

BUSINESS:

Repository Sales – 4 minimum bid sales for wooded lots in Hickory Hills. John made the motion to approve the sales. Gerogian seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Engineers Report – Mary Beth Peters stated that everything for the 940 extension is in the hands of PennDOT and we should hopefully hear back from them within 30 days. The possibility of getting the project out for bid in September is looking good. Jerry asked her if there have been any problems in the East End with the last few rain events. She stated that she did not see anything come through, but the person that reports them is on vacation, so she will check when he returns. Tom Barna explained that he will get together with Chris soon to go over what roads we would like to submit grants for. He said he is also working on the issue with the old route 940 and/or Veterans Rd, that was brought up at the last meeting. He hasn't found anything about the road being vacated by the twp so he is unsure at this time who is responsible for it. The supervisors agreed to stone the road for now and possibly take it over and get it on the liquid fuels list for maintenance. John asked Tom to look at the alley behind Shawn Dawson's house with him and Chris, they are thinking about digging a trench but would like his opinion.

Sewer Report – Jerry stated that him and Attny Karpowich will be attending the next meeting of FMA to discuss issues that they would like addressed. Atty Karpowich explained that all the documents for the sale of the sewer system have been sent to Pa American Water so they can start their due diligence period. He is hoping that by the September meeting it can be put out for bid.

Solicitor's Report - Attny Karpowich explained that there was an application made to Butler Twp for a 700 acre solar farm, which stretched across Prospect Rd and ended at the twp line. The applicants have since scaled the project down to 400 acres and it will not cross Prospect Rd now. He will keep the twp in the loop regarding decisions that are made in Butler Twp. At this time, he would like to address the food truck that has been operating in the twp. The resident sent Georgiann multiple questions for tonight's meeting to be addressed varying from: How much longer does he have to wait for a permit? Why did the zoning officer tell him he could operate on private property without a permit? Why didn't the other food truck that was in town years ago have to pay the \$250 like he did? Attny Karpowich stated that he spoke with Mr. Piccione and explained that if the food truck is going to operate on private property in a residential zoning district, he will need to have a zoning hearing for the use. Mr. Piccione asked if he could do it on the street instead, and Attny Karpowich said that would be something the supervisors would be able to approve and he would ask them. He asked if the supervisors would like to allow him to operate his food cart on Vine Street in the roadway. The supervisors stated that they do not feel comfortable having people purchase and wait for food in the street with the traffic. They would feel better if he was on his own property or in a different zoning district. John made the motion to deny Mr. Piccione's request to operate in the street and refer him to the zoning hearing board for approval to operate on his property. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all. Attny Karpowich suggested that the supervisors think about drawing up an ordinance to regulate food trucks in the twp, since their popularity is growing. Attny Karpowich reported that the bills which were outstanding from the oil spill near AgMar have been paid by Button Oil's insurance.

At this time a long discussion was held in regards to the delinquent accounts. John would like to know what can be done. Attny Karpowich stated that his office can send out collection letters if the board wanted him to. John stated that the SAB wanted to work with a collection agency but he doesn't feel the twp would get enough in return after they take their portion. Attny Karpowich stated that letters from his office will cost \$35 plus postage, and that can be directed back to the customer. John and Jerry agreed to have Attny Karpowich send collection letters to anyone over \$300 and give them 30 days to pay or they will be shut off. Georgiann raised the question as to whether or not we are allowed to shut off water yet with the pandemic going on? Attny Karpwoich explained that it does not stop the twp from collections but he believes after 8/31 the twp will be allowed to shut off water again. John made the motion. Jerry seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by John and Jerry. No by Georgiann, she stated that she would rather see the twp without the expense of something that can be done in the office.

Zoning Report – By Georgiann: Permits issued: 3 building, 2 stormwater, 2 demo. 1 occupancy. Twp checks were done and found violations. Rental property and burning complaints were received and are part of the violations found. The violations Pat King asked about at the last meeting were cleared up. 321 and 323 Fern St is currently still in the hands of the attorney. Dave S. cleaned up his property with a fine paid to the magistrate.

CORRESPONDENCE

Georgiann received a letter from Luzerne County regarding CARES funding that is available to Foster Township. She asked if Attny Karpowich knew anything about it and if we should submit for it even if our expense was minimal. Attny Karpowich explained that yes, the twp should apply for it because other municipalities are using it to update their

buildings for touchless and contactless and also to up their sanitizing/cleaning. He suggested that Georgiann touch base with Conyngham to see how they went about applying for it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Georgiann received emails from Merri Damico regarding the rental properties, specifically 20 Lakeside Rd. She has sent several emails to Keith, the supervisors and Attny Karpowich on several different occasions and to date nothing has been done and it is getting worse. She has requested copies of complaints and has not received any to date. She would like to know why the ordinances are not being enforced, and what happened to the 3-strike rule? She explained that everyone is afraid to complain because of possible retaliation. In July, there were several noise complaints submitted, also the number of cars at the property range from 14-16 at a time. She would like someone to take action against the rental properties as it will only escalate from here. Attny Karpowich suggested that the board meeting with the rental property owners explain the issues and explain that things need to change and explain the ordinances in detail. He asked that Keith call the owners and set up a meeting. Jerry stated that he thinks that's a good idea, as he has been getting multiple complaints about the Capo property in Freeland.

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