



## **BUSINESS:**

**Open Material Bids** – Bids were received from Team Supply, Bradco Supply, Hazleton Materials and Eckley Asphalt. Jerry made the motion to table the bids for review. Mike seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

**Repository Sales** – The twp received 4 repository sales, each for just land. Jerry made the motion to approve the sales. Mike seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

**Engineers Report** – Tim Holden reported that they working on revised easements, and the project could possibly be bid out next month. Mike asked if Tim could look into Pond Creek Rd, it needs to be paved.

**Sewer Report** – Mike reported that it is on going with Citterios, but they did install new tanks and pumps which brought there TDS's down. Their one pump ended up breaking, but they are going to get a second pump to have on standby.

**Solicitors Report** – Attny Mills presented the board with a Resolution to apply for a new HOP for the sewer extension. Jerry made the motion to adopt Resolution #2 of 2019. Mike seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all. Attny Mills briefly explained the legal situation with the Rahman case. She also announced that there was a zoning enforcement hearing for the Jones property, and he was found guilty with a \$12K fine, but he does have 30 days to appeal. The property @ 6 Hillary Dr was submitted to the magistrate for zoning issues as well.

**Zoning Report** – by Jerry: Twp checks were completed. Cars were tagged for snow removal. Handicap letters were sent for annual fee. Mr. Jones was a no show for the zoning enforcement hearing, so he was found guilty. Violation notices were sent to 2 garage owners and residents of Hickory Hills.

## **CORRESPONDENCES:**

The White Haven Library presented the board with a certification of appreciation for their continued support for the candy bar fundraiser.

Mr. Swankoski submitted his letter of resignation from the zoning hearing board. Jerry made the motion to accept his resignation with regret, and thank him for his numerous years of service. Mike second the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bill Wilkus extended his thanks to Mike for the help they received during the snow storm. He would also like to thank Keith for the code enforcement that he has been doing in Hickory Hills.

Valarie Capozzelli would like to volunteer for the ZHB. She stated that because it is an appointed position it would not be a conflict with her job. Jerry asked if it would be a conflict because Greg is on the board as well.

Gayle Lukas wanted to know if the board has heard anything about the new business (the debarking company)? She said that she saw they are still filling positions. Jerry stated that local people have come to him that have applied and they have not yet been called back. John Petrick stated that they were not going to be fully operational until the electric was turned on 3/7.

Valarie Capozzelli asked if there are any status updates on the CALO project. Gayle Lukas stated that they ran into some financial problems but the project is still on, it will just be delayed.

Daniel Stokes stated that he has been waiting for a call back from someone regarding the culverts that were put on the property @ 16 Sandy Valley Rd. He is looking to purchase the property, but it might not be buildable. Dave Popiak was at the site with him to find the original site of the perc done years ago, but they were unable to locate it because of the property being so wet. Mike stated that he will have Chris meet him at the property tomorrow to see what the situation is. John Petrick asked if the board could enlighten him because it has been stated numerous times that the twp is "not in the sewer business" so why are we extending the sewer out 940? He would also like to know if the twp is taking money out of sewer fund now? Is the money coming from the grant money or is it money from the loan? Where is the twp getting the \$70k that is needed to match the grant? Jerry stated that he doesn't know if it is a matching grant or not and maybe we should wait for legal representation to go over the contract. He said that the twp could apply for another grant to cover the cost, if it's a matching grant, or it could be taken from the money we have coming back from the loan. Jerry stated that this project has been in the works for years and it was always considered phase two of the sewer project. Greg Capozzelli and Gayle Lukas confirmed that it was stated like that in the sewer books that they received when they were on the sewer board. He would like to know how we can justify the project would there is only going to be 8 property tapped on, if the debt goes higher how will the rates stay down? He also stated that in the newspaper it said there was going to be 16 tapped on but at previous meetings it was stated that there was only 8, so which one is it. Mike stated that he thinks its more than 8, but the project is still in the early stages so they will have to wait and see. Jerry stated that the rates were never going to stay down, they should be \$90 a month. He said this project isn't the reason the rates are going to go up. Jerry also stated that this extension will make the properties more appealing to businesses, which will bring employment to the area. The project is only going to go as far as the grant that we received will take us. John asked why the twp didn't use the money

to finish the sewer in Hickory Hills. Jerry stated that the money cannot be used for anything other than what it was applied for. John asked what the property owners will be responsible for? They will be responsible for the tap on fee and the lateral that runs from their house.

**ADJOURNMENT**

■ Motion to Adjourn

□ Motion to Continue

Motion By: □ Ms. Eckrote-Jones

□ Mr. Spock

■ Mr. Brogan

Second By: □ Ms. Eckrote-Jones

■ Mr. Spock

□ Mr. Brogan

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote-Jones

□ Yes

□ No

□ Abstain

Mr. Spock

■ Yes

□ No

□ Abstain

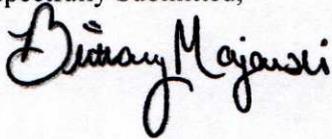
Mr. Brogan

■ Yes

□ No

□ Abstain

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Majewski  
Municipal Secretary