

MINUTES

Those in Attendance: Chairman Adam Bills, Vice-Chairman Dennis Groff, Supervisors: Ray Rice, Craig Keenan and Marlin Groff, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Farra, Zoning Officer Walter Hockensmith, Christy Fieldsa, Lydia Yoder, Stephen Beiler, Cora and Ray Workman, Doug Brubaker, Blaine Stoltzfus, Bob Bell, Bob Devonshire, Jason Riehl, Elmer Stoltzfus, Ray Stoltzfus, Kolby Bills, Ivan King, Marcella Peyre-Ferry, Daniel Beiler, Christian Beiler, Nick Lopez, Tony Kauffman, Jonas Fisher, Clint Younce and Samuel Petersheim.

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- Marlin Groff **motioned** to approve the November 16, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Second by Ray Rice. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**

TREASURERS REPORT/BILLS

- Dennis Groff **motioned** to approve the November 2021 Treasurer's Report. Second by Marlin Groff. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Dennis Groff **motioned** to approve the December 2021 Disbursement List of Bills to be paid. Second by Marlin Groff. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Lydia Yoder inquired about starting home-based baking business. Zoning Officer, Mr. Hockensmith explained need to submit a Zoning Hearing Board application for a special exemption and to go before the Zoning Hearing Board for approval of request. Chairman Bills explained approval by the Zoning Hearing Board is required even if her neighbors have no objection to her operating a business out of her home, as this is not a permitted use in her zoning district. Chairman Bills further explained the zoning hearing process, the need to advertise and post, etc.
- Christy Fieldsa thanked Dennis Groff for his service.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Ronald E. Blank - Lot 4 South Belmont Rd: Rettew December 3, 2021 Review Letter (briefing item only).
- Melvin Petersheim - 71 & 91 Iva Rd: Rettew December 7, 2021 Review Letter (briefing item only).

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Craig Keenan presented December 7, 2021 Minutes of the Planning Commission.
- Supervisor Keenan advised the Planning Commission conditionally approved Cherry Crest Farms' plans for pavilion citing issue regarding parking on the grass. Supervisor Marlin Groff

asked for details regarding this parking issue. Zoning Officer, Mr. Hockensmith, explained the parking Ordinance requires parking areas to be a solid surface or stone. Mr. Hockensmith said he has yet to find a waiver/approval for parking on the grass, but will continue to search his records. Gentleman in the audience who owns property neighboring Cherry Crest Farms spoke in support of Cherry Crest stating they are a good neighbor and he sees no issue with continuing to allow parking on the grass. He said they maintain the property nicely and he has never noticed dead spots in the grass from oil and/or gas. The Board of Supervisors resolved further research and discussion would need to be held on the matter at a later date when the matter comes before the Board for approval.

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

- Reports submitted by Zoning Officer, Walter Hockensmith.

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

- Ray Rice said he had no updates, but advised all that they are looking for someone to clean the Community Building, Girl Scout cabin, and Township office building if anyone knows someone who may be interested.

ROADMASTER:

- Roadmaster/Supervisor, Dennis Groff, presented report and expressed concerns regarding who would be overseeing road and building maintenance, including checking roads during inclement weather, once he was retired.
- Kolby Bills offered comment in support of Vice-Chairman Groff's concerns stating he has the same concerns. He also offered details regarding his part-time status with the Township.
- Supervisor Marlin Groff thanked Kolby for his contributions to the Township and asked if he is still available to provide part-time services to the Township as needed in the future. Kolby said he would be available to do so.
- In response to the concerns voiced by Vice-Chairman Groff and Kolby Bills as to how road and building maintenance issues would be handled upon Dennis' retirement, Chairman Adam Bills advised personnel issues are not addressed at public meetings, but they can be assured the Board of Supervisors is addressing their concerns and issues.

SEWER AUTHORITY & SEO:

- Roadmaster/Supervisor, Dennis Groff, presented report and provided copy of Paradise Township Sewer Authority Board's November 1, 2021 meeting minutes. He further briefed the Board of Supervisors about status of issues with DEP regarding discharge requirements.
- Vice-Chairman Groff advised no one has yet to be appointed to replace him on Paradise Township Sewer Authority Board.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Adopt Tax Resolutions for 2022:
 - (1) Ray Rice **motioned** to adopt RESOLUTION 2022-1 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. Resolution 2022-1 **Adopted**.
 - (2) Dennis Groff **motioned** to adopt RESOLUTION 2022-2 2022 REAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATES. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. Resolution 2022-2 **Adopted**.
- Dennis Groff **motioned** to adopt 2022 Budget as Advertised. Second by Marlin Groff. All Ayes. 2022 Budget **Adopted**. Vice-Chairman Groff commented he is proud to say that the Board of Supervisors has never exceeded the budget and that, this year, the Township building was paid off. He then encouraged the Board of Supervisors to set aside funds for future contributions to the fire companies and EMS. Supervisor Marlin Groff thanked Dennis for leaving the Township and the Sewer Authority in a good position.
- Marlin Groff **motioned** to accept Lisa Herr's December 1, 2021 Letter of Resignation as Tax Collector for Paradise Township. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved**.
- Marlin Groff **motioned** to appoint County of Lancaster to collect municipal real estate taxes and the County of Lancaster real estate taxes effective with the 2022 real estate taxes. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved**.
- MK Builders - 3320 Lincoln Hwy E: Last Project Review and Financial Security Reduction Request for Final Approval. Vice-Chairman Dennis Groff itemized four matters to be addressed as follows:
 - (a) ADA Striping - This shall be completed in the Spring.
 - (b) Trees - The trees proposed to be planted along Rt. 30 will not be done as it was found they would be planted over the existing sewer laterals, which will result in issues with roots and the such interfering with the sewer in the future. This change has been noted on the As-Built plans.
 - (c) Dumpster Enclosure - The enclosure will not be constructed because it will block mower access and would be damaged by trash haulers. This change has been noted on the As-Built plans.
 - (d) Pipe Grouting - This work is in the process of being done and the builder will notify the Township as soon as the work is completed.

Conditioned upon the above, Dennis Groff **motioned** for approval of the request for Financial Security Reduction. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved**.

- 30 Slaymaker Hill Rd: Request for Financial Security Reduction. Vice-Chairman Groff explained the only matter not completed was the planting of bushes. He explained the bushes are not to be planted pursuant to advices received from designer that they would not survive because of the other plantings in the area (Giant Arborvitae). Dennis Groff **motioned** for approval of Financial Security Reduction. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved**.
- Dennis Groff **motioned** to approve 2022 Rettew Engineering Services Engagement Letter and Fee Schedule. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved**.

- Appointment of David S. Thompson as Township Manager/Roadmaster Effective January 1, 2022. Chairman Bills advised a typo was made on Agenda and actual date of appointment of Mr. Thompson is January 10, 2022. Chairman Bills then introduced Mr. Thompson to the room.
 - (a) Marlin Groff expressed support of appointing Mr. Thompson stating he came highly recommended by his references.
 - (b) Dennis Groff asked if Mr. Thompson would be assuming Emergency Management Coordinator duties. Chairman Bills responded he would not and that position would be appointed at the January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting. Dennis then asked who would be handling any emergency calls, including PA One calls. Chairman Bills advised he will be the point of contact until Mr. Thompson comes on board.

Marlin Groff **motioned** to appoint David S. Thompson as Township Manager/Roadmaster. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

- Chairman Adam Bills read Resolution 2021-16 Setting Forth the Compensation for the Township Manager/Roadmaster to those in attendance. Marlin Groff **motioned** to adopt Resolution 2021-16. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. Resolution 2021-16 **Adopted.**
- Craig Keenan **motioned** to appoint Samuel Beiler as Supervisor on the Board of Supervisors effective January 1, 2022. Second by Rice. All Ayes. Samuel Beiler is so **Appointed** as Supervisor.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC COMMENT:

- In acknowledgment of Vice-Chairman Dennis Groff's retirement from the Board of Supervisors and as Roadmaster, the following comments were offered:
 - Chairman Adam Bills offered his personal thanks to Dennis for encouraging him to become a member of the Board of Supervisors, and expressed his appreciation and respect for Dennis. Having learned through this process all that Dennis does, he has found we all will have big shoes to fill, and there will certainly be a void.
 - Kolby Bills thanked Dennis as well and said watching Dennis and seeing his passion for what he does is what got him into politics.
 - Marlin Groff expressed his gratitude for Dennis and his 30 years of service as a Supervisor and 19 years as the Roadmaster.
 - Jonas Fisher commented that it is not fair to expect Dennis' replacement to do all he does.
 - Dan Beiler commented that it has been his privilege to witness Dennis' kind acts.
 - Dennis Groff offered comments regarding his service as a Supervisor and Roadmaster.
 - Christian Beiler brought a bill for paving work to Dennis with concerns regarding cost for work. Dennis took bill and advised he would look into it and get back to him.
 - Clint Younce presented pictures of damage to road shoulders at intersection of McIlvaine Rd and Route 30 and McIlvaine Rd and Route 741, purportedly caused by dump trucks from the quarry. Dennis Groff advised the Township will not be widening those areas any further, they are plenty wide enough - traffic needs to stay on the road and not the shoulder areas.

ADJOURN

- At 8:00 p.m., Dennis Groff **motioned** to adjourn meeting. Second by Marlin Groff. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**