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REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Cole called the February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 PM, followed by a moment of silence and the salute to the flag. The Meeting was held remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ROLL CALL: Supervisors in attendance were Kevin Cole, Charlie Bauer, and Bernie Blystone. Also present was Secretary/Treasurer/Zoning Officer, Debra E. Merritt, and Roadmaster, Dan Klapthor.

IDENTIFICATION OF RECORDING DEVICES: There were no recording devices identified.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: There was no public in attendance.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: There were no comments from the Supervisors.

PUBLIC REQUESTS BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT: Ms. Merritt indicated that she received a call from Joe Bogda of Kreitz Road who has requested the Board to consider implementing a 40-mph speed limit on Kreitz Road. Ms. Merritt noted that if the Board wished to enact such a speed limit, a traffic study would need to be conducted, and an Ordinance enacting the new speed limit would need adopted. She further noted that she believed that Roadmaster Klapthor would be able to conduct such a study however would reach out to PennDOT LTAP to confirm. Accordingly, the Board agreed that the Township should look into the process of conducting such a traffic study and establishing speed limits on Township roads.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

CAJA – Minutes from the January 5, 2021 were received from CAJA.

ZONING/PLANNING –

- **Planning Commission:** There were no minutes from the Planning Commission.
- **Zoning Hearing Board:** There were no minutes received from the Zoning Hearing Board.
- **Zoning Officer:** A written report was submitted by the Zoning Officer.

FRENCH CREEK COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – The next meeting of the French Creek Council of Governments is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 11:30 AM.

TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE – The next meeting of the Crawford County Tax Collection Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the West Mead Township Building.

SEWAGE – There was no report received from Peter Homchenko, Sewage Enforcement Officer.

PROJECTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Solar Farm Ordinance Development. Ms. Merritt stated that the Board has been provided with copies of a proposed Solar Energy Ordinance, as well as a copy of Washington Township's Solar Energy Ordinance which was adopted in 2020. The Township Planning Commission began their review of the proposed Solar Energy Ordinance at their January 18, 2021 meeting, and it is anticipated they will have a final draft following their February 15, 2021 Meeting. Additionally, a webinar on Solar Energy Ordinances, presented by Penn State, was held on January 21, 2021. As a result of the webinar, a few regulatory issues have been identified which should be considered for inclusion in the proposed Ordinance, as well as some comments/concerns received from Supervisor Bauer, following his review of

the proposed Ordinance. During the Solar Energy Ordinance development, Solicitor Shaddinger has recommended that the Township consider a Resolution imposing a temporary moratorium on new solar energy projects, so that adequate regulations may be enacted. A copy of the proposed Resolution has been provided to the Board for their review and consideration. Ms. Merritt clarified that while the Resolution states the moratorium would be in effect for 180 days, it would only last until the Board took official action on a proposed Ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Bauer to adopt Resolution No. 01 of 2021, a Resolution imposing a limited moratorium on solar energy systems in order to cure the Cambridge Township Zoning Ordinance's deficiency created by the exclusion of solar energy system regulations, and as authorized by Section 609.2 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. Second by Mr. Cole.

Cole: Yes

Bauer: Yes

Blystone: Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

Participation in the 2021-2022 State Salt Contract. Motion by Mr. Bauer to authorize the Secretary to complete and submit the Salt Contract Participation Agreement on behalf of the Township, for 100 tons of Road Salt, under the 2021-2022 State Contract. Second by Mr. Blystone.

Cole: Yes

Bauer: Yes

Blystone: Yes

Joint Bidding for Seal Coating. Ms. Merritt noted that the Township has received notification that due to COVID-19, the Crawford County Joint Seal Coating Program has been cancelled for 2021. Mr. Cole questioned whether the Township could spearhead a joint bid on behalf of neighboring municipalities. Ms. Merritt indicated that we could, however noted that the process and planning would need to begin earlier in the year. She stated that if the Board wished for the Township to organize a 2022 joint seal coating bid, it could be discussed in the fall.

Joint Bidding for Hard Surface Repairs. Ms. Merritt noted that a Joint Purchasing Meeting was held on Friday, February 5, 2020 at West Mead Township. Based on that meeting, bid packets are required to be submitted to West Mead Township by March 3rd, with advertisements on March 10th and March 17th, and the subsequent bid opening on April 1st at 1:00 PM. Ms. Merritt stated that she would prepare an anticipated road funding report, together with a 2021 road work proposal after she speaks with Roadmaster Klapthor for the Board's review and consideration.

Recreation Board Meeting. As previously advised, the Borough of Cambridge Springs has requested the Township's participation in a meeting with Little League and Little Gridders to discuss potential 2021 projects for the recreation park. Accordingly, the informational meeting will be held on March 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM, at the Borough Building, with an option for remote participation.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT: A written report has been submitted by the Roadmaster.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by Mrr. Cole to accept the Treasurer's Report and make Payment of the Bills as presented. Second by Mr. Blystone.

Cole: Yes

Bauer: Yes

Blystone: Yes

Motion by Mr. Blystone to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Organizational and Regular Meeting, as presented. Second by Mr. Cole.

Cole: Yes

Bauer: Yes

Blystone: Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: There was no public in attendance, therefore no comments were offered.

FURTHER BUSINESS: There was no additional business for the Board to address.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Cole moved to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Bauer. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debra E. Merritt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Debra E. Merritt, Secretary