

MINUTES
December 20, 2021
Hybrid Workshop of the Board of Supervisors (Zoom ID was advertised in advance in the
Pike County Dispatch)
560 Route 6 & 209
6:30 p.m.

Ms. Hendricks said that Mr. Stroyan had spoken about the untaxed fuel in the public participation # 2 at the previous meeting. She added that the suggested minutes stated “home fueling station”, but the correct term would be “home heating fuel”. The Solicitor added that PSATS hadn’t dealt with that yet. Rachel added that people could get taxed twice because they buy fuel in New Jersey, paying the gas tax there, and they also would pay the mileage tax here.

Penney said that the 2022 budget was ready to be voted, and the Solicitor confirmed that official action was taken on this draft budget. Gary said that the yearly donation of \$19,000 and \$7,500 to the fire department and the ambulance respectively needed to be voted, the Solicitor added that that could be done under the budget. Gary said that Nicole from PCLP had sent an email asking to call her, as she had some more questions, and he would call her the next day. Rachel added that certified letters won’t need to be sent, as PCLP was communicating already. Gary added that he had spoken to Nicole Herman right after the previous meeting, and she had apologized and told him that they were shorthanded, and the Manager would retire at the end of January.

Rachel said that Bill Pitman had suggested switching to Eastern Garbage & Recycling, as some residents were having problems with the garbage collection with County Waste, and Eastern Garbage & Recycling would be cheaper. She added that Shahana had found out that Eastern Garbage & Recycling would be cheaper by \$5.00. Gary said that County Waste had been very good with this Township, Eastern Garbage & Recycling goes by another name, which is Empire Garbage & Recycling. Ms. Luhrs suggested negotiating with County Waste.

Phyllis Simpson inquired who was giving the Moderna booster shot, as she was not able use her regular doctors. Mr. Williams said that the Geisinger premium is zero cost, they provide \$25/month for using over the counter, and these advantages can be used by Medicare patients.

The Solicitor said that Mr. Fuller’s letter for extension was written on December 9th, the conditional use hearing before the Planning Board was scheduled for January 13th, and the Supervisors meeting would be on the following Monday. He continued that the Hearing before the Board of Supervisors would have to be scheduled for one of the February meetings, and if it is beyond February 8th, then another extension would be needed, as the additional days were requested from December 9th. That would need to be visited at the time of the Planning Board Hearing. Mr. Williams added that they had put “no right turn” signs at the Econo-Pak property. He continued that all of their bill of ladings had added “no right turn” requests. He added that the rear gate would be used for emergency purposes only, and the Planning Board Solicitor had listed it as one of the conditions. The Solicitor added that they have to straighten out the property ownership, and they hadn’t purchased the property yet. Rachel added that the purchase is conditioned upon the approval. She further added that the Planning Board had discussed using the back road for employees and for the construction purpose, and Members had strongly opposed.

Act 537: Rachel said that Mr. Frank Tarquinio had sent an email about HRG’s meeting, none of the Supervisors were able to make it, and she had asked Mr. Stroyan and Mr. DiLorenzo

if either of them could attend that meeting. She continued that Mr. DiLorenzo had attended that meeting, and that's why he had sent a report of that meeting. Mr. DiLorenzo had told the group at the meeting that he was not there to act on behalf of the Township, and that he would just listen.

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7:00 p.m.**

A scheduled meeting of Milford Township Supervisors was called to order at 7 P.M. by Chairperson Penney Luhrs. Also present were Rachel Hendricks (Vice Chairperson), Supervisor Gary M. Williams, Solicitor Anthony Magnotta, and Secretary/Treasurer Shahana Shamim.

Ms. Hendricks made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the correction that was discussed during the workshop, Mr. Williams seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Shahana reported that since the last meeting she had received \$575 from Sewage, 87.64 from County of Pike Probation Office, and \$99.50 from Code Inspections. She also reported the financial institution account balances as \$178,291.82, \$77,854.88, \$17,473.67, \$10,911.25, \$8,386.93, and \$70,269.63 in Wayne Bank (Investment), Wayne Bank (General), Wayne Bank (Payroll), NBT Bank, PLGIT (General), and PLGIT (Liquid Fuels) accounts respectively.

Roadmaster:

Mr. Gary M. Williams, the Roadmaster, reported that the road crews had been brush cutting, and he had to buy a new chainsaw. All the trucks were running well, luckily the weather had been quite well also, and there was ice in only one of the mornings. Some private companies and Townships had started paying very high salaries to their CDL drivers. He made a motion to increase the salaries for non-CDL drivers to \$18.50/hour, CDL drivers to \$21/hour, to raise Harvey McKean's salary by 3%, and he added that those increases would be effective from January 1st. Ms. Luhrs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Zoning:

Mr. Williams said that there were two Storage containers in Bill Rosado's property, and there was an oversized free standing sign at Sawkill's property on Route 6. He added that the size of this sign is 4' X 4', the limit is 3' X 3', and he had asked the Zoning officer to look into these matters.

Public Participation #1:

Phyllis Simpson said that there was a sign at Chippy Cole Road, and Gary said that it belonged to PennDOT. He added that PennDOT had moved out of the Milford location, and it was building on Route 739 with \$24 Million. Mr. Fred Weber asked the Solicitor if the HRG meeting, which was held with four Municipalities, should have been advertised. The Solicitor replied that it was an HRG meeting, not a Municipality meeting, and Penney added that no

quorums were present at that meeting. The Solicitor added that HRG could have handled it in a better way. Rachel added that Frank Tarquinio had stated in his letter that they were not going to allow the public participation, as there could be a potential for litigation, and Mr. DiLorenzo also had said that they had a hard time letting him in to the meeting when he had arrived. She further added that the response time for DEP was mentioned in the letter from HRG, taking DEP to court may not be the best option, and nobody would want to bear that expense either and the group decided against it.

Secretary's Report:

Shahana presented various correspondences received, including from Rachel Hendricks, Solicitor, A+ Onsite Computer Repair, GAIT, PennDOT, Econo-Pak, Pike County Office of Community Planning, Robert DiLorenzo, Pike County Humane Society, Certificate of Liability Insurance, Milford Water Authority, PSATS, COSTARS Connection, Kiley Associates, and Vito DiBiasi. Rachel asked the Secretary to put the Hazard Mitigation Meeting in the agenda for the next meeting.

Old Business:

- a. Budget 2022 Adoption:** Ms. Hendricks said that this budget was advertised, and she made a motion to adopt it. Mr. Williams seconded, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to send the yearly donations of \$19,000 and \$7,500 to Milford Fire Department and Ambulance respectively, Ms. Luhrs seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- b. Econo-Pak Extension Request – John D. Fuller's Correspondence:** Ms. Luhrs made a motion to accept this request, Mr. Williams seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- c. Act 537:** Penney said that it was a 'wait and see' situation. She continued that five wells in this Township and 30 wells in Westfall Township would have to be tested. It would cost \$110 to test each well, and the well of Wheatfield Plaza was already being tested. Mr. Williams added that that area had only one well, it covered the housing and the plaza, and it was PUC regulated. Rachel added that HRG had sent a list of 10 wells, and Penney added that DEP wants only 50% of the wells to be tested. The Solicitor added that DEP probably had picked those wells for testing. Rachel suggested asking Mark Spatz how those wells were picked for testing as some of the listed wells were not along the path of the line.

The Solicitor said that a stronger Intermunicipal Agreement would be required. Rachel added that this agreement was in the TAR, it was about who would be responsible for various aspects of the system, and DEP had addressed that in its letter. The Solicitor added that the Solicitor of Westfall Township had drafted the original Intermunicipal Agreement, that Solicitor could probably take a crack, and this Township could just review it. He added that that way everybody won't have to spend money on it. He further added that the comment letter of DEP had stated that they were not satisfied with the designation of "No Action Alternative". Penney added that it could be designated as "no action education". The Solicitor added that the draft Plan had stated that if anybody wanted to hookup voluntarily, then they could do so, and that's not "no action". Thus, a voluntary hookup ordinance would be required. Fred Weber added that there would be extra gallonages in the system for these voluntary hookups, and that was not accounted for in the Plan. Penney added that the people who would voluntarily hookup to the

system would be financially responsible. Mr. Weber added that HRG did not account for anybody of this Township to hookup, and a lot of hookups along the three-lane could certainly happen.

The Solicitor said that the Plan did not account for the charge of Milford Water Authority either. He continued that the Township is supposed to be charged based on the reservation of the capacity, and it's supposed to be \$10/EDU. Penney added that this fee should not be required for the case of "No Action Alternative". The Solicitor said that the letter from DEP had stated that this Township is a part of the Plan, hence it cannot be defined as a "No Action Alternative", and the fact that people can hookup implies that this Township is a part of the Plan. Rachel added that this Township was not forcing mandatory hookups, that implied that there would be no return on investments, and that's why they had the Economic Development Authority apply for the federal grant. Mr. Weber added that HRG hadn't scheduled any discussions with DEP so that they could get it right the second time. Penney added that she hadn't heard about any such discussion meetings. The Solicitor added that it's a 'wait and see' situation until the necessary changes are generated.

New Business:

- a. **Meeting room request – Pike County Humane Society (PCHS):** Mr. Williams said that this organization has a new Board of Directors, and Ms. Kathy Moran had asked to use the meeting room for their January 11, March 15, May 17, July 19, September 20, and November 15 of 2022 meetings. He added that a certificate of liability insurance of a Million dollars would be required for all these meetings. Phyllis Simpson said that PCHS usually has a lot of participants in their meeting, they were renting the Catholic Church for their meetings, and it was quite expensive. Ms. Hendricks asked when the primary election day is, as it might be on one of the May meeting day. Supervisors asked the Secretary to ask Kathy Moran how many participants there would be for these meetings, as the Township meeting room may not be large enough to accommodate a lot of participants. Mr. Williams made a motion to put this item on the next meeting's agenda, Ms. Luhrs seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- b. **Letters of thanks to the Township's volunteers:** Ms. Hendricks made a motion to send letters of thanks to the Members who serve on the Planning Board and the Zoning Hearing Board, Mr. Williams seconded, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Hendricks added that this Township won't be able to function without their voluntary work.
- c. **Certified letter to PCLP regarding LED street light bulbs:** Mr. Williams said that Nicole Herman from PCLP had sent an email asking him to call her, as she had some questions. Ms. Hendricks said that the certified letter didn't have to be sent, as they were communicating already. She made a motion to table this item in the next meeting, Mr. Williams seconded, and it passed unanimously.

- d. **Garbage Collection Provider – switching to Eastern Garbage & Recycling:**
Penney said that Eastern Garbage & Recycling would be cheaper by five dollars than County Waste, but she would prefer not switching from the latter. She asked the Secretary to call County Waste and negotiate to lower the bill.

Public Participation #2:

None

There was no other business or executive session needed. Ms. Luhrs made a motion to pay the bills and adjourn, Mr. Williams seconded, and it passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 7:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shahana Shamim

Secretary/Treasurer