

March 4, 2019

A scheduled meeting of Milford Township Supervisors was called to order at 7 P.M. by Chairman Gary Clark, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. Also present were Vice-Chairman Penney Luhrs, Supervisor Gary M. Williams, Zoning Officer Shawn Bolles, Solicitor Anthony Magnotta, Secretary/Treasurer Viola K. Canouse, and Assistant Secretary Shahana Shamim.

A motion was made by Gary M. Williams, seconded by Gary Clark, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

receipts since last meeting: Zoning Permits \$100.00, January Building Permits \$128.26, BRC 2018 fee share \$11,494.94, Cleveland Bros. \$1713.77, Budget update – Receipts 4% and Expenses 17% as of February 28th, Penn DOT \$2,840.00. The Treasurer informed that she had sent out the tax notices prior week.

Report from Roadmaster:

Mr. Gary M. Williams reported that all the trucks were up and running despite back to back storms.

Correspondence:

Notices of various meetings and training events, Pike Co. Planning and Conservation District reports, information and invitations, Earth disturbance inspection report, Census information about jobs, PSATS, NPS & Pocono Mts. Visitor Bureau, and Newsletters

Zoning:

Shawn Bolles informed that two permits for 12' X 30' accessory structures, an alteration, and a renewal for well permit were issued. He also informed the Board that a conditional use hearing was needed for GAIT for its new structure and asked how much the fee for this hearing would be. Gary Clark said that GAIT was a non-profit organization. Gary Williams made a motion to waive the fees for the conditional use hearing for GAIT, Gary Clark seconded, and it was passed unanimously. The Supervisors said that GAIT would have to pay for their advertisement.

Building:

Shawn informed that three new generators were installed.

Public Comments:

Phyllis Simpson inquired if the Township had an exclusive agreement with Blue Ridge Cable (BRC) for the reimburse of money. The Solicitor explained that the Township has a non-exclusive franchise agreement with this company. He added that BRC has this agreement with other Townships and Boroughs for charging fees to the residents, and this money comes back to each of the Townships and Boroughs. Gary Clark informed that the Board had wanted BRC to return the money back to the

residents, but the company refused to do that. Gary Williams said that Milford Township keeps this money in its general fund.

Old Business:

- a. Hiring the Community Planner: Gary Clark made a motion to directly (not through a third party) hire Nanci Sarcinello for performing the build-out analysis, Gary Williams seconded, and it was passed unanimously. Rachel Hendricks inquired why they voted to hire Nanci, as she had already started the analysis. The Supervisors explained that it would be cheaper to hire her directly, instead of hiring her as a subcontractor of the Community Planner Carson Helfrich. Ms. Hendricks further inquired if there was a contract with Ms. Sarcinello for the build-out analysis. The Supervisors replied that there was none.
- b. Resignations of Planning Board Members: The Solicitor announced that Mr. Steven Davis, a Member of the Planning Board, and Mr. Steven Owens, the Alternate Member of the Planning Board wanted to resign from the Planning Board. Gary Clark made a motion to accept these two resignations with a deep regret, Gary Williams seconded, and it was passed unanimously. The Solicitor also informed that Mr. Anthony Waldron, the Attorney for Mr. Kevin Stroyan and Mr. Ray Willis, was out of town that evening. Gary Clark made a motion to schedule the hearing for the removal of these two Planning Board Members on March 18, 2019 at 6 P.M., Penney Luhrs seconded, and it was passed unanimously. Phyllis Simpson inquired how many Members were still left in the Planning Board. The Supervisors replied that Ms. Viola Canouse, Ms. Penney Luhrs, Mr. Kevin Stroyan, and Mr. Ray Willis still remained in the Board, but Mr. Stroyan and Mr. Willis might be removed from the Board in the next Supervisors' meeting.

New Business:

- c. Black Walnut Inn: Shawn Bolles informed that Mr. and Mrs. Moody were interested in buying this property and establish it as Bed and Breakfast. He added that this family was going to follow the previously approved guidelines for Black Walnut Inn. Mr. Moody asked the Supervisors if the use could be continued, as this Inn was in a non-conforming zone. Gary Clark said that that should not be a problem, as long as the granted conditional use is followed. Phyllis Simpson inquired if the Moody family was buying the stable also. Mr. Moody replied that the seller was keeping the stable for himself. Gary Clark made a motion to allow the Moody family to use the Inn by following the conditional use, which was granted a few years ago. Penney Luhrs seconded to this motion, and it was passed unanimously. Gary Clark advised the Moody family to see Shawn in case they wanted to change the conditional use.
- d. Regionalization of Airport Park: Mr. Joseph Sain, the Council President of Matamoras Borough, said that he had been in charge of this park for about five years. He presented how this regionalization would be mutually beneficial to the residents. He continued that this regionalization was included in the joint comprehensive plan between Matamoras Borough and Westfall Township, and hence this regionalization might be beneficial for this Township as well. He informed that the DCNR had issued some funds for the park contingent upon this regionalization. Mr. Sain continued that this regionalization would help to earn points to

qualify to receive the grant, and that way hiring a person for managing the park might be possible.

Mr. Sain continued that the airport park was established about 50 years ago with volunteers and without any budget. Mr. Sain added that this regionalization would prompt the sharing of ideas between the municipality leaders, and he added that their plan was to form a board of 5-7 members. He said that the park had been being used for sports, concession stands etc., and maintenance was needed. He informed that they had been creating jobs, as they had increased the number of employees from one to twelve in the past few years. Gary Clark inquired if better grants could be achieved from this regionalization. Mr. Sain replied 'yes'. Larry inquired if any other Townships had joined in this regionalization. Mr. Sain replied that he had presented this idea to Westfall Township before presenting here. Gary Williams inquired if Mr. Sain's \$100,000 budget included the liability insurance. Mr. Sain replied 'yes'. Gary Clark said that he realized that that matter was at a very preliminary stage, and he welcomed future discussions about it.

Public Comments:

Rachel Hendricks inquired if Milford Township would advertise for the vacant positions in the Planning Board. Gary Clark made a motion to advertise for two vacancies in the Planning Board, one Member and one Alternate Member. Phyllis Simpson inquired if she would have to resign from the Zoning Hearing Board to apply for these positions. The Supervisors replied 'yes'.

There were no other businesses or executive sessions needed, so a motion was made by Gary Clark to pay the bills and adjourn. Gary M. Williams seconded to it, and it was passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 7:48 P.M.