

# WOODCOCK TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES February 14, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Woodcock Township met on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. for their regular meeting. Chairman Winters opened this meeting with the following present: Supervisor Winters and Randall Chess. Supervisor Jason Crawford entered the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Renee Hayes, Secretary/Treasurer

Guests: Ruth Perrine, Gary Lilly, Debbie Free, Harold Free, Michael Lilly, Daniel Lilly, Keith Witscher, Richard Byham, Corey Free, Susan Black.

There were no public comments on agenda items at this time.

**Approval of Minutes** Winters made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2023 Reorg & Regular meeting. with the following amendments to the Reorg minutes: Barry Capell was appointed to a 4-yr term on the planning commission and Mark Yuriscic was appointed to a 3-yr term on the zoning hearing board. Chess seconded and the motion carried.

**Payment of Bills** Mr. Chess made a motion to approve the payment of the bills & payroll, Winters seconded and the motion carried.

**Executive Sessions:** Were held on Dec. 27, 2022 and Jan. 26, 2023 to discuss personnel issues to increase "call out" pay and zoning officer pay increase to \$5000/yr. and hiring a new road crew member.

**Bid Award** Bids were publicly opened and read on Friday February 10 at 10:00 a.m. for the Stoltz and Fisher Rd Grant Projects; Stoltz Rd Bids- Wilkinson \$36640; XL Excavating \$61,000; C.H.&D \$95,000; Showman \$83130. Fisher Rd Bids- Wilkinson \$31190; XL Excavating \$42000; C.H & D \$95,000; Showman \$68,061. Chess moved to award both bids to Wilkinson as the lowest, responsible bidder and as recommended by the Township's Engineer, Jeff Kordes, seconded by Winters and the motion carried.

**Engine Purchase** Chess moved to ratify the purchase of an as-is engine and junk transmission from Kebert for \$8,000- to be used in either the 93 or 95 Mack trucks, Crawford seconded. After calling for and hearing no public comment or opposition the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Liquor License Transfer** from Shaw Family Enterprises to Triple Deuces, LLC.

**National Fuel** intends to replace a line along Rt. 86 to Mitchell Rd. and down Mitchell Road a short distance.

**Township Property/ID Sign** sign quotes were obtained and Crawford moved to purchase the sign from K&M Signs in Linesville for \$650, to be finished & installed by township personnel, seconded by Chess. After calling for and hearing no public comment or opposition the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Aramark Laundry Services** submitted a new Agreement for the Township to consider which decreased the costs of uniform pants, overalls and rugs by 33%. Chess moved to sign the new contract noting the reduction, seconded by Crawford. After calling for and hearing no public comment or opposition the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Bethesda Pods/Gymnasium** Land development and SWM plans were signed and submitted to the County Register and Recorder for recording on Feb. 10. Plans were previously approved and were awaiting final details before recording. Moved by Crawford, seconded by Chess. After calling for and hearing no public comment or opposition the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Agility Agreement** Chess moved to sign the Agility Agreement with PennDOT for 50 hours of the township mowing their roads as designated in the "Plan" in return the township will get millings from the PennDOT project on Rt. 198, to be used for shoulder backup, filling potholes, etc. Crawford seconded the motion. After calling for and hearing no public comment or opposition the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Personnel Policy Change Call Out Pay** Employees who are called in to work after hours for an unplanned event, will be paid a minimum of 4 hours of their overtime pay. (See personnel policy for further details). So moved by Chess, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Winters. Roll call votes: Winters Yes, Chess Yes, Crawford abstained.

**Department Reports:**

Road Department: Jason Crawford reported cleanup of downed trees; winter maintenance on roads and filled some potholes.

Tax Collector: No report

Zoning: Renee Hayes reported one new house on Gravel Run Rd.; permit has not been issued, but applied for.

**Public Comment** Several residents questioned why their roads weren't being plowed at obvious times instead of late at night; Several complained about the condition of the roads, why there wasn't a crown in them, why there is a "lip" that doesn't allow water to runoff, why the ditches aren't cleaned; One felt that after Labor Day, the work greatly decreases and the potholes are terrible. Jason explained his reasonings for doing things and said there will be a crown put back in the roads and ditching will be done and explained that we have an Athey's machine to help with that. The Supervisors gave everyone their phone numbers and told them to call them if they had an issue.

Lilly's had received a letter for their Conex container on Huson Rd. and Renee will work with them to remedy that violation.

There being no further business, Winters moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Crawford seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Renee D. Hayes, Secretary