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| Roll Call: | Ms. Eckrote-Jones                | Mr. Uricheck                            | Mr. Brogan                              |
|            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes |
|            | <input type="checkbox"/> No      | <input type="checkbox"/> No             | <input type="checkbox"/> No             |
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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Proposed Ordinance regarding Vacation Home Rentals (tabled from 12/14/16):**

Attny Karpowich explained that he doesn't think this was written correctly, because it was not tabled at the last meeting. At the last meeting, the landlord-tenant inspection ordinance was tabled. Just to give the supervisors and the public and update, the supervisors passed the ordinance that restricts vacation rentals in certain districts within the township, and there has been an appeal to that ordinance to the ZHB. Under the PA Planning Code Law, there is an option for someone to challenge an amendment to our zoning ordinance. There are two options a curative amendment to the supervisors or the second option is substantive challenge to the validity of the zoning ordinance to the ZHB. He would suspect that they would want to go to the Zoning board instead of the supervisors because they are the ones that adopted the amendment, since they are challenging the substantive validity of that ordinance. Attny Karpowich stated that he feels that the municipality will be party to that hearing so he would suspect that the zoning officer and himself will be there to vigorously defend the zoning amendment. He feels that it constitutional and it is definitely not vague, its quite clear. He explained that this is becoming an issue statewide and across the country. Attny Karpowich went on explain that the Zoning Hearing will be public and it will be advertised for two consecutive weeks, the property will be posted and the neighboring property owners will get notice. Anyone directly affected by this will have a chance to come to the hearing and give testimony. Attny Karpowich spoke with Attny Ferdinand who appealed it, and he spoke with Keith about it. He said he also spoke with Attny Anders as well. He explained that even though Attny Ferdinand is the only one that appealed it, anyone has the right to join in. The municipality is already a party through the zoning officer. The hearing will be held within 60 days of the date of the appeal, therefore it could be the end of March or early April. The secretary explained that there are dates set aside for the ZHB which are the first Wednesday of the month unless they know there will not be a quorum, then they will pick a different date. A resident had questions as to the date of the hearing and what she should bring with her.

Attny Karpowich brought up about the landlord-tenant registration ordinance, council was present last month and raised some concerns about the ordinance. He took a second look at it per the supervisors' request, to try and make it more neutral. Attny Karpowich is making it more for all the rentals within the township instead of just the short-term rentals. There are two things to be accomplished by this ordinance, and that is to know who the tenants are. There will be an initial registration at the time the ordinance is adopted, to get all the landlords on the same page, so we know who all is in their units, and then again when there is a change of occupancy or change of ownership, that would require a new registration. The second component is to make sure the rental unit is safe for the occupants, and if it isn't who is to be contacted. Property managers are going to be required for landlords that are a certain mile radius away. Exemptions, fees and inspections still need to be discussed. Various areas of the ordinance were discussed amongst the audience and the board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Open Material Bids:** Bids were opened and are on file at the twp building. Bids were received from Bradco Supply, Team Supply, Hazleton Materials, Eckley Asphalt, and Glenn Hawbaker. Jerry made the motion to table all bids for review. Ryan seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.
2. **FMA Well Test:** Chairman Brogan asked for a right to know request to be submitted to FMA for documents pertaining to the particular well test that FMA would like to do off of Foster Ave. He is concerned about all the residents in that area that are not on public water. He explained that there will be one sent before the well testing occurs and one will be sent after. Attny Karpowich suggested that the documents that are obtained through the RTK will be sent to the twp engineer for review. Jerry would like to let everyone know that the next FMA meeting will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, he would like any concerned residents to attend the meeting and voice their opinions on the matter.

3. **Consideration of Lockbox Ordinance:** Ordinance No 1 of 2017 requiring commercial/industrial structures to have a key lockbox system in place. This ordinance will be mandatory for all commercial/industrial structures and apartment buildings. It will be voluntary for any other structures. This ordinance was requested and approved by the fire company. Jerry made the motion to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2017. Ryan seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.
4. **Engineers Report:** No one was present to give report.
5. **Solicitors Report:** Attny Karpowich would like an executive session to select an arbitrator for the arbitration claim against the FMA for credits in regards to the electric bill at the Wyoming street pumping station.
6. **Zoning Report:** Township checks were completed in certain areas of the township. Applications have been received and reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A resident raised concerns about a property @ 24 Back Street. She stated that she has tried to get in contact with the zoning officer but has been unsuccessful.

A resident asked if cold patch can be put at the entrance to Ag Mar.

Donna Fairchild explained that Franzosa had told residents to stay off the roads while the prep work was being done. She would like to know how we plan on keeping people off the roads when the paving is being done? The board explained that the contractor will have to take care of it.

Pat King would like to let the board know that drainage at Sunrise and Valley is blocked.

Various discussion took place regarding state police coverage and possible fees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to Adjourn
- Motion to Continue

Motion By:  Ms. Eckrote-Jones  
 Mr. Uricheck  
 Mr. Brogan

Second By:  Ms. Eckrote-Jones  
 Mr. Uricheck  
 Mr. Brogan

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote-Jones  
 Yes  
 No  
 Abstain

Mr. Uricheck  
 Yes  
 No  
 Abstain

Mr. Brogan  
 Yes  
 No  
 Abstain

Respectfully Submitted,

