

The regular Township meeting was held on March 1, 2022, 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, Solicitor Matthew Gieg, Engineer Levine and Assistant Sec. Robbin Grove were present.

### Minutes

A motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to accept the meeting minutes of February 1, 2022 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 February. The motion passed unanimously.

### General Comments

- Patricia Haight was present to introduce her as a candidate for the 80<sup>th</sup> district. Ms. Haight stated that George Henry isn't the friendliest person on the phone but he does show up. One issue that Ms. Haight brought up was the signage at the speed humps. With the way the world is today will folks on cell phone or texting really be paying attention and then all of the sudden they are upon a speed hump? And she questioned if there is an accident who would get sued. The comment that Ms. Haight made to Supervisor Henry concerning changing the ordinance was a moot point; she later found out that individual doesn't even live in the Township. Ms. Haight stated that in the past two years we lost a lot with the mail-in ballots, President Biden, and Putin.
- Donald Corl was present concerning the Referendum and the intergovernmental agreement that the municipality, borough and city are passing. According to Mr. Corl there are no penalties in this referendum if the Township elects to use tax payer money to enforce any legislation passed after November 2, 2021, that would infringe upon an eligible citizen's right to bear arms. Mr. Corl thinks Attorney Karn presented the draft agreement prematurely. According to Solicitor Gieg, each governing body had a chance to review the draft agreement and to make comments. One question that was raised is how an individual can have rights with the intergovernmental agreement. Mr. Corl left with this final statement: "The people are tired of getting there rights tramped on."

### Stormwater Issues

Mr. Tom Goetz, 281 Fay Drive - lives at the corner of Fay Dr. and Aggie St. and would like to enclose a concrete ditch. Engineer Levine stated that this would be addressed at the workshop meeting at the end of the month.

### Old Business

- Canoe Creek State Park – Brian Wiser, Jeff Wos (Keller Engineer) and Joe Basil (Canoe Creek State Park Manager) were present concerning the extension of the Rails to Trails to the Canoe Creek State Park. They were present seeking a waiver to the Stormwater Ordinance. They had presented a drawing to the Board of Supervisors which started at the Park Office going down along the creek, replacing two foot bridges, then crossing over the new bridge of Route 22, turning down the Fisherman Cove, going up the hill side, crossing over the Beaverdam Road (with proper signage) and ending at the newly

constructed underground tunnel to the Trails. With the walking or biking trails being a hard service, it would make it impervious. Engineer Levine stated that this would be a land development with a General permit, and there is a clause that if you are near a stream, you use the stream for the outfall.

- Ventura Construction the new 3 bay garage.  
There was a brief discussion concerning the panels that were removed from the doors to install windowed doors. One question is where are those panels? With that answer being left as unknown, the following motions were made:
  - A motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$2,100.00. The motion passed unanimously.
  - A motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the 3 bay garage. The motion passed unanimously.
  - A motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to approve final payment in the amount of \$7,025.00 for the construction of the 3 bay garage. The motion passed unanimously.

#### New Business

##### ➤ Dreams Go On

Ms. Debbie Kelly was present to present to the Board as to why the Township needs to be the applicant for their grant. According to Ms. Kelly they are applying to the Local Share Grant for a Barn, Fence, Stable and indoor riding ring. There are approx. 50 to 60 emotional or physically challenged students. The indoor riding arena would allow the classes to be held if there is bad weather. At the present time the cost of the classes cover the instructor's hourly wages. The cost for one hour is 150.00 for 6 sessions. Since there is an extremely long waiting list they limit the classes to Blair County residents. The question was raised if the ABCD Corp of Southern Alleghenies was contacted? Yes ABDC Corp stated that they didn't want to step on toes of the Municipalities. It is our understanding that the Township will be the applicant, if the grant is awarded all the funds will go to Dreams Go On.

A motion was made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz to grant the request by Dreams Go On to sign the grant application subject to an indemnification letter from their attorney and that all cost for the engineering be the responsibility of Dreams Go On. The motion passed unanimously.

- Patricia Haight questioned about the Engineers comment concerning setting a precedence with the Rails to Trails. Ms. Haight questioned it being based on the situation.
- There was an addition item missed on the agenda. The authorized signatures for the grant application for the park and the motion to execute the resolution. According to the Sunshine law you must state why it was missed. It was missed due to the information being received within 24 hours.

A motion was made by Kenneth Wertz and second by James Callahan to appoint Chairman George Henry and Vice Chairman James Callahan as the designated signers for the Local Shares Grant subject to P.J. Lehman filling in the requested amount and what the grant will be used for. The motion passed unanimously.

With no other business brought before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting adjourned into an executive session, with a motion made by James Callahan and second by Kenneth Wertz at 7:58 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Beverly J. Henderson