

West Mead Township Board of Supervisors

Public Study Session Minutes

June 9, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Bovard, Shartle and Jordan. Also present: Kris Simmons, Brad Johnston, Craig Lauer, Chief Brown, Alan Shaddinger, Mike Crowley and Jill Dunlap.

Executive Session was held on May 12, 2020 for Personnel Matters.

Note: Chairman Don Bovard and Secretary Jill Dunlap will represent West Mead Township in discussions with AFSCME District Council 85 on the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the West Mead Township Road Department.

The Chairman noted the above item.

Brad Johnston and Craig Lauer of West Mead #1 Volunteer Fire Department and Kris Simmons of West Mead #2 Volunteer Fire Department were present to provide updated information on their departments. All agreed both departments work very well together doing joint drills, training and fire calls. Simmons also noted working with the Township is the best it has ever been. Lauer is now Fire Chief for West Mead #1. Discussion was had on Meadville City current fire equipment, staffing and the potential for regionalization in the future. Bovard noted this would not benefit West Mead Township and gave an overview from the 1990's thru now. Also discussed were grant funds and mutual aid support from surrounding departments. Simmons asked about possible water line extensions and additional fire hydrants. Dunlap will compose a letter to MAWA regarding this issue as it had been discussed with them in the past. The Supervisors thanked the firemen for their service to the community.

Shartle moved, Bovard seconded to approve and authorize signing the Agreement between West Mead Township and various residents of Daisy Avenue and to begin planning for the development of Marsha Drive to be taken over by the Township. This agreement will enable Daisy Avenue to be upgraded and seal coated so the roadway can be brought up to Township specifications prior to being taken over by the Township. Marsha Drive will be left as a dirt and gravel roadway. Vote – All Approved.

The Board discussed updating the Underground Fuel Tanks. Fleet Cards are being obtained and will be used when necessary. Various motions to ratify the purchases of above ground gasoline and diesel fuel tanks and to approve concrete pad work and electrical work were not considered by the Board. Discussion was had on the status of the above ground tanks and cancelling the order and to request a refund from PA Labor & Industry for the installation permit. Shartle and Dunlap will contact the necessary people and obtain costs on the removal only of the existing underground tanks. Also discussed was obtaining a 300 gallon diesel fuel tank for use in our small equipment and mowers.

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 7:12 p.m. Vote – All Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Dunlap
Secretary