

Conewango Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting February 12, 2024

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Conewango Township, Warren County, was held, Monday, February 12, 2024, at the Township building, 4 Fireman Street Warren, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. with Jeff Zariczny, Vince Duckett, and David Gee.

The pledge to the flag was recited.

MINUTES

On a Gee/Duckett motion, the Board of Supervisors dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the January 22, 2024 regular meeting approved as presented. Vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was read at the meeting.

OUTSTANDING BILLS

General Fund	\$ 24,188.14
Street Light Fund	\$ 1,795.50
PTSG Fund	\$ 3,425.96
Total	\$ 29,409.60

On a Duckett/Gee motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the bills, vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORT

There was no treasurer's report.

RECOGNITION OF VISITOR

Todd Steele and Dave Basnak, Emergycare; to review and answer questions about the Emergycare draft contract.

Jim Zavinski, Township EMC, to inform the Board that the countywide hazard mitigation plan will be renewing this year. The Board asked if he thought a built-in building generator was necessary, and Jim stated in his opinion, that he did not feel it was necessary. He explained that the Township facility would not work for a disaster relief area and that more than likely it would be the Warren State Hospital due to the "all care" options and being set up with all ADA amenities. He is going to be helping develop the standard operating procedure for the fire departments regarding the electric vehicles.

Barb McCullough representing the Starbrick Fire Department.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT / ORDINANCE REVIEW

Ms. Stapleford reviewed the statuses of the properties located at 2480 Keller Rd – SFTF and 3296 Jackson Run Rd.-D. Bryan estate/nuisance.

Jennifer gave Ms. Stapleford the Higher Information Group check.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Peters was present and gave report.

Chief Peters stated that he and Supervisor Duckett had not been out to review the nuisance properties.

Caprice needed sensors for coolant system and was sent to Jones Chevrolet.

Following discussion regarding the F150 and the bid packet, Chief Peters requested the bid bond portion be waived as requested by Midtown Motor due to the cost of the insurance for the bond. Chief Peters relayed that Midtown does not have it in stock, and would need to order it and will be three (3) months before it came in. On a Gee / Duckett motion, it was agreed to let the bidding process run through versus readvertising. Carried.

Officer Andersen relayed to the Board that the USDA Rural Facilities grant just opened back up and that the police department would like to apply for a grant for a new police vehicle in 2025. He explained that the grant will cover up to 50% of the cost of the vehicle and that is based on the census for the Township.

On a Duckett / Gee motion, Resolution 2024-4 USDA Rural Facilities grant (to apply and participate) was approved. Carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT

Road Foreman Joe Papalia was present and gave report.

Joe updated the Board on the NW ballfield bridge project, stating that Carter Lumber donated half the cost of the lumber and it will be \$2,500.00 for the other half. He explained that Pete Snyder was instrumental in securing the donation. The WCSD is holding their school board meeting tonight and that the ballfield bridge is on their agenda. A gate with a lock for the ballfield bridge, a recognition plate, and cameras were also discussed.

Daryl Huber emailed Joe regarding questions about the stormwater for the Train Station paving project. Defer stormwater application questions to Jennifer.

OLD BUSINESS

Quotes are needed for roll off dumpsters for the spring clean up days.

NEW BUSINESS

On a Duckett / Gee motion, the excess mt agreement for Creamery Road – R. Dunham was approved. Carried.

On a Duckett / Gee motion, the Jessica Salapek 5K was approved to be held in North Warren. Carried.

The Board reviewed and approved the renewal for the commercial / workers comp insurance policies with Rossbacher Insurance at an annual cost of \$82,384.00.

OTHER ITEMS

Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024, township meeting might need to be cancelled.

The property at 1476 Market St. is vacant and needs cleaned up.

Ekey is burning commercial waste.

Jennifer reported that she received an update from PennDot regarding the jug handle real estate. The disposal of the jug handle will be dependent on whether it was originally purchased at fee or done as an easement.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 P.M. on a Gee /Duckett motion, vote was unanimous.

Jennifer Fox, Secretary-Treasurer