.L.A.S. has provided. A motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to enter into a 10-year contract with H.A.L.A.S. with the blessing from Attorney Michael Gieg's review of the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Ketrow Agency Group Side Lot Addition - Based on the recommendation from the Engineer Levine, a motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to approve the side lot addition for the Ketrow Agency Group located off Michaels Drive. The motion passed unanimously.

With no other business brought before the Board of Supervisors, a motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Beverly J. Henderson