

West Mead Township Board of Supervisors

Public Study Session Minutes

July 13, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Bovard, Jordan and Shartle. Also present: Barry Porter, Brenda Schmidt, Michele Nestor, Mike Crowley and Jill Dunlap.

Note: Copies of Letters sent to PennDOT were received from The Crawford County Planning Commission regarding input on the French Creek Parkway and the Spring Street Bridge Improvement Projects. The Secretary will draft a letter from the Township Supervisors to provide their comments on the proposed projects.

The Chairman noted the above item.

Brenda Schmidt and Michele Nestor were present to review garbage collection options for Mandatory Garbage Service for all Township residents so they can put together bid documents to be advertised and considered for approval. Various options agreed upon were to include two sizes of waste carts, every other week recycling, not to accept leaf waste but to offer tags for bulk items, contractor to do the billing, discounts for snowbirds and some exemptions. Various concerns were expressed including who owns the carts after the first contract, collection of past due amounts, enforcement and determination of exemptions. Shartle provided the negative feedback he has been getting from various residents who are not in favor of mandatory garbage and want it left alone. Bovard noted we have discussed this issue multiple times and we can refuse bids if they are not acceptable. Nestor said they would get the contract language done to be provided in late August for review by the Township so the issue could be discussed at the September 14, 2021 meeting. If acceptable, it could then be bid out in October, awarded in November or December, enact the Solid Waste Ordinance in December and begin trash collection in the Spring or Summer of 2022.

Dunlap provided an update on various quotes and information on the purchase of a Kohler Generator from Palco Generator Sales Corporation in conjunction with RE Johnson Electric under the PA COSTARS program and concrete pad quote to be done by Larry Gosnell Concrete Finishing as discussed and authorized earlier under the FEMA/PEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant. The Township will be responsible for any additional funds needed above and beyond the grant funds for the complete project.

Shartle moved, Jordan seconded to accept the quote from Palco Generator Sales Corporation in conjunction with RE Johnson Electric in the amount of \$49,200.00 and the quote from Larry Gosnell Concrete Finishing in the amount of \$2,585.00. Vote – All Approved.

The Board reviewed the items on the 7:00 meeting agenda.

The Board reconvened the Study Session at 7:22 p.m. after the Supervisors Regular Meeting.

Dunlap discussed options for the Oakgrove Park Water Well. She noted the large filters originally placed on the line coming into the restroom building are full of sediment and sand particles and are staining the bowls. She has contacted the water well contractors who worked with us during construction and they indicated the soils and area may be the issue and not the well. Shartle thought a new well may need drilled. Jordan provided an additional name to contact. Dunlap will continue to work on a solution.

Dunlap noted Oakgrove Park Signage will be purchased using Act 13 monies and grant funds. She obtained a few samples and quotes from a few local sign companies and is awaiting additional quotes from others. As listed in the Oakgrove Park Master Site Plan detailing overall park improvements, a welcome sign will be a nice addition to the other improvements already completed.

The Board discussed options for the Batwing Mower. Shartle noted someone was interested in it but thought they may have already purchased another one. Jordan felt we should keep it. Nothing further will be done at this time.

Shartle discussed Upcoming Truck and Equipment Purchases. He provided a quote on a new Mack 4WD Truck that he received from Tri-County Truck Center under the PA COSTARS program. He understands orders placed now have a 1 ½ to 2 year wait time before the vehicle would be received. He also discussed replacement ideas of both the smaller trucks and the pickup truck.

Being no further business, Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Dunlap
Secretary