

A special meeting of the Liberty Township Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Doug Sivers on August 17, 2023 at 7 p.m. Supervisors present: Dave Bailey, Alton Wilber, and Doug Sivers. Secretary/Treasurer present: Laura Pert. Public present: Dennis & Rach Magargal, Cheryl Campbell, Lennie Kalechitz, Stacey Kalechitz, Bill Bayne, Lori Raub, Stephen Roe, Vicki Roe, Bryan Pert and Clifford Reed.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Dave motioned adding a time for public comment now, Doug seconds and Alton said yes.

Public Comments: Dennis Magargal spoke on the matter of the Grange Hall bidding. He and Rachel reviewed the 2023 PA Department of Labor & Industry guidelines and had researched & called representatives in regards to bidding processes. Under those state guidelines, a project of this cost needs to have received at least three bids, and because we received one, we are unable to legally accept it. A letter from resident Lori Raub was then introduced and read by secretary Laura Pert. Steve Roe spoke about the fact that we would have to re-do and re-pay for insulation under the office area if we kept the same plans we have now. Many residents voiced concerns and opinions about piecing together the project, and brought up accessibility and financial concerns. Bryan Pert suggested that perhaps the secretary office doesn't need to be a priority, and that perhaps the position can work from home remotely. This would save the township heating and electricity costs as well as creating more room in the renovation budget for the public areas of the grange hall that would benefit more people. Dennis suggests creating a project manager and committee for the project made up of residents, and Vicki Roe agrees. Vicki voices that a big priority for the renovation should be flooring that is safe as well as staying within a budget. Alton voices that our solicitor says to throw the plans out all together and start over. The township supervisors spoke amongst themselves and Dave asks the public if they would be okay with the time delay in starting over, the group agrees it is fine.

Grange Hall Bids: Doug asks if anyone rejects the three office/grange hall Unique Custom Building bids, Alton rejects bids, Dave seconds, and Doug supports. Dave accepts the truck garage bid from Unique Custom Buildings, Doug seconds and Alton votes no.

Adjournment Doug made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Dave seconded.