

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Spock	Mr. Brogan
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BUSINESS:

Award Material Bids – Bids were awarded to Team Supply, Hazleton Materials and Eckley Asphalt. Jerry made the motion to award the bids. Mike seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Parking Issues on N. Lehigh Gorge Rd – Mike stated that the twp was out and put up no parking signs. Vehicles are still being parked there. Attny Karpowich said that the zoning officer should start with the state police, to them to issue tickets. If that does not solve the problem then Keith should contact him.

King Lot Consolidation – Pat King is requesting a lot consolidation for the property his home is on and his vacant lot next to it. Jerry made the motion to approve the consolidation. Mike seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Street Paving - Mike stated that he had Chris get estimates for certain roads: Duda, Valley, Quarry, and Caplos. The estimate came to roughly \$53,700. He also stated that Pond Creek needs to be done but it will have to be bid out. He also stated that Conyngham Borough will be lending the twp their street sweeper and he is going to have the road crew do Pond Creek first and then AgMar.

Engineers Report – Tim stated that they are working on the easements for the project. The PennDot permit is still outstanding but as soon as it is approved the project could be put out for bid. Attny Karpowich suggested that they request another meeting with DEP and PennVest to get the rest of the money released. Jerry asked where the playground projects were at. Georgiann stated that the equipment was bought last year and Franzosa was storing it so they can get started this year. The weather last year did not allow them to start on them.

Sewer Report – none

Solicitors Report – Attny Karpowich presented the board with a resolution to raise the duplicate tax bill fee to \$15. Jerry made a motion to adopt **Resolution #3 of 2019**. Mike seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all. Attny Karpowich explained that Mr. Jones appealed the courts decision of a \$12K fine. He needs a motion to file the complaint. Jerry made the motion. Mike seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Zoning Report – Keith was present and went over all of his outstanding files. He has sent out multiple violation letters, some of which have been rectified and others are still. He issued 2 zoning and building permits and 1 stormwater permit. He has a hearing coming up for two structures that were placed without permits. One person who received a violation letter has decided to appeal Keith decision, therefore it will have to go before the UCC appeals board. He stated that Pat King mentioned to him tonight that he would like to file at the magistrate for the Biggan property on the highway. He is requesting all documents that the twp has on file for this property. Pat King was in attendance and stated that he is also working on an issue on Valley Dr and in Sandy Valley which emailed to Attny Karpowich.

CORRESPONDENCES:

none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike stated that he did not understand John Petrick’s question at the last meeting, but he now understands that he was asking for the price of the lateral work from the main line to the home. He stated that it would depend on how far the home is to the line, the prices will all be different.

John Petrick asked if the board knows what the outstanding balance is on the sewer loans currently. Georgiann stated that she believed it was near \$14million. He also asked what amount is outstanding in delinquent sewer bills. Approximately \$188k for both ends combined. John asked how the twp is going to pursue collection of those outstanding accounts. Georgiann stated that she is working with Attny Karpowich’s office with the accounts that are currently over \$2k or more. Also, the twp does water shut off’s in the areas that it is possible. Georgiann stated that she has been sending out reminders to accounts 3 months or more past due, and she has collected about \$5-6k in doing so. John stated that he was doing research online and found a possible solution for areas that do not have public water. He said that there is a balloon device that can be put into the clean out, or dig up the line and cap it. Once its ballooned or capped then they would have to leave the house. Attny Karpowich stated that the twp would have to adopt a law that allows it, and he would have to see if it is acceptable with DEP. John also stated that the first sewer project should be cleaned up before a new one is started. He also asked if the board could not touch the money that everyone worked so hard to get, for this project. He asked why the board would take out another loan when there is still a large amount outstanding from the first project. Jerry said that he never stated that the twp would take out another loan, we would use the grant money that was given to us and then stop.

A resident from Hickory Hills asked what can be done about the abandon houses on Hillary Dr. Keith stated that letters can be sent and if they do not appeal them, then he can file a civil complaint. HOA can send notices and place a fine on the property. One of the properties is in repository, so the question is who is responsible for maintaining it. Attny Karpowich stated that the law has been amended to read that the property on record regardless of whether it is in repository is responsible for it.

Larry Stepansky, president of the Freeland Fire Department and foster twp resident asked if the board received and read the letter that was given to them. Jerry said yes, he read it and he is sure Georgiann read hers. Jerry said that the board will not comment on it, because he feels that we should wait and see how the Fearnots respond. Larry stated that the original letter to the Fearnots was from November of 2017 and have yet to receive a response.

Greg Capozelli asked if the board made a decision on the ZHB vacancy. Jerry stated that he spoke with Attny Karpowich and there may be a conflict of interest for Valarie to be on the board and he suggested putting it in the newspaper. Greg asked why it would be a conflict, because he knows of other boards in the area that have husband and wife, including a board of supervisors. He doesn't see why it needs to be advertised when Valarie already volunteered and she will not take the pay. Jerry stated that it will be put in the Freeland Section asking for letters of interest.

A couple from River Dr expressed their concerns about the rental house next door to theirs. The renters shoot guns and fireworks. The house is rented to 13-20 people every weekend. The property owners do not regulate who is renting it and what they are doing on the property. Attny Karpowich explained that they should be calling the state police. They said they have called them multiple times and they were told to come to their twp supervisors.

Mr. Welshko asked for a copy of the quality of life ordinance, ordinance 5 of 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Continue

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

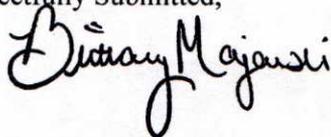
Second By: Ms. Eckrote-Jones
 Mr. Spock
 Mr. Brogan

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote-Jones
 Yes
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Mr. Spock
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Mr. Brogan
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Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Majewski
Municipal Secretary