

West Mead Township Board of Supervisors

Public Study Session Minutes

August 8, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Bovard, Jordan and Shartle. Also present: Paul Martin, Penni Dallas, Chief Brown, Alan Shaddinger, Mike Crowley and Jill Dunlap.

Note: This is a public meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of general discussion of administrative, regulatory enforcement; police and road department and personnel; building and grounds; budget and related matters and issues related thereto that may or may not require action. It is also used to review and comment on the public meeting agenda for the regular public meeting.

Note: A Fire Escrow Account check in the amount of \$20,352.94 will be returned to Tyler Hickernell for property located at 10215 Liberty Street Extension as repairs and reconstruction have been completed due to a fire that occurred on May 9 2022.

Note: A Letter of Support has been sent to the Pennsylvania Broadband Authority in support of Windstream's Broadband Infrastructure Program Grant Application for various areas with poor internet and fiber services located in Crawford County.

The Chairman noted the above items.

Public Comment:

None

The Board discussed and reviewed Sample Ordinances establishing a volunteer service credit program to provide tax credits for volunteer members of Volunteer Fire Companies and Nonprofit Emergency Medical Service Agencies and establishing eligibility requirements and qualifications. The Secretary and Solicitor discussed earned income tax credits and limits on real estate taxes under the legislation.

Dunlap discussed signage and fence replacements for West Mead Township Oak Grove Park and potential grant applications. She noted new signage would be done immediately due to grant funds that have already been received. She and Shartle have been investigating options for new split rail fencing and she obtained estimates to be used on grant applications for possible construction in 2024.

Shartle moved, Jordan seconded to authorize the 2006 GMC 5500 Truck to be advertised and listed for sale on Municibid, upcoming Nichols Auction in conjunction with the City of Meadville and any other online sale sites with a reserve of \$20,000.00. Vote – All Approved.

Shartle provided updated quote information on a MowerMax Boom Mower Tractor and discussed various other road equipment purchases. He hoped to start the ordering process now as he had been advised delivery time would be 1 to 1 ½ years for delivery. The cost would be \$239,450.00 and is not available using the PA COSTARS program. Jordan had also spoken with company representatives and noted the delivery could occur sooner as much as within a few months. Shartle noted the next item that should be consider for replacement would be a Loader with a Pickup Truck to be purchased after that. Brush cutting using the Boom Mower was discussed as Shartle indicated he would like to pave Tamarack Drive, Shore Drive and Phelps Road in 2024. All agreed to continue investigating various options and discussions will be held at upcoming budget meetings.

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

Being no further business, Jordan moved, Bovard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Dunlap
Secretary