

BUSINESS:

Motion to Award Material Bids - Bids were received from Hazleton Materials, Eckley Asphalt, Team Supply and Bradco. Jerry made a motion to table for review. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Repository Sale – The sale is for two pieces of property on Rocks Ln. Georgiann made the motion to approve the sale. Jerry seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Johnson Subdivision - Attny Karpowich explained that the PC suggests approval of the scale waiver and approval of the subdivision conditioned upon the plans being signed, the planning module being obtained and clarification of the stream. Jerry made a motion to conditionally approve the subdivision and approve the wavier. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Dinko Subdivisions (2) – Attny Karpowich explained that the PC recommends conditional approval of the subdivision and approval of the scale contour waiver. Jerry made the motion to approve the scale contour wavier and conditionally approve the subdivision, conditioned upon the planning module being obtained and the fees to the twp being paid. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Citterios Land Development – Steve Pany from Pany & Lentz Engineering spoke with the board about conditional approval for the new refrigerated warehouse and shipping docks. The shipping docks will be located in the old employee parking lot. They are requesting deferral of the detention pond to 10/31/20. The twp engineer will review and comment on the request. They are requesting a waiver for a driveway permit and scale. Jerry made the motion to approve the wavier. John seconds the motion. Jerry made the motion to conditionally approve the land development upon having everything signed and verified. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Engineers Report - Tom stated that the grants the twp wants to apply for will be opening up in July, so he will get together with the supervisors and get a list of roads and/or repairs that need to be done. Mary stated that she is working on the chapter 94 reports.

Sewer Report – Jerry addressed the sewer rate increase and explained that the twp was in a situation where either a refinance was needed or the system needed to be sold. If the twp stays with PennVest then they are requiring the twp to raise rates to over \$95 per month. Once reviewing with the refinance company, they would require twp to go to \$85 per month. John Petrick explained that the sewer advisory board meeting was very productive and Jerry was in attendance. He explained the steps that the SAB would like to see the supervisors take. Reminder notices, shut off notices, final notices and accept credit cards. He encourages everyone to attend the next SAB meeting on 3/31, they will be held every last Tuesday of the month, he wants in put from all residents. He explained that he is researching the balloons to be put in the sewer lines. Mike Spock was able to give the board some information on an elder valve which may be more effective than the balloon and they are at least permanent. Alice Lachewitz stated that she has been asked about putting in septics instead of being connected to the sewer. The board stated that it is not allowed and also Dave Popiak was in attendance and stated that it is not allowed. An agreement might have to be made with Aqua to allow the twp to cut the sewer off to nonpayers. John stated that the SAB is going to be very aggressive and asked that the office staff do what they can do get the notices out each month. He asked the residents spread the word that if you do not pay your bill the twp will shut off service no matter what. Shari Petrovitch asked if can be put on social media for the people that cannot get to a meeting. John stated yes. Pat King asked if there would be a reconnection fee for those that are shut off. John stated yes.

Solicitors Report – Attny Karpowich stated that the twp was named in a civil suit, in which he informed Brittany to turn over to the insurance company and to stay on them because there is a short timeframe.

Zoning Report – By Georgiann: Keith received complaints about properties on Centre St and AgMar for living conditions. Both were condemned. Two zoning and building permits were issued. A deposition is scheduled for the Jones matter. There is a zoning hearing scheduled for March 4th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Shelanick asked if the road study on Valley & Caplos Rd was ever started because he has not heard from anyone. He said that even though the twp put up the stop signs, they are not helping. Jerry stated that the engineer that was supposed to look into a road study is no longer with the twp. Jerry asked Tom Barna what can be done. Tom explained that he would need a reason to be able to start a study, for example multiple accidents. Mr. Shelanick stated that the board already said it would be done. Discussions on what could be done occurred, with a speed box light as an outcome. Atty Karpowich is going to check with Conyngham Borough and see if the twp can borrow theirs. Valarie Capozzelli asked who Richard and Tammy Radler were and why the twp was paying them. Georgiann explained that they are installing security cameras for the twp.

Wilson Malloy explained that he put papers from the CDC regarding the coronavirus on the table and he encourages the public to take the information.

Mr. Welshko asked about the timbering that is taking place off of Meir Rd. He would like to know who has the bond for the road? The board will have to check with Keith.

John Petrick stated that there is timbering going on across from the old Forks restaurant and he is wondering if they received permits for it because he thought it was all wetlands.

Pat King stated that the repository sales may get rid of the \$500 flat fee and make it a fair market value instead.

Carlene Troell asked what the interest rate was on the PennVest loan? Attny Karpowich stated that he thinks it's around 3%.

A resident asked that if all the steps are met, meaning getting the delinquent accounts under control, reducing the maintenance fees and refinancing, will the rates come back down. The board stated yes.

Greg Capozzelli asked what the new term of the loan would be. Attny Karpowich stated that it was around 3% but he doesn't have the exact number in front of him.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Continue

Motion By: Ms. Eckrote-Jones

Mr. Pavuk

Mr. Brogan

Second By: Ms. Eckrote-Jones

Mr. Pavuk

Mr. Brogan

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote-Jones

Yes

No

Abstain

Mr. Pavuk

Yes

No

Abstain

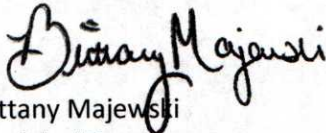
Mr. Brogan

Yes

No

Abstain

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Majewski
Municipal Secretary