

West Mead Township

Supervisors Public Meeting

Minutes – December 13, 2022

The December 13, 2022, Public Meeting of the West Mead Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. Present were Supervisors Bovard, Jordan and Shartle. Also present: Paul Martin, Penni Dallas, Ora Willey, Jason Douglas, Charlie Anderson, Amy Shaulis, Amanda Fabian, Eric Henry, Seth Wise, Chief Brown, Alan Shaddinger, Mike Crowley and Jill Dunlap.

Public Comment:

None

Regular Business:

Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to approve the November 15, 2022 Study Session and Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Vote - All Approved.

Shartle moved, Jordan seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 2022 and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$120,468.01, subject to audit. Vote - All Approved.

Municipal Reports:

Chief Brown read the Police Report.

Shartle gave the Road Report. He noted the Road Department performed 3 days of winter maintenance, park maintenance and fall cleanup, equipment repairs, cleaned ditches, removed trees and leaf collection in the past month.

Dunlap gave the Zoning Report and noted a vacant property on Franklin Pike is being demolished and the property cleaned up by the new property owner.

New Business:

The Board considered approval of a request to subdivide lands owned by David J. and Michelle A. Zelasco for property located on Springs Road Extension. The subdivision involves combining Lot #1 consisting of 2.357 acres with Tax Parcel No # 3217-196-A-1 owned by Daniel T. and Patricia A. Leech so that Lot 1 can become part of the total lands consisting of 9.296 acres which will clarify and record a corrective deed for both properties.

Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to approve the request and authorize signing the Leech-Zelasco Subdivision Plan, for property located on Springs Road Extension, as presented, pending final signatures and any other necessary requirements. Vote – All Approved.

Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 13, approving and adopting a revised Emergency Operations Plan for West Mead Township, which meets state and NIMSCAST requirements and conforms to the requirements of the Crawford County Emergency Operations Guideline. Vote – All Approved.

Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 14, approving and adopting to repeal the assessments for street lighting on various public roadways in West Mead Township that provide for public safety to be paid for from the General Fund beginning January 1, 2023 with all current and prior unpaid assessments to remain due and payable. Vote – All Approved.

The Secretary reviewed the Proposed 2023 Budget. She discussed the revenues, expenditures and carryover fund balance for the general fund and provided an overview of all funds. This budget does contain a 1 mill Real Estate Tax increase. Various funds are also budgeted for \$42,000 to be used toward EMS ambulance services. As budgeted funds do not have to be spent, Shartle indicated we would be holding off on an upcoming potential pickup truck purchase in 2023. There was no public comment.

Jordan moved, Bovard seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2022 – 15, adopting the 2023 Budget and Resolution No. 2022 - 16, setting the real estate tax millage for 2023 at 5.25 mills. Vote – Jordan-yes, Shartle-no, Bovard-yes. Vote Approved.

The Chairman noted the Organizational Meeting will be held on January 3, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. followed by the regular monthly meeting.

Final Public Comment:

Eric Henry noted the estimated value of a .5 mill of tax revenue from all municipalities is a bandaid for the EMS situation and recognized the French Creek COG and is hopeful something can be done in 2023.

Supervisors Final Comment:

Jordan wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Shartle introduced the Road employees and workers who were present.

Bovard hoped everyone has a Merry Christmas.

Being no further business, Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to an executive session for stormwater litigation matters. Vote - All Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill M. Dunlap
Secretary