

POTTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2021
124 Short Road, Spring Mills, Pennsylvania

ATTENDED BY:

BOARD: Dick Decker, Chair
Jacob Tanis, III, Vice-Chair
Karl Eysenbach
Dennis Foust
Melvin Dutrow

STAFF: Lisa Kroner, Township Secretary/Treasurer
David Boliek, Road Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Decker called to order the August 2, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Potter Township Board of Supervisors at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment offered.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Foust made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Eysenbach. **All motions for Consent Agenda items were carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission
 - Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2021, were distributed.
- B. Parks & Recreation
 - No report
- C. Penns Valley EMS
 - No report.

STAFF REPORTS:

Public Works Superintendent –

- Country Club Park water plant operating normally.
- Tree trimming continues in preparation of paving and tar/chip.
- Road shoulder grading, culvert repairs on Bubb Road and Red Mill Road

The Centre County Conservation District approved a Dirt Gravel and Low-Volume Road grant for Boal Gap Road in the amount of \$58,000.00. The funds are to be used towards the proposed drainage improvements (crosspipes, French mattress, super-elevations). A motion to proceed was offered by Mr. Foust. Motion seconded by Mr. Dutrow. **Vote in favor was unanimous. 5-0.**

McCormick Taylor Traffic Engineer, Rob Watts did a site visit on Short Road and Red Mill Road. He recommended prohibiting the use of Short Road and Red Mill Road by trucks over 30 feet in length except local deliveries. Mr. Dutrow offered a motion to request a draft ordinance be provided by Solicitor Rayman prohibiting the use of Short Road and Red Mill Road by trucks over 30 feet in length except local deliveries., providing for the erection of signs and establishing penalties for violations. Motion seconded by Mr. Tanis. **Vote in favor was unanimous. 5-0.**

Secretary / Treasurer –

- National Night Out is August 3rd from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Five employees and three spouses have volunteered to help with activities at the event, as well as Parks and Recreation Board and spouses.
- A resident requested the Board of Supervisors consideration reinstating the riff-raff services for this fall and consider a possible nominal charge to participants to help defray the cost of disposal. The lack of this service may lead to more illegal dumping.

OLD BUSINESS

Bid Opening for 2021 Paving Project Contract

Two sealed bids were received and opened at 2:00 pm on August 2, 2021. Glenn O. Hawbaker has submitted the low bid for the 2021 paving project. The paving bids were reviewed for acceptable bid bond and compliance with the requirements of the proposal. Bids were as follows: HRI, Inc. \$231,359.00; and Glenn O. Hawbaker \$227,231.00. Mr. Dutrow made a motion to accept the bid for the paving projects submitted by Glenn O. Hawbaker in the amount of \$227,231.00. Mr. Eysenbach seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously. Vote in favor was unanimous. 5-0.

Centre County Suicide Prevention Task Force has asked for continued support in the effort to raise awareness, eliminate stigma and promote mental wellness. September marks suicide prevention month. Mr. Tanis offered a motion to adopt Resolution R-2021-09 designating September as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month. Motion seconded by Mr. Foust. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION R-2021-09

A RESOLUTION OF POTTER TOWNSHIP, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2021 AS POTTER TOWNSHIP SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH AND DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 AS POTTER TOWNSHIP SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION DAY.

WHEREAS, suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the state of Pennsylvania, one person dies by suicide every four hours, making it the second leading cause of death for ages 10-34 and the 4th leading cause of death for ages 35-54; and

WHEREAS, nearly five million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, each member of our community is valuable and irreplaceable; and

WHEREAS, talking openly about stress and psychological health builds trust, reduces barriers to care, and enables early intervention; and

WHEREAS, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Potter Township Board of Supervisors hereby designates the month of September 2021 as “Potter Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month” and September 10, 2021 as “Potter Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day.”

Anne Messner, from Centre County Planning & Development Office, inquired on the decision of which bridge in Potter Township the Board of Supervisors selected for the Federal Bridge Funds as part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Engineer, Don Franson, recommended replacing the bridge on Lower Georges Valley Road. Mr. Foust offered a motion to proceed with seeking funding through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Federal Bridge Funds for the bridge on Lower Georges Valley Road. Mr. Tanis seconded the motion. **Vote in favor was unanimous. 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

The Treasurer requested a transfer of funds in the amount of \$105,000.00, from the Potters Mills Sewer Project Fund back to the General Fund to reimburse the temporary loan used to cover engineering and construction expenses until funds were received from Pennvest. Mr. Dutrow made a motion to transfer \$105,000.00 from the Potters Mills Sewer Fund back to the General Fund as partial reimbursement for the temporary loan to cover the construction and engineering expenses. Motion seconded by Mr. Foust. **Vote in favor was unanimous. 5-0.** *The remaining balance on the temporary loan is \$30,000.00.*

Mr. Foust presented quotes to replace the windows and purchase an air conditioner for the employee break room. Mr. Tanis offered a motion to approve the purchase of windows and air conditioner in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Eysenbach. **Vote in favor was unanimous. 5-0.**

The annual DC8 charity baseball tournament will be held on August 14 & 15, 2021. This tournament raises financial support for the DC8 Fund started in honor and memory of Dylan Crunick. The organizers are requesting the field reservation fees be waived for this event. Mr. Dutrow offered a motion to approve a waiver of the field reservation fees. Motion seconded by Mr. Decker. **Vote in favor was unanimous. 5-0.**

PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is submitting a state-wide application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Broadband Infrastructure Program. The grant is for expanding services to unserved high-speed internet areas. Comcast plans to submit a request to extend service to 151 homes in the Tusseyville area of Potter Township and is requesting a letter of support for the project from the Township. Mr. Foust offered a motion to provide a letter of support to be included with the state-wide application to the NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Program. Motion seconded by Mr. Eysenbach. **Vote in favor was unanimous. 5-0.**

BOARD / STAFF OTHER MATTERS (Informational – Review and/or Action, as Needed)
Centre Hall-Potter Sewer Authority – June 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Tanis made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Foust. **Vote in favor was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kroner

Lisa A. Kroner, Township Secretary
Potter Township Board of Supervisors