

SALFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Business Meeting

October 18, 2017

Chairman Barb Lynch called the meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance. Present were:

Barb Lynch, Chairman

John Baker, Vice Chairman

Jim Styer, Supervisor

Karen Landis, Secretary

Doug Hedrick, Road Superintendent

Wayne Mensinger, Zoning Officer

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Styer questioned the return of Township property (Laptop & Key) used by Nate Yothers. Karen will email Nate again and copy BOS.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 4TH MINUTES – Motion 17-137 by Styer, second by Lynch – motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES & INTER-FUND TRANSFERS – Motion 17-138 by Styer, second by Baker – motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT – Motion 17-139 by Styer, second by Baker – motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER BANK RECONCILIATIONS – Motion 17-140 by Styer, second by Baker – motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS – Motion 17-141 by Styer, second by Lynch approved September Committee and Staff Reports – motion carried 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. KING ROAD BRIDGE** – Barb Lynch updated residents on the future of King Road bridge. Montgomery County has advised no maintenance agreement would be available following restoration – therefore, the options are to restore bridge to either pedestrian or vehicular and report back to Montgomery County before end of October. Many residents were present and raised questions and comments on the cost, benefit for all residents, aesthetics, etc. Chairman Lynch closed the public comment and called for BOS comment.

Jim Styer stated this bridge is part of township infrastructure, road system and a value to all residents. Restoration is more valuable to township as vehicular bridge than limiting to people and horses. There appears to be no compelling reason to close to vehicles other than appearance.

Barb Lynch stated in keeping with the philosophy of Salford Township to preserve the character of the area she is in favor of pedestrian bridge. If restored to PennDOT standards as vehicular – the rural character is gone. Barb also reported both Hausman Road and N. Dietz Mill Road bridges have been recently rehabilitated in good condition.

John Baker reported he likes drives the road himself; however favors keeping the aesthetic look then possibly convert to vehicular after township ownership.

Motion 17-142 by Lynch, second by Baker notifying Montgomery County to restore King Road bridge to pedestrian structure. Motion carried 2 -1. Styer opposed.

B. WHITES MILL ROAD PROPERTIES – Barb McMonagle reported on the 2013 appraisals received on these properties – June DiDomizio would like another appraisal and offered to pay for the cost. Barb reported we may qualify for several grant opportunities. Discussion held on benefit of owning additional land surrounding Whites Mill Preserve. Jim Styer commented we need to assess where/when to continue to acquire land. Prior to final decision to purchase parcels, **Motion 17-143** by Lynch, second by Baker to proceed with full appraisal for both parcels, June DiDomizio will pay for summary appraisal – Township will cover the difference. Motion carried 2 – 1. Styer opposed.

C. BANK BARN – John Baker introduced Mike Hart (Hartland Restoration). Mike provided professional knowledge on historic preservation and securing of the barn. Mike offered his assistance in securing to protect from further damage in the winter months. **Motion 17-144** by Lynch, second by Baker authorizing Mike Hart to secure current barn boards and covering areas in plywood for winter – not to exceed \$1,500. Motion carried 3 – 0.

D. POLE BARN – Doug Hedrick reported on concrete quotes received for the pole barn flooring and reported the existing poles are in bad shape and need to be replaced before any flooring can be completed. Discussion was held on investing more money or selling as is. Doug Hedrick will obtain three (3) telephonic quotes to replace poles to assess the future of keeping pole barn.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. DRAFT 2018 BUDGET(S) – End of year projections and 1st draft of all funds were reviewed by Finance Committee and provided for BOS review. Jim Styer reported on FC review and advised on revenue and expense increases – approximately 50% of general fund budget is spent on roads. Jim advised that FC also recommends inter-fund transfer of \$500,000 to capital reserve fund. BOS questioned line items in engineering, benefits and IV Library funding. Jim Styer thanked the Fire Company and especially Brian McKown for the clarity in their budget request format. Further detail/questions to be reviewed at November work session meeting.

B. FIRE ARM REGULATION – Barb Lynch reported on detrimental situations where firearms are being discharged in the VCR district and on Ridge Road. Solicitor advised townships are not permitted to regulate discharge of firearms and must be careful in the process – Steve Imms will provide an update at the November meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, **Motion 17-145** by Styer, second by Lynch adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM. Motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 1, 2017

MOTION: 17-146 BY: BAKER SECOND BY: STYER VOTE: 3 - 0

(TOWNSHIP SEAL)

