

MINUTES

Those in attendance: Chairman Adam Bills, Vice-Chairman, Marlin Groff, Supervisors: Ray Rice, Craig Keenan and Samuel Beiler, Township Solicitor Frank Mincarelli, Township Manager David Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Farra, Zoning Office Walter Hockensmith, Road Supervisor Blaine Stoltzfus, Bryan Stoltzfus, Christian Billings, Michael Hartmann, Cindy Hockensmith, Christy Fieldsa, Nick Lopez, Levi J. Fisher, Fannie E. Fisher, Deborah Boynton, Jenni Weidman, Joshua Knosp, James Knosp, Kurt DeVore, Dave Anderson, Amos Fisher, Steve Gergely, John Fuehrer, Ivan King, Ervin Fisher, Paradise Boy Scout Troop #28, David King, Steven Fisher, tony Kauffman, Ivan Ebersol, John Tomassetti, Robert Tusing, Judith Tusing, Amos S. Fisher, Marcella Peyre-Ferry, Todd Prickett, Tyler Prickett, Eli Prickett, Lucy Prickett, David Beiler, Rick Cummings, Daniel T. Beiler, Manny Stoltzfus, Paul Lapp, Neal Hershey, Jacob Stoltzfus, Jonas Fisher, Elmer Fisher, Henry Fisher, Travis Hoover and Barry Yunkin.

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG CEREMONY: Meeting called to order at 7:08pm.

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- No Workshop held in February.
- Ray Rice **motioned** to approve the Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2022. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

TREASURERS REPORT/BILLS

- Marlin Groff **motioned** to approve the February 2022 Treasurer's Report. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Marlin Groff **motioned** to approve the March 2022 Disbursement List of Bills to be paid. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Steven P. Gergely, RLA, Harbor Engineering, presented plans and requests for modification for Red Caboose Motel as follows:
 - Section 404 Major Stormwater Management Plan Processing. Request for modification of requirements to allow plan to be processed as Minor Stormwater Management Plan. *Reference Rettew March 8, 2022 Review No. 2 recommending approval of this request.* Marlin Groff **motioned** to approve modification request. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
 - Section 505.3.d.1 Minimum Outlet Pipe Size. Request for modification of requirement to provide 18" diameter outlet pipe and, in the alternative, provide 12" diameter outlet pipe.

Reference Rettew March 8, 2022 Review No. 2 recommending approval of this request. Marlin Groff **motioned** to approve this modification request. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

- Mr. Gergely requested the Board of Supervisors conditionally approve plans. Marlin Groff **motioned** for conditional approval of plans. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- John Fuehrer, P.E., Fuehrer Associates presented plans for John Stoltzfus, 61, 63, 65 & 67 Slaymaker Hill Rd, and requested conditional approval of plans and approval of non-building waiver. *Reference Fuehrer Associates February 14, 2022 comment response letter and Rettew February 28, 2022 Review No. 2.* Ray Rice **motioned** for approval of the non-building waiver and conditional approval of the plans. Second By Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Gentleman asked if meetings are recorded or if events of meeting are documented by hand for minutes. Adam Bills advised only one meeting was recorded and the quality of the recording was poor, so no additional meetings were recorded. He further advised that the Secretary, Karen Farra, records the meetings by hand and prepares the meeting Minutes from those notes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Pennsylvania State Police March 7, 2022 release regarding items being thrown through windows of occupied homes.
- February 14, 2022 SCTA Annual Report.
- Vintage Business Park – Phase 1 – Vintage Acquisitions Lots 4, 5, & 14: Rettew February 14, 2022 Review No. 1 (briefing item only).
- PCRB March 9, 2022 regarding approval of request to modify Workers’ Compensation Act to expand definition of “employee” as it relates to volunteer fire company personnel. Copy of Circular No. 1773 included for reference.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

- Updates by Township Manager, David Thompson.
- Mr. Thompson presented Manager’s Report to include emphasis on meetings regarding emergency services consolidation status, his recommendations and thoughts on the matter, and urged Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company to reconsider participating in the merger. Mr. Thompson stated there is a need to establish better communications. He briefed the Board on his meeting with Bart Township regarding contribution to Workers’ Compensation insurance costs.
- Mr. Thompson provided update regarding status of Keystone Grant for generator at the Community Building and the DCNR grant request for other park improvements.
- Mr. Thompson provided updates on status of sewer plant improvements.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- February 2022 Emergency Services Report.
- Fire Company/EMS Report 2022.
- Fire/EMS Consolidation March 7, 2022 memorandum to the Board of Supervisors, Gordonville Fire/EMS Company 43, Kinzer Fire Company 45 and Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company 47.
- Marlin Groff provided opening comments regarding Township financial assistance and contributions to Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company questioning why is it that the Township should continue to fund them when they want to function independently, and do not want to participate in the merger of fire and EMS services. Mr. Groff stated that it is inconsistent for Paradise/Leaman place to say they want to be a part of the merger, when they continue to openly oppose the merger. Mr. Groff read a prepared statement regarding instituting a 90-day moratorium (until June 21, 2022) on Township funding to Paradise/Leaman Place, to include provision of fuel at no cost, costs for training and certifications, truck payments (monthly and annual principal payments), cost for equipment inspections and service, and termination of workers' compensation and general liability insurance coverages 30-days from the date of this evenings' meeting. He stated that if Paradise/Leaman Place needs more time to obtain insurance coverages and/or to determine their position regarding the merger, they can submit a written request for an extension of time a minimum of 30 days prior to the end of the 90-day moratorium period (June 21, 2022). Mr. Groff emphasized the need for Paradise/Leaman Place to prioritize their position with regard to the merger.

Mr. Groff **motioned** for the Board to discuss funding to Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

Chairman Bills opened the matter up to the Board fo Supervisors for discussion. No comments were offered.

Marlin Groff **motioned** to institute a 90-day moratorium on funding to Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company and to terminate workers' compensation and general liability insurance coverages in 30 days as more fully stated above. Second by Sam Beiler. Ray Rice voted no, Craig Keenan voted yes, and Adam Bills voted yes. By majority of the vote, **Motion Approved.**

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Updates by Supervisor, Craig Keenan.

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

- Report submitted by Zoning Officer, Walter Hockensmith.

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

- Updates by Supervisor, Ray Rice. Mr. Rice advised the Park & Recreation Commission voted for this year's community event on August 5, 2022 to be an ice cream social only as was done last year.

ROADMASTER:

- Updates by Roadmaster/Township Manager, David Thompson.

SEWER AUTHORITY & SEO:

- February 7, 2022 Minutes of Paradise Township Sewer Authority.
- Updates by Township Manager, David Thompson.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Ray Rice **motioned** to adopt Resolution No. 5-2022 Adopting the 2022 LIMC Trick-or-Treat Policy. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Mr. Thompson provided briefing outlining Rettew's March 9, 2022 Memorandum regarding DCNR C2P2 Grant Application – Paradise Township Community Park Improvements, and costs associated with grant. Ray Rice **motioned** to approve Rettew handling grant application. Second by Marlin Groff. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Ray Rice **motioned** to adopt DCNR-C2P2 Grant Agreement Resolution Page designating Township Manager, David Thompson, as applicant with the authority to sign all grant application documents. Second by Marlin Groff. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Mr. Thompson present his Project Request Form - Security Cameras for Township Buildings. He advised the cameras would be considered a capital improvement and that the system he is proposing is cost effective in that it is reliable and a do-it-yourself project not requiring a contractor for installation, nor for future maintenance. Marlin Groff **motioned** to approve the Project Request for Security Cameras. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Marlin Groff **motioned** to approve advertisement of proposed Ordinance Amending the December 16, 1997 Ordinance Which Created the Office of Township Manager/Roadmaster. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Elmer King - 42A Cherry Hill Road: Request to reduce Financial Security. Marlin Groff **motioned** to approve reduction of Financial Security to \$27,744.32. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Received comments from multiple members of the public who did not identify themselves regarding funding of Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company and the merger as follows.

- Public Comment #1: Steve Shearer said he thought the Supervisors previously stated there was no intention to de-fund Paradise/Leaman Place, to which Mr. Bills responded that at that time, there

was not. Gentleman then commented regarding situation with ambulance personnel running on fire calls causing ambulance to be shorthanded when call came in for them. Mr. Bills commented that the statements being made were mis-informed and inaccurate, and provided clarification regarding situation.

- Public Comment #2: Amos Fisher asked if the Township have a financial plan for the merger. Mr. Bills said no. The fire companies participating in the merger will establish a financial plan as part of the merger process. The Township is leaving the actual merger in the hands of the participating fire companies. Gentleman commented that the Township is pouring salt on the wound and thanked Mr. Beiler and Mr. Thompson for coming out to meet with various members of Paradise/Leaman Place and listening. He then asked Mr. Bills if he believes the Supervisors are doing right by the community. Mr. Bills said yes. Gentleman commented that he felt the way the merger is being handled is communistic. Mr. Thompson stated there has been a complete disintegration of trust and communication which is not improving. He emphasized the lack of trust on scenes. He said he has spoken at length with Barry Yunkin, Neal Hershey and others about the positives to a merger and agreed there is a lack of trust. He said if they (Paradise/Leaman Place) want their questions answered and to know what is going on with the merger, then they need to talk to the fire and ambulance companies actively participating in the merger. Go to the meetings, go to the table and bring their concerns there.
- Public Comment #3: Mr. Shearer asked Mr. Bills about a letter from the Fishers to him stating they did not want to participate in the merger and the Township said they cannot leave the merger. Mr. Bills replied that the letter he was referring to was an email between the fire chiefs, not him. When he was asked about it, Mr. Bills advised that the resolution cannot be undone without a new resolution being presented and voted on. Gentlemen apologized for his mis-understanding and thanked Mr. Bills for the clarification. Mr. Bills thanked him and commended him for his honesty.
- Public Comment #4: Deborah Boynton asked why break what wasn't broken? She wants to see numbers showing how this merger benefits the community. Commented that the Township needs to let each fire company be themselves.
- Public Comment #5: Will the township fund Gordonville? Mr. Bills said the Township plans to contribute to the new fire company entity, but amount has yet to be determined.
- Public Comment #6: Is this a merger or a consolidation? If consolidate, isn't there new leadership? Mr. Adams briefly explained the difference between a merger and a consolidation and why a merger is simpler and more cost effective. He confirmed that yes, new leadership will be designated/determined by the participating fire companies as part of the merger process.
- Public Comment #7: Gentleman asked if the Township still funding Kinzer Fire Company. Mr. Bills responded yes. Why did Gordonville purchase a tanker? Mr. Bills responded he cannot answer that question. Gentleman stated they (Paradise/Leaman Place) want financial data - convince us why they should participate in the merger. Mr. Bills responded that the consolidation committee formed by the fire companies participating in the merger is moving forward with the merger and they are handling that aspect of the merger.
- Public Comment #8: Gentlemen asked why Gordonville didn't merge with Intercourse and does Leacock give money to Gordonville? Mr. Bills responded that it is his understanding that Leacock Township gives approximately \$10,000 a year to Gordonville Fire & Ambulance. He further responded that he cannot speak as to why Gordonville did not merge with Intercourse. Gentleman

then asked why is everything moving so fast? Why not have outside folks look at this? Feels should have had outside sources involved for decision making. Marlin Groff responded these matters were discussed at past meetings.

ADJOURN

- At 8:09pm, Ray Rice **motioned** to adjourn meeting. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**