

The regular monthly meeting of the Liberty Township Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Lori Raub on March 7th, 2024 at 7:01 pm. Supervisors Present: Alton Wilber, Lori Raub & Darin DeRose. Secretary/Treasurer present: Laura Pert. Public present: Dennis & Rach Magargal, Cheryl Campbell, Lennie Kalechitz, Stacey Kalechitz, Brian Ritter, Clifford Reed, Stephen Roe, Bill Bayne and Bob and Alice Roe.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Bid Opening: Supervisors opened envelopes and read bids aloud. Bids were awarded to Suit Kote, Vestal Asphalt, Lopke, L & D, Adam Wilber, Wilber Trucking, Zembrycki Trucking, Bradco and Mirabito. Copies of bid sheet details are available upon request to secretary Laura Pert.

Public Comments: Bill Bayne thanks everyone for their assistance/help on January 20th.

Minutes: Lori made the motion to accept the February Meeting Minutes with noted corrections, Alton seconds, Darin votes “yes”.

Road Report: Darin DeRose reports that they spent February plowing and cindering various roads. Patched holes, cleaned out pipes by hand, and replaced some pipe delineators. Many trees and limbs were cleaned up from various roads. Darin also notes that he has already begun working on/looking into getting a road program for next year.

Treasurer’s Report: Lori motions to accept the February 2024 Treasurer’s Report as presented and allow the treasurer to pay any bills, Alton seconds, Darin says “yes”.

Scheduled Public Input: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Lori announces that they hired a new employee on February 12th, he is a recent graduate of a CDL program and we are happy to have him. Lori motions to vote Darin DeRose as the roadmaster, Alton seconds and Darin accepts. Lori made a motion to create a part-time position, Darin seconded. The township and planning commission is currently looking into creating an ordinance for industrial solar development and the supervisors have also worked on a camping on public land ordinance. Lori and Darin explain that a local township has a boom mower and tractor that is a spare, early 1990’s model and are willing to sell it to our township. Darin explains that in past years we rented one for \$7,000 in the summer to mow, but that they are testing out this tractor and will purchase it if it works well for them. Darin gives an update on the new backhoe mentioned last meeting. It is a John Deere model and is coming in spring, we will pay it off over 5 years. Darin informs the public about the new “Landowner Permission Form” that is being created to allow the township to cut trees and widen roads in their right-of-way limits. This form will serve as a way to reach landowners about these efforts. Lori and Darin announce that they have met with the SCVFC in regards to their use of the garage. The township is out of space to store our trucks and equipment, and the fire company will begin being billed for their fuel once again. Lori explains the damage that occurred at Liberty Community Park and considers insurance and safety issues.

Meetings: The next regular Planning Commission Meeting is Monday, March 11th at 7pm. The next Monthly Township Meeting is Thursday, April 4th, 2024.

Correspondence: Laura received a letter from the Susquehanna County Conservation District in regards to providing a donation to support the Envirothon. Darin motioned to donate \$250 to this cause, Lori seconds.

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

Adjournment: Lori made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, Alton seconds, Darin says "yes".