ORANGE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

2028 STATE ROUTE 487

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April 1, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Orange Township Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Calvin Fox. Attending were, Supervisor John Long, Secretary/Treasurer Erika Burkhart, Supervisor Gene "Dan" Fetterman, Police Chief Daniel Patel, Corporal Andy Rupp, Pat Brewster, Lori Miller, Eugene Perla, Mike Fulmer, Lou Ney, John and Jennifer Thackray, Garrett Bogert.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting was presented and approved.

Recognition of Guests: There was general discussion regarding the zoning ordinance change and the Recreational vehicle ordinance. It was explained the campers that were placed on the parcels in the summer of 2020 were allowed to remain as long as the RV permits were attained by the parcel owners. If the parcel owner wanted to expand and add any more campers, they would be required to apply for an expansion through the township. This expansion would require a public hearing. Every camper in the floodplain must comply with Ordinance 1-2021, the RV in identified floodplain ordinance. This Ordinance was explained. Lou Ney owner of Creekside Grove, formerly known as Norman's Grove, questioned the violation section of the ordinance and did not feel he as a property owner should be responsible for the violation if one of his lessors did not follow the ordinance. He also did not want the Township to be able to inspect at will, the RVs on his property. The Township will contact the solicitor for more information for Mr. Ney. Garrett Bogert expressed his concern for the solar panels planned by the Williams Company. He stated they plan on a large amount of solar panels. They would be placed very close to his property. He feels he would lose property value if this were to be approved. He feels it would be an eyesore, potentially environmentally harmful and only benefit the Williams Company. He expressed concern as the farmer that farms the fields that Williams owns would lose their lease and farmland. It was explained to Mr. Bogert this is something the township is aware of however, the Supervisors cannot comment or make decisions on this solar field. Williams has been notified before they proceed, they must apply for approval through the Township. This case will go in front of the zoning hearing board to make the decision. It was explained to Mr. Bogert he will be formally notified of the hearing and he will have an opportunity to present his case to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mt. Pleasant Sewer: Running ok. Hope to have a meeting with Erin Threet in April regarding the sewer study.

Woods Edge Sewer: Running ok. Roto Rooter has not finished their cleanup yet. They left the fence open wide enough for a child or animal to get into the plant. The Township crew cinched it up at tight as possible. They caved the old tank in and put a scoop of dirt in but never packed it in and one of the sewer guys fell into it. They left wood pieces, a large hole under the cement slab which caused the slab to crack, a hole in front of the tank that needs to be filled in, and plastic that blew into the tanks. Once they cleanup, a final inspection and walk through will be necessary.

General Fund 201106.65 State Fund 307240.09

Mt. Plsnt Sewer 49955.53(includes 13056.70 loan)

Woods Edge Sewer 25668.66

Bills: Supervisor Dan Fetterman made a motion to approve the paid bills. Calvin Fox seconded. Motion approved.

Police Report:

Zoning and SEO Report: Nothing to report.

Roadmaster: Calvin Fox reported the Township will apply for a grant to clean up a portion of Stoneybrook Creek. This portion is inundated with trees and debris. When the water comes up, it is more prone to flood the properties and the roads downstream. He would like to do some work on Kline road as the road is failing in spots. The crew plans on putting a cul-de-sac in at the end of Montague Hollow Road to make it easier for the Township to maintain the road.

Old Business:

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: A public hearing was held before the Township meeting and open for public comment. Calvin Fox read the ordinance amending the definition of campground or recreational vehicle park in the orange township zoning ordinance. John Long made a motion to approve said ordinance. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved. Ordinance will be numbered 2-2021.

CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: There have been no issues with the cable franchise, Atlantic Broadband, since the previous agreement. The company agreed to change the length of the agreement from 15 years to 10 years so as to manage it easier. John Long made a motion to approve the agreement. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved. The Supervisors were previously provided the agreement for review.

New Business:

KLINE ROAD REPAIRS: Cal Fox would like to look into emergency repairs to Kline Road this month.

For the Good of the Township:

Adjournment: With no further business left to discuss, Supervisor John Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Supervisor Dan Fetterman seconded, motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Erika Burkhart

Orange Township Secretary/Treasurer