

## MINUTES

Those in Attendance: Chairman Adam Bills, Vice-Chairman Allen Fisher, Supervisors: Ray Rice, Craig Keenan and Samuel Beiler, Township Manager David Thompson, Township Secretary/Treasurer Karen Farra, Township Solicitor Frank Mincarelli, Zoning Officer Walter Hockensmith, Roadmaster Blaine Stoltzfus, Chris Slaymaker, Christy Fieldsa, Dave Anderson, Dwight Groff, Charles Groff, Kevin Witmier, Bryan Byler, Esq., Joshua Knosp, James Knosp, Levi Fisher, Henry S. Fisher, Marik Tomassetti, Leon Fisher, Steven Fisher, Wendel Ranck, Aaron S. Fisher, Randy Kunkel, Jonathan Stoltzfus, Amos Fisher, Rick Cummings, Manny Stoltzfus, Jake Brubaker, Amos A. Stoltzfus, Nick Lopez, Denise Miller, Jeffrey (last name illegible), Jason D. Smith, Darren Neff, Marcella Peyre-Ferry (LNP), Bob Devonshire, Doug Brubaker, Alvin Jay King, Elmer Stoltzfus, Ivan Stoltzfus, Ervin Fisher, Carol Nicklaus, Dewey Null, Daniel Beiler, Travis Hoover, Amos S. Fisher, Alvin Fisher, Bob Bills, Barry Yunkin, Clint Younce, Sam Petersheim, Steven Shearer, and other members of the community that did not sign in.

### CALL TO ORDER/FLAG CEREMONY

### PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing Called to Order at 7:05p.m.

- Charles and Janet Groff – 35 S. Kinzer Road – Petition to Amend the Paradise Township Zoning Ordinance. Bryan Byler, Esq., provided summary of request for re-zoning to the Supervisors and relayed approval of proposed re-zoning plans by the Lancaster County Planning Commission as set forth in their letter of May 24, 2022. Vice-Chairman Allen Fisher **motioned** for approval of the re-zoning petition. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Consistent with the above-noted approval of the Groff Petition to Re-Zone, Supervisor Craig Keenan **motioned** to adopt Ordinance No. 2-2022 Amending the Official Zoning Map for Paradise Township to Change the Zoning Classification of a Certain Tract of Land from Agricultural Zoning District to the Commercial Industrial (CI) Zoning District. Second by Allen Fisher. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

Chairman Adam Bills **adjourned** the public hearing at 7:10p.m.

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- Samuel Beiler **motioned** to approve the Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2022. Second by Allen Fisher. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

## TREASURERS REPORT/BILLS

- Allen Fisher **motioned** to approve the May 2022 Treasurer's Report. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Samuel Beiler **motioned** to approve the June 2022 Disbursement List of Bills to be paid. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Secretary/Treasurer Karen Farra advised the Supervisors that effective July 2022, the IRS increased the mileage reimbursement rate to 62.5¢ and asked the Supervisors if they wished to increase the Township's mileage reimbursement rate to match that of the IRS. After some discussion, Allen Fisher **motioned** to increase the Township's mileage reimbursement rate to 62.5¢. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Secretary/Treasurer Karen Farra presented to the Supervisors a chart comparing the 2021 and 2022 Township General Liability, Volunteer Fire Company General Liability, and Public Officials Liability Insurance rates.

## PERSONS TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kevin Witmier, Impact Engineering – David Beiler - 74 Iva Road - Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. Witmier presented the plans for this project to the supervisors with a request for approval of the plans. Discussion was had regarding proposed plans. The Supervisors advised Mr. Witmier that land development plans would need be submitted for approval by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors; however, the Supervisors could consider the stormwater management plans as presented in the interim. Upon review and discussion, Craig Keenan **motioned** for *conditional approval of the stormwater management plans only*. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

David Thompson presented guidelines and procedures to be followed for public comment. No public comment offered at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

## TOWNSHIP REPORTS

### TOWNSHIP MANAGER

- Updates by Township Manager, David Thompson. Mr. Thompson presented is monthly Manger's Report.
- Mr. Thompson presented advertisement for Administrative Internship for approval by the Supervisors. He advised the Supervisors of the purpose, need and timing for hiring an intern, with the main purpose of the role being to act a park manager and oversee the day-to-day operations of the Township's park. He proposed an intern by hired at an hourly rate of \$20. After discussion was had on the matter, Ray Rice **motioned** to approve the advertisement for an Administrative Internship. Second by Allen Fisher. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

## **ROADMASTER:**

- Roadmaster, Blaine Stoltzfus, presented monthly Roadmaster Report.
- Discussion was had regarding truck traffic on Hershey Avenue. Mr. Rice asked Mr. Shearer if truck traffic was continuing to be an issue. Mr. Shearer said it is, but his main concern is access. Zoning Officer Walter Hockensmith advised he reviewed the Zoning Hearing Board transcripts, but the only mention of traffic was that there would be no more traffic than what was produced by the flea market - there was no mention of truck traffic or how it would be directed. Township Solicitor, Mr. Mincarelli, advised if Hershey Avenue is a state road, a traffic study would need to be completed in order to install any enforceable signage. It was determined Hershey Avenue is a local township road, not a state road. It was resolved the Township would look into types of and cost for installation of traffic control signs to redirect truck traffic.
- Discuss complaint about quarry dump truck traffic on Slaymaker Hill Road. It was resolved the Township would also look into traffic control signs for Slaymaker Hill Road as noted above for Hershey Avenue.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

- Updates by Township Manager, David Thompson.
- Mr. Thompson presented Fire Company/EMS 2022 Monthly Call Report.
- Mr. Thompson presented his May 18, 2022 Memorandum to Neighboring Fire Companies & Municipalities regarding operational status of Paradise Fire Company 47, and explained same was provided at the request of Barry Yunkin, President, Paradise Leaman Place Fire Company.
- Mr. Thompson presented the May 24, 2022 Christiana Community Ambulance Association Advisory Committee Letter to Gordonville Fire Company Ambulance regarding efforts to establish community-based EMS services due to closure of the Christiana Community Ambulance; and the June 9, 2022 Gordonville Fire & EMS responsive letter to Christiana Community Ambulance Advisory Committee.
- Mr. Thompson presented the Bart Township Fire Company June 12, 2022 email with their incident response reports for the period 2016 to present, and report of historical contributions to the fire company from other Township's served by them.
- Discussion was had regarding future contributions, if any, to Bart Township Fire Company. Chairman Adam Bills said the Supervisors will consider contributing financial assistance to the Bart Township Fire Company, and requested Mr. Thompson prepare a recommendation for the Supervisor's consideration.
- Chairman Bills read to the public a prepared statement outlining fire company merger efforts, events/actions that occurred in response to the merger efforts, actions taken as a result of those events/actions, and the Township's position with regard to the merger.
- Vice Chairman Fisher read to the public proposed Resolution 2022-9 – Supporting a Consolidation of the Kinzer Fire and Gordonville Fire and EMS Fire Companies.

- Allen Fisher **motioned** to adopt Resolution 2022-9 – Supporting a Consolidation of the Kinzer Fire and Gordonville Fire and EMS Fire Companies. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Adopted.**

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

- No updates. No Planning Commission meeting held in June 2022.

#### **ZONING HEARING BOARD:**

- Report presented by Zoning Officer, Walter Hockensmith.
- 81 N. Belmont Road – Elmer Dienner: Ray Rice **motioned** to ratify Nuisance Ordinance Notice of Violation and Enforcement Notice, Ordinance #4-1982, Sections 2 (a), (b), © and (f). Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- 3313 Lincoln Hwy E. – Benjamin & Tanya Martin and Annemarie Cowden: Craig Keenan **motioned** to ratify Nuisance Ordinance Notice of Violation, Ordinance #4-1982, Section 2(E). Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- 3445 Lincoln Hwy E. – John L. Stoltzfus: Craig Keenan **motioned** to ratify Nuisance Ordinance Notice of Violation, Ordinance #4-1982, Section 2(E). Second by Allen Fisher. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

#### **PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:**

- Updates by Supervisor, Ray Rice, as follows:
  - He has not received any information regarding a car show to be held on Sunday, August 7, 2022.
  - Plans for Community Day Event on August 5, 2022 are going good - all is in order.
  - In response to reports of graffiti at the park, the state police having been keeping a presence at the park.
  - Replacement of the lights at Fields 1 and 2 are just about complete - there is only one more light left to be replaced on Field 2.
- The Lions Club has requested permission from the Park & Recreation Commission to install a 10 x 15 butterfly garden at the park. They would both install and maintain the garden. The Commission has approved this request and are working with the Lions Club to determine the best location for the butterfly garden. Mr. Rice **motioned** for approval of the Supervisors for the installation of the butterfly garden. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

#### **SEWER AUTHORITY & SEO:**

- May 2, 2022 Minutes of Paradise Township Sewer Authority.
- Updates by Township Manager, David Thompson, regarding status of plant upgrades and the ARPA application to the County for additional funding to support these upgrades. He advised he will be following up on the status of the ARPA application and provide additional updates as he receives information.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Carol Nicklaus:** Ms. Nicklaus commented that Resolution 2022-9 was adopted by the Supervisors without any public comment. Mr. Bills responded, yes it was, as the matter of the merger has been being discussed for the last 8 months and only serves to further confirm and support the Township's position with regard to the merger. Ms. Nicklaus provided the Supervisors with a copy of the February 14, 2022 letter she received from the Strasburg Fire Company regarding the change of first due territories by the Township. She then asked where the Gordonville and Kinzer Fire Companies are located, and who covers her area now. Mr. Bills provided the locations of the two fire companies and advised that Bart Township Fire Company now provides first due service to her home on Peach Lane.
- **Clint Younce:** Mr. Younce asked the Supervisors to explain why Paradise Leaman Place Fire Company was taken off the call boxes. Mr. Bills advised he needs to speak with Gordonville and Kinzer fire companies and explained the Township only makes decisions with regard to the first due territories - the fire companies handle all operational decisions. Mr. Younce continued to press the Supervisors for details regarding the decision to have Paradise removed from the call boxes. Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Younce is fully aware that this decision was made due to personnel issues which the Township refuses to discuss, as it is not its goal to air "dirty laundry" to the public. He directed Mr. Younce to talk to the fire company leadership for any additional information regarding this matter.
- **Sam Petersheim:** Mr. Petersheim commented that as a member of the public, he is not wondering why Paradise is being shut down and after seeing what has been happening, he thinks it is about time it happened. In response to his comment, Mr. Younce asked what happens if the other fire companies can't get there on time? Mr. Petersheim responded that from what he has seen, Gordonville and Kinzer typically respond first already.
- **Steve Shearer:** Mr. Shearer stated that he learned someone went to Gap Fire Company to tell them about his comments at a prior Supervisors Meeting regarding their rescues response to call at Belmont and Rt. 30, and whomever that was told them a Paradise fireman made the comment. He thinks someone at the Township is responsible for causing hard feelings between Gap and Paradise fire companies. He further commented that Gordonville is all proud to say they are here to serve, but he thinks they only want more calls, not to help. He also said does not think it was okay for the Supervisors to adopt Resolution 2022-9 supporting the merger of the fire companies. Mr. Bills explained that adopting Resolution 2022-9 does not change anything, it simply serves to solidify the Township's support of the merger. Mr. Shear responded that the Township could say no to the merger - why not support their own fire company (Paradise Leaman Place)? Mr. Shearer asked if someone actually talked to Gap and advised that he went to Gap to make clear to them that he was the one who made the comments about the call, and what he actually said. Chris Slaymaker, President Gap Fire Company, stated he wanted to clarify Gap feels there was no mis-communication, all is clear, and he feels no apologies are needed. Mr. Bills said a conversation was held between fire companies.

- Marik Tomassetti: Mr. Tomassetti requested a copy of the prepared statement presented by Mr. Bills. Mr. Bills said one can be provided once the Minutes for this meeting are approved. Mr. Tomassetti commented that he feels all fire companies serving Paradise Township should be financially supported by the Township.
- Alvin Fisher: Mr. Fisher asked if an outside study was done (for the merger of fire companies)? Mr. Bills said no and one will not be done. Mr. Fisher asked why. Mr. Bills responded this question has been addressed multiple times at prior meetings, but the Supervisors all agree a study is not needed. Insight is being provided to the fire companies participating in the merger by numerous people and other fire companies who have already gone through mergers without an outside study being done. Mr. Fisher asked who those people are. Mr. Bills advised he does not know.
- Unidentified Gentlemen: Gentlemen asked how took Strasburg Fire Company off of first due? Mr. Bills responded that the Board of Supervisors did. Gentlemen asked if a study was done first? Mr. Bill said no. Gentlemen said Strasburg is 2 miles closer to him. Mr. Bills advised the Supervisors believe there is sufficient coverage. Gentlemen said you believe, but without a study being done, can't say it's true. Strasburg is only 3 miles away from him.
- Dewey Null: Mr. Null asked if Paradise Township os contributing (financial assistance) to Bart Township. Mr. Bills advised that as discussed at the beginning of the meeting, this will be discussed at future meetings; however Bart Township Fire Company has always served Paradise Township, but the Township has not contributed to them in the past.
- Travis Hoover, Chief, Bart Township Fire Company: Chief Hoover advised that discussion had been held regarding Paradise Township contributing to Bart Fire Company at the time first due territories were changed. He said the reality is Bart Fire Company is not in need of any additional financial assistance at this time. Ms. Nicklaus' and another unnamed gentleman asked Chief Hoover who was closure to them, Bart or Strasburg Fire Company. Chief Hoover advised Bart is closer to Ms. Nicklaus (on Peach Lane), but he would need to check to see who his closer to Summit Hill Road.

At 8:25p.m., Chairman Bills closed Public Comment and announced the Board of Supervisors would be meeting in executive session discuss personnel matters following the meeting.

### ADJOURN

- At 8:25p.m., Allen Fisher **motioned** to adjourn meeting. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**