

MINUTES

Those in Attendance: Vice-Chairman Dennis Groff, Supervisors: Ray Rice, Craig Keenan and Marlin Groff, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Farra, Zoning Officer Walter Hockensmith, Corporal McGuire of the Pennsylvania State Police Lancaster Barracks, Blaine Stoltzfus, Sam Petersheim, Kyle Kutz, Scott Stoltzfus, Christy Fieldsa, Jonas Fisher, Neal Hershey, Laverne Reihl, Aaron (no last name provided - accounting student), and three other members of the community.

**MINUTES**

- Ray Rice **motioned** to approve the August 13, 2021 Workshop Minutes. Second by Craig Keenan. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Ray Rice **motioned** to approve the August 17, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Second by Craig Keenan. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**

**TREASURERES REPORT/BILLS**

- Marlin Groff **motioned** to approve the August 2021 Treasurer's Report. Second by Craig Keenan. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Marlin Groff **motioned** to approve the September 2021 Disbursement List of Bills to be paid for both the Liquid Fuels and General Fund accounts. Second by Craig Keenan. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**

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

- Corporal McGuire of the Pennsylvania State Police, Lancaster Barracks, provided report of incidents in the Township for the period of June 2021 through September 21, 2021 and fielded questions from the Board of Supervisors and attending residents regarding same.
- Roger A. Fry, PLS, Frying Surveying, Inc., was on agenda to present in the 853 Strasburg Road – Eli Esh matter a Request for Waiver of Section 403.3, Existing Conditions Plan, and conditional approval of the Revised Final Plan consistent with the August 18, 2021 and September 10, 2021 review letters of the Township Engineer Rettew. Mr. Fry contacted the Township to advise he would not be able to appear due to a scheduling conflict. In lieu of appearing, on September 20, 2021, he provided to the Township for the Supervisors review his September 17, 2021 letter in response to Rettew's review letter and updated Plans and Waiver Requests. Upon the Boards review of Rettew's recommendations and the information provided by Mr. Fry, Craig Keenan **motioned** to approve the Request for Waiver of Section 403.3, Existing Conditions Plan, and for *conditional* approval of the Revised Final Plan pursuant to all conditions of Rettew's review comments being addressed. Second by Marlin Groff. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- September 7, 2021 Letter from David W. Kilmer, South Central Transit Authority announcing his retirement. Dennis Groff expressed appreciation of Mr. Kilmer's service to the community and the Transit Authority.

- September 1, 2021 Letter from Lancaster Farmland Trust requesting American Rescue Plan Funds to be utilized for preservation of farmlands.

## **TOWNSHIP REPORTS**

### **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

- Craig Keenen presented August 3, 2021 Minutes of the Planning Commission.

### **ZONING HEARING BOARD:**

- Reports submitted by Zoning Officer, Walter Hockensmith.
- Update provided regarding violation notice issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to Paradise Tire.
- Updated provided regarding rust running into storm drain at Bird-in-Hand Window. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection indicated there is no violation at this time and concluded rust is being caused by forklift forks being left resting on the ground and suggested they be kept off the ground.

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

- Ray Rice advised the September meeting was not held.
- Dennis Groff requested portable toilets be scheduled to be removed at end of season and field rentals.
- Dennis Groff expressed appreciation to Jerry and Dave for keeping up with trash during his absence from the office.
- Update provided regarding picnic table replacement by the Boy Scouts at the pond. Dennis Groff stated the need for stone to be placed under the tables and requested permission of the Board for the Township to provide this stone from its stores. Ray Rice **motioned** to approve this request. Second by Craig Keenan. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**

### **ROADMASTER:**

- Update provide by Roadmaster/Supervisor, Dennis Groff. He advised road work was completed, described use of new product called fog seal, and encouraged the Supervisors to look at the work done on Todd and Harristown where this product was applied over the oil and chip.

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

- Update provided by Roadmaster/Supervisor, Dennis Groff. He advised design work is still in process.
- As previously presented at the September 16, 2021 Workshop Meeting, Dennis Groff stated due to his retiring as of December 31, 2021, a replacement for him on the Sewer Authority Board will need to be appointed. He indicated the Sewer Authority is working on finding someone for the Supervisors to appoint.

### OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Briefing Item: Ronald E. Blank – 271 S. Belmont Rd - Stormwater Management Plan. Supervisors reviewed Rettew’s August 27, 2021 plan review letter.
- Act 50 – Small Wireless Facilities (5G) Ordinance: August 19, 2021 email from Rettew with sample Ordinances for consideration by the Board. Secretary Karen Farra briefed the Supervisors on the purpose of the Ordinance. It was resolved the Supervisors would review the information provided and take action on this matter at a later date.
- 2021 Donation to the Pequea Valley Library. Marlin Groff **motioned** to approve a \$15,000 donation to the Library. Second by Ray Rice. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**

### PERSONS TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sam Petersheim asked for an explanation of the Act 50 - Small Wireless Facilities (5G) Ordinance. Secretary Karen Farra explained that the State adopted laws allowing wireless facilities to be placed in government owned right-of-way areas and ordinance is for local government agencies to adopt these new state regulations. It was further explained by the Board that as a result of the pandemic, it has come to light there are multiple rural communities under-served and the construction of new wireless facilities is be undertaken so as to provide service to these areas.
- Aaron, an accounting student attending the meeting as a college course requirement, asked the following questions:
  - Where are the funds to pay the \$15,000 library donation being paid from? He was advised they will be paid from the General Funds Account.
  - How are the American Rescue Plan funds being used? Dennis Groff advised the first half of the funds have been allocated for the sewer plant upgrades. He further advised additional funding for the upgrades came from the sale of bonds.
  - What are the extent of the sewer plant upgrades? Dennis Groff explained the upgrades will be primarily technology driven and will increase plant production from 120,000 gallons per day to 220,000 gallons per day while maintaining the new facilities within the same footprint of the existing building.
- Neal Hershey and Jonas Fisher of the Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company inquired about the status of construction permit for the new firehouse as they saw on the Agenda for the September 15, 2021 Workshop Meeting this matter was discussed at that time. Dennis Groff and Zoning Officer Walter Hockensmith advised that at this time it was their understanding there are no issues with the permit.
- Christy Fields announced the Paradise Elementary School PTO will be holding its annual mum sale on Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2, 2021, and asked if the Township could place this event on its sign. Dennis Groff asked she provide the Township with a flyer for the event and he would ensure the event was posted on the sign.

### ADJOURN

- At 8:00 p.m., Craig Keenan **motioned** to adjourn meeting. Second by Ray Rice. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**