

The regular monthly meeting of the Liberty Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Doug Sivers on May 4, 2023 at 7 p.m. Supervisors present: Doug Sivers and Dave Bailey. Secretary/Treasurer and Alternate Secretary/Treasurer present: Laura Pert and Linda Rockwell. Public present: Stephen Roe, Vicki Roe, Julee Shores, Mike Shores, Cheryl Campbell, Lori Raub, Robert Griffith, Clifford Reed, Dennis & Rach Magargal, Len & Stacey Kalechitz, Adam Rauch, Marsha L. Perkins, Emily Perkins, Megan Egitto, Daniel Egitto, Ron Conlon, and Bryan Pert.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

D&G Bid Opening Dave made a motion to open the bids at this point in the meeting. Doug seconded. The bids were as follows: Barhite Excavating--\$123,900; Ken Rauch Excavating--\$152,000; Estabrook Excavating--\$155,800; and Lancaster Development--\$324,247.26. Dave made a motion to award the bid to Barhite Excavating for the 2023 Dirt & Gravel Road Project. Doug seconded.

Public Comments Dennis Magargal reported that there is a tree hanging over the road and coming down on Mahoney Road. Mike Shores reported that after work on Hunsinger Road his mailbox is down lower He asked if there were plans to raise his mailbox and needs headers on sluice. Dave reported that rock was placed where the ditch was deep and wide. He also reported problems with dust control mainly stemming from a quarry and large trucks using the road. Dave stated that the quarry is more of a DEP and MSAJ issue. Also Penn State does water testing.

Scheduled Public Input Stacey Kalechitz stated she is judge of election and reported that the building was a Grange for many years after a church. The township supervisors, planning commission, and voting place, currently use the building. The Grange did much of the work for the voting place. She wants to see the building available for future generations. The proposed plans from the supervisors called for an office and another bathroom to be installed. She would like to see it used as an emergency warming station in the event of power outages.

Meg Egitto does not want to have her taxes go up and have the most efficient use of the building.

It was stated that the fire company had a generator during an eight-day power outage but it was only opened for three hours

Clifford Reed stated that water running down the road with the recent rains is hard on the foundation of the building.

Steve Roe asked why a second bathroom and why take the kitchen out? Doug stated that it was proposed as a way to prevent the pipes from freezing in the winter.

Dan Egitto stated that the building is being used only for two monthly meetings and two voting times.

Rach Magargal stated that as a volunteer for Red Cross work, the building could be useful.

Len Kalechitz that for the election some handicap and some light improvements were done. Right now, the building needs insulation, lighting, and more maintenance to be done. He is worried about the roof. A floor plan showed up and didn't reflect the sentiment of the community.

Question was asked on who makes the final decision on the plans. Doug responded that it would be the Board of Supervisors in an open meeting.

Bob Griffith likes the concept of a Grange and would hate to see it abandoned. He asked if historic restoration funds are available and wants the building to continue to be a source of pride for the community.

A question was asked if the plan needed an office space that big. Doug said it could also be used as a small meeting place.

Cheryl Campbell commented that funds spent wisely take time and the supervisors should go back and consider what everyone had said.

Lori Raub asked if the supervisors could see this building staying in use. Dave responded that a significant majority would not put a dime in this building. There is very little consensus of what should be done.

Clifford Reed and Lori Raub both commented that this building is solid. Lori stated that for roughly \$13,000, the crawlspace could be sealed and spray foam would keep the water from freezing.

Stacey commented that she would not like to see our residents have to go elsewhere to vote. Lori felt that the current meeting room should take priority over the other room in the building.

Marsha Perkins asked if an engineer had looked at the building, and Doug responded yes and that the building is sound.

Emily Perkins asked how the township building is heated and Dave responded with oil.

Minutes Dave made a motion to accept the April 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented. Doug seconded.

Road Report Dave reported the following April 2023 activities: pothole filling and scuffing roads, tearing trucks down from snowplowing, working on the Hunsinger Road project, and cleanup from the 4-inch rain the previous Thursday.

Treasurer's Report Dave made a motion to accept the April 2023 Treasurer's Report, pay Bill List 05-2023, and pay the payroll for May. Linda noted that the 2022 DCED Annual Audit is still not complete due to some issues with QuickBooks reporting; however, DCED will not fine the township for the lateness of the report.

Old Business Linda noted that all the Statement of Financial Interests have been submitted except for the planning commission as they were not in her mailbox as noted. They will be completed at the next meeting.

New Business Doug made a motion to accept Patti Peltz resignation. Dave seconded.

Doug introduced Laura Pert as the new Secretary/Treasurer effective May 1, 2023. Doug made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04: Bank Signature Changes for Peoples Security Bank & Trust, which removes Patti Peltz, adds Laura Pert, and keeps the current supervisors. Dave seconded.

Dave made a motion to have a white goods and tire cleanup day at the earliest convenience possible. Doug seconded.

Meetings The Planning Commission will meet Monday, May 8, 2023 and the Township Meeting is Thursday, June 1, 2023.

Correspondence None.

Check Signing The supervisors signed the checks presented for payment.

Adjournment Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Doug seconded.