

# DERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Regular Monthly Meeting, Monday, February 5, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., Township Municipal Building, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown.

Present: Chairman	Ronald E. Napikoski, Jr.
Vice-Chairman	Donald R. Warntz, II
Supervisor	John T. Sipe
Manager	Kelly J. Shutes
Roadmaster	Justin Allen
Park Manager	Josh Garver
Zoning Officer	Chris Dobson

R. Napikoski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Napikoski announced that the advertised bids for the annual road materials, pipe and fuel oil/gasoline were opened at 5:30 p.m. The Bids will be reviewed by the Township Manager and Roadmaster and awarded per their recommendation at the Feb. 19, 2024 meeting.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2024 Mid-Month Township Meeting. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

SOLICITOR: Not present

## VISITORS:

Elizabeth Fisher, representing REBOOT Combat Recovery, was in attendance to make the Township and its emergency responders aware of their services. REBOOT Combat Recovery is a course providing practical help for service members, veterans and families dealing with the moral and spiritual wounds from combat trauma. She stated that the course is held in Mifflintown and invited any first responders to take advantage of the course if they are interested. The course will begin on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

## ROAD REPORT:

The 2023 Bomag Asphalt Roller was delivered last week. The Sewer Authority has asked to utilize road department employees to assist with grinder pump repairs during off hours. Justin said that none of the road department employees were interested in being on call. They will be asked if they want to be added to a call list that would be strictly on a voluntary basis.

The Roadmaster stated that the new Solar Speed Limit signs have been delivered. They need to be programmed and installed. The Board suggested that one should be placed on Dry Valley Road and that the Roadmaster and Police Chief should coordinate the installation and locations.

## PARK MANAGER REPORT:

Josh Garver reported that the furnace in the Stone Arch Players building needs to be replaced. Three quotes were received, and the best price was from Peachey for \$4,200. Quotes

were also received from JJ Powell in the amount of \$4,800 and McClure Co. in the amount of \$7099. D. Warntz made a motion to accept the quote from Peachey in the amount of \$4,200. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0. The Stone Arch Players has offered to pay towards the furnace and will be asked to contribute \$1,000 towards the cost.

The mowing fees paid by the Sports Leagues were discussed, including those in Yeagertown and Kish Park. The Township Manager calculated how many hours each field takes to mow and used an average of both park employees' wages to produce an estimated cost of labor to mow each field each season. No fuel or equipment costs were included. The fees currently being charged fall well under the estimated labor costs. D. Warntz made a motion to charge an additional \$100 to each league per season, citing the increased costs for fuel, labor and equipment. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

The park manager got quotes to do a roofing restoration on the Orange Pavilion. Two quotes were received for the roof, Integrated Scaffolding Concepts for \$12,000 and Sunny View Roofing for \$8,400. The roofing restoration by Sunny View Roofing is supposed to give an additional 20 years to the life of the roof. The Supervisors asked him to budget restoration of other pavilions that need done on a yearly or bi-yearly basis. D. Warntz made a motion to approve the quote from Sunny View Roofing in the amount of \$8,400 to repair the roof on the Orange Pavilion. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

The Park Manager has been working to organize a Trout Tournament at the new Kish Park Pond in June. Blaise-Alexander would like to sponsor the Tournament. Josh said he has offers for help from other businesses and organizations. An account will be set up to track donations and put any funds raised into a Pond Maintenance fund. The Tournament will be limited to children 14 and under.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The Mifflin Co. School District has asked the Township Engineer to work with their engineer on the estimated amount of financial security to be required for the MCSD Athletic Fields Stormwater Agreement. After the Township Engineer gives his approval of the newly submitted amount, the School District will be advised of the change in amount required.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve release of the Performance Bond in the amount of \$155,000 bonding Sixth St., Highland Park for logging, timbering and demolition activities. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

D. Warntz made a motion to disburse the 2023 Fire Tax Collections and EMS Tax Collections as follows:

1. Chief Logan Fire Co. - \$201,912.59 (60%)
2. Yeagertown Fire Co. - \$134,608.39 (40%)
3. FAME EMS - \$87,133.44

J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to disburse the 2024 and 2025 Fire Tax Collection splitting the total amount giving Chief Logan Fire Co. 60% of the collected amount and giving Yeagertown Fire Department 40% of the collected amount. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to move the Fire/EMS Tax Collection Account and the Light Tax Collection Account to interest bearing funds. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

A PLGIT Term account in the amount of \$449,800.01 held by the Township will mature on February 15, 2024. J. Sipe made a motion to move the total amount to the PLGIT Prime account pending a favorable interest rate when the Term account matures. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the offers of the following Parcels as noted:

1. 16, 03-0120A-,000 – Old Park Rd. - \$25.00
2. 16, 43-0080--,000 – Old Stine Lane - \$25.00
3. 16, 17-0380--,000 – Eighth Ave. Ext. Burnham - \$1,001.00

D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve a request by the PHN Foundation to hold a Shamrock 'n Run 5K on Township streets on May 18, 2024 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to issue the Pumper/Hauler 2024 Licenses:

1. Brannon & Royer Septic
2. Buck Run Farms
3. Brannon's Porta Pot Rentals, LLC
4. Sherwood Septic Pumping, LLC

J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Park Use Application for the Geisinger Walk in the Park for Arthritis on May 4, 2024 pending receipt of the necessary fees and insurance documents. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Discussion was held on how Holiday pay is paid to Township employees. Currently overtime is only paid on actual hours worked over eight hours a day or 40 hours a week. The employees have requested to be paid overtime for hours worked even if part of the eight/forty-hour rule includes the hours paid as holiday, personal or vacation time. The Township Manager will get the proper terminology to update the personnel policy.

The Township Engineer submitted his status report dated February 1, 2024. The report states that the lower wall installed by ProLawn at the Kish Park Pond is not level and lower than the other side. This may result in the pond overflowing the wall and causing erosion. We are awaiting a solution to this problem.

The Engineer would like to schedule a meeting with the Supervisors to discuss the Nolan Drive Bridge Rehabilitation project. He reported that since the bridge has deteriorated further over the last several years, it may need to be replaced. The Supervisors would also like to meet with him regarding the plans for the restoration of Hummingbird Lane and a firm cost estimate.

Auditors from Boyer & Ritter would like to attend the March 18 meeting to review the annual audit.

There being no further business, J. Sipe made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

DERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
Kelly J. Shutes,  
Township Manager