

**HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
August 13, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

The Highland Township Board of Supervisors met on this date @ 7:00 p.m., as publicly advertised, at the Highland Township Municipal Building located at 3641 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Craig Rockey, Supervisor Ed Steinour, Supervisor Gary Dingle, Secretary Mary Sherman

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JimHale (Gettysburg Times), Carl Keller, Brenda and Harry McDannell, Bob Carlson, Martha O'Bryant, Mike OBryant, Michael DiVanna, Gil Pringle, Bill Eiker, Rob Dubs, Rod Morton, Carl Ricker, Dorothy Shaffer, Bill Shaffer, Jason Stitt, June Thompson, Donald Thompson, Jessica Keller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisors Meeting Minutes July 9th, 2019:

Supervisor Steinour moved, seconded by Supervisor Dingle to approve the July 9th, 2019 Supervisor meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORTS:

PLGIT CD #2 was reinvested for 12 months at a rate of 2.25%. The issue value was \$105,000 and it will mature on 7/21/20.

The July 2019 Treasurers report was discussed in detail. The Treasurers report was accepted as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID AND PAYROLL

Supervisor Rockey moved, seconded by Supervisor Dingle to approve the July 2019 reports as presented. The vote was unanimous.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT:

Line Painting:

The bid came in from Alpha Space Control for lining the roads at \$\$8,421.00. All the township roads will be lined except Byers Lane and Sam's Lane.

Tar & Chip Project:

The 2019 Tar & Chip project is complete. Supervisor Steinour is recommending that the township consider fog sealing the roads. A fog seal is an application of a specially formulated asphalt emulsion (a thin liquid oil) to an existing asphalt pavement surface placed after the road is tar and chipped. It prolongs the integrity of the road and makes the lines on the road easier to see. Hammkaer's cost is .50/sq. foot. If the township seals all the roads it will have to put out for bid. The cost is approximately \$28,000.00. The Supervisors agreed to fog seal a couple of the most traveled roads.

Supervisor Dingle made a motion to fog seal Carr Hill Road and Thompson Lane only. Supervisor Rockey seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Boom Mower:

The boom mower was rented for a month but will be returned after two weeks. Roger will be finishing up trimming the trees, brush and hedges along the township roads by the end of the week.

Road salt:

The final load of salt from the 2019 contract was delivered today. Two truckloads of anti-skid will be ordered and be mixed with the salt for the upcoming winter season.

Hidden Driveway sign:

KPI referred the Secretary to Chris Bower, Engineer at McMahon & Associates to obtain a quote for a traffic impact study to be done at 1315 Knoxlyn-Orrtanna for request for a hidden driveway sign. The study would cost approximately \$1,200-\$1,400 dollars, and there is no guarantee that PennDot would approve the study. Supervisor Rockey surveyed seven surrounding townships and called LTAP. None of the townships had any experience with a request from a resident for a hidden driveway sign that lived on a state road, and very few that live on a township road. The underlying question is whether the township is responsible or negligent if an accident should happen. The Supervisors agreed to have the Secretary call the township Solicitor to get his opinion on the matter.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

None

LAND AND SEA SERVICES:**July 2019 Reports:**

The July 2019 reports were reviewed and discussed. The Supervisors agree to accept the reports as written.

RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUEST:**Gil Pringle:**

Records, minutes, notes, correspondence, all materials relating to the nuisance ordinance draft from June 10th to the present. The request was denied. After legal review, the request of July 2, 2019 was denied based on Section 708(b)(17) of the Right-to-Know Law as a record of Highland Township relating to a non-criminal investigation. The document that has been requested was pursuant to an investigation as to potential nuisance properties in Highland Township and is exempt from disclosure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COG: The next meeting is August 22nd, 2019. Mary Sherman will attend.

YATB: The next meeting is October 28th @ 6:30 in York. Supervisor Dingle will attend.

Fairfield Fire Department meeting: The next meeting is October 21st, 2019 @ 3:30.

FREMA: The next meeting is August 19th @ 6:30 pm.

Hower drainage complaint:

KPI visited the site on July 17th and met with the owner. The two downspouts have been reoriented more north-south. The front downspout now discharges facing the road, and the rear downspout now discharges facing the rear of the property. As a result of these redirections, flow paths from the discharge points to the neighbor's property have increased, which should reduce the amount of drainage onto their property. KPI advised the owner to closely monitor the situation, as the Township and the neighbor likely would also be doing. KPI reviewed potential options, likely more involved and costly, that may need to be implemented if this method is still resulting in significant unnecessary drainage onto the neighbor's property. The Secretary has received two invoices for a total of approximately \$400.00. This was a neighbor to neighbor dispute that could not be resolved over a period of a year. Supervisor Steinour stated that in the future that the township should not get involved in these disputes. Both Supervisor Rockey and Supervisor Dingle agreed. A decision on the township will handle this in the future will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:**Comcast Franchise Agreement:**

On July 24th, Supervisor Rockey and Secretary Mary Sherman spoke with Sam Wiser, Solicitor of Salzman & Hughes, representing Highland and several other townships regarding the formation of a new Comcast Franchise agreement. Supervisor Rockey had a number of questions about the new agreement which were answered with either an explanation or a modification to the agreement text. The start date will be when the parties ratify the contract. There is no scheduled date yet.

Supervisor Rockey moved, seconded by Supervisor Dingle to adjourn the meeting @ 8:15 pm.

Mary Sherman
Secretary/Treasurer
Highland Township

