

The regular monthly meeting of the Liberty Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Doug Sivers on May 5, 2022 at 7:02 p.m. Supervisors present: Doug Sivers, Dave Bailey, and Alton Wilber. Secretary/Treasurer and Alternate Secretary/Treasurer present: Linda Rockwell and Janette Tiffany. Public present: Lennie Kalechitz, Dennis & Rach Magargal, Lori Raub, Jim Lindsey, and Darin DeRose.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comments Dennis Magargal asked about alternate health insurance for the employees. Doug responded that he is currently gathering information. Dennis also mentioned that the parking lot dips into the road. Rach Magargal questioned if there was any place in Liberty Township for residents to go during the last snowstorm. Doug noted that the fire department opened up for warmth and charging. Lori noted it was after three days and Doug will talk with the fire department. Communication was down and there needs to be a way to notify residents if something happens. Lori suggested that the ARPA funds could be used to make the Grange Hall useful in emergencies. Lennie asked if the township has an emergency management plan and Doug responded that the township falls under the county plan. Dennis asked if there are any plans to remove the trees laying on wires. Dave responded that it is a liability issue and the township cannot touch trees on wires—it is the utility responsibility.

Minutes Dave made a motion to accept the April 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented. Doug seconded and Alton voted yes.

Road Report Dave reported the following April 2022 activities: patching potholes on Howard and Bailey; storm cleanup from the April snow; grade and roll Stone Crop, Hunsinger, Mt. Valley, Shadow Brook and Barbour; and strip the trucks down.

Treasurer's Report Linda noted that the \$10,000 in the Mt. Valley Road Ditch Project had been transferred to General Operating as approved at the April meeting. Lennie suggested that the township backup QuickBooks on line. Dave made a motion to approve the April 2022 Treasurer's Report, pay Bill List 05-2022, and pay the payroll for May. Doug seconded and Alton voted yes.

Scheduled Public Input None.

Old Business Linda noted that the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Funds Report had been submitted with the Standard Allowance elected.

New Business The Environmental Abatement bids ranged from \$5,000 to \$10,181.74 at the bid opening on April 11, 2022. Doug made a motion to award the bid to Datom Products, Dunmore, in the amount of \$5,000. Dave seconded and Alton voted yes.

Lori asked where the minutes were for the special meeting. Doug responded that it was an oversight and the minutes would be available at the May meeting.

The structure demolition bids ranged from \$13,500 to \$52,500. Dave made a motion to award the bid to Smart Recycling, Inc., Scranton, in the amount of \$13,500. Doug seconded and Alton

voted yes. The buildings will be demolished, refuse hauled away, and graded and planted to seed.

The supervisors discussed a possible spring cleanup in June. Dave made a motion to have the cleanup once the prices and dates are received from the tire contractor. Alton seconded and Doug voted yes. Linda will advertise in the Independent and Mulligan's once the information is received.

Meetings The Planning Commission is Monday, May 9, 2022 and the Township Meeting is Thursday, June 2, 2022.

Correspondence John Hotvedt submitted his Oath of Office and Susquehanna County Certificate of Election, certifying his election on November 2, 2021 as Minority Inspector of Elections for a four-year term.

Check Signing The supervisors signed the checks presented for payment.

Adjournment Doug made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Dave seconded and Alton voted yes.