

West Mead Township Board of Supervisors

Public Study Session Minutes

February 11, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Bovard, Jordan and Shartle. Also present: Dean Maynard, George Deshner, Mark Weindorf, Chief Brown, Mike Crowley and Jill Dunlap.

Note: Township Auditors have accepted the Treasurer's Bond and approved the Supervisors' recommendations.

Note: 2020/2021 Property & Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance coverage to continue with EMC for the Township and Workers Compensation Insurance coverage through First National Insurance Company and Workers Compensation with State Workers Insurance Fund for the Fire Departments, effective February 1, 2020.

Note: Various Township Policies and Work Rules are being updated at this time to comply with all Federal, State and Local regulations and will be provided to departmental employees.

Note: The Penelec Default Service Program, which was updated in the fall of 2018, was looked into and it appears to be more beneficial for the Township to contract with AEP Energy, a generation supplier instead of continuing to purchase electric under the hourly rate pricing directly from Penelec.

Note: Various discussions and meetings have taken place with regard to FHWA funding for Allegheny Street and Leslie Road. Everything is set up online under the ECMS and RAS programs through PennDOT and documents are being prepared and available online for the letting of the West Mead Township project to be completed in Summer of 2020.

The Chairman noted the above items.

Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to authorize the Chairman to sign the DCED Municipal Statistics 2019 Survey of Financial Condition. Vote – All Approved.

George Deshner and Dean Maynard of the Crawford County Fair Association were present to discuss the upcoming 75th Celebration Parade and Fireworks to be held on August 21, 2020 during the annual Crawford County Fair. Deshner presented a map showing the potential parade route using Gate 2 as the entrance into the Fairgrounds, onto the racetrack and out Gate 1. Chief Brown was in favor of closing Hamilton Road for that evening instead of what the Fair Board had proposed. Much discussion was had on the route and all agreed the better route would be to temporarily close Hamilton Road and allow the parade route in Gate 3, onto the racetrack and out Gate 1. Deshner and Maynard will report back to the Fair committee to work out the specifics and will resubmit updated maps to Dunlap. Dunlap will issue the permit including wording specifying traffic control must be provided and the Township must be informed regarding any issues.

Mark Weindorf of The ARC of Crawford County was present to discuss the County Music Festival to be held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds on June 6, 2020. The ARC will be the main sponsor of the event but will work in conjunction with the Meadville Area Recreation Complex, FOP Lodge 97 and One Federal Credit Union. The Crawford County Commissioners have agreed to allow alcohol to be served on site during this event. Chief Brown discussed the need to have additional manpower on staff for the West Mead Police Department. Traffic and parking issues were discussed as they anticipate 5,000 people in attendance. Dunlap will issue the permit including wording specifying traffic control must be provided and the Township must be informed regarding any issues.

The Board did not review the items on the 7:00 meeting agenda.

Being no further business, Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Dunlap
Secretary