

The regular monthly meeting of the Liberty Township Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Doug Sivers on June 1, 2023 at 7 p.m. Supervisors present: Doug Sivers, Dave Bailey and Alton Wilber. Secretary/Treasurer and Alternate Secretary/Treasurer present: Laura Pert and Linda Rockwell. Public present: Dennis & Rach Magargal, Cheryl Campbell, Stacey Kalechitz, Lennie Kalechitz, Lori Raub, Bill Bayne, and Megan Egitto.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comments: None

Scheduled Public Input: None

Minutes: Dave made the motion to accept the May 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented. Alton seconded and Doug voted yes.

Road Report: Dave reported the following May 2023 activities: finished the Hunsinger Road project, Graded, raked and rolled Mountain Valley, Smith Drive, Stone Crop, Holy Road, Barbour, Shadow Brook, English, Buck, Cabin and part of Upper Rhiney and Muckey Run. Sprayed Stone Crop, Hunsinger, Mountain Valley, Smith Drive, Barbour, Shadow Brook and English. They are in the process of filling the cinder shed.

Treasurer's Report: Dave made a motion to accept the May 2023 Treasurer's Report, pay Bill List 06-2023, and pay the payroll for June. Linda noted that the 2022 DCED Annual Audit is still not complete. She touched base with a QuickBooks expert but needed telephone communication, which was not hooked up until May 31. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Alton seconded and Doug said yes.

Old Business: Laura reports that the Statement of Financial Interests is overdue as of May 1st. We are still waiting on responses from Michelle Warner as well as Darrin DeRose. Doug advised Laura and Linda that all we can do is wait for them to come in at this point.

In regards to the Grange Hall Update, Doug thanked everyone for coming and discussing thoughts and opinions at the last meeting. At this point in time plans are in the works to upgrade the toilet and work towards being able to use it in winter. The supervisors are looking into foaming the basement and using electric heat tape with the foam. They believe it is best to downsize the office and omit the second toilet plans at this time. The major need they see is in the equipment building, which has a roof leak. They would like to see that fixed as well as that building cleaned up and insulated better to cut fuel/heating costs.

There could be a bidding process needed and Doug noted that the supervisors are trying to move ahead with the process. Jim, representative from the Foam-It Company, had previously told Doug that a heat line should be next to the water line.

The White Goods/Tire Cleanup will take place July 22, 2023. The tire prices will be the same as last year. Laura will check last year's advertisement and advertise this year's event in the Independent, Transcript, and Mulligan's.

New Business: Doug brings up the latest information/update in regards to Ambulance Coverage changing. Ryan Tator (911 Coordinator for the County) reached out in regards to the concerns the Minute Men have. It takes them longer than is safe to reach certain roads/streets in our township, specifically Baptist Hill Road. After discussing coverage changes with local ambulance services it was recommended/decided that the Hallstead/Great Bend Ambulance Association will cover the whole area served by the Hallstead Volunteer Fire Company. This will provide our residents faster response times in emergencies and be a more efficient use of all parties' time. It is now in the hands of the 911 Center and goes into effect today, June 1, 2023.

Meetings: The next Planning Commission Meeting is Monday, June 12, 2023 and the next Township Meeting is Thursday, July 6, 2023.

Correspondence: Laura received 2 correspondences this month. The first was read and was in regards to contributing funds to the New Milford Public Pool. Doug conferred with attendees and other supervisors and stated that we don't believe this is something our residents utilize and therefore are not inclined to donate/partake. Susquehanna County Conservation District sent a Certificate of Appreciation to Liberty Township for the dedication to environmental education.

Check Signing: The supervisors signed the checks presented for payment.

Adjournment: Alton asked what heating would be used in this building. Doug replied that the unit in the office uses a mini split heat pump system providing both heat and air conditioning. Bill Bayne noted that this type of unit is at the Conservation District Office and works nice.

Lori noted that there is an alternate secretary/treasurer and asked if the supervisors had hired one. Linda responded that is her title while training the new secretary/treasurer.

Adjournment Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Alton seconded and Doug voted yes.