

Manor Township Supervisors Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Vice - Chairman Allan Herr called the meeting to order in the Manor Township Municipal Building located at 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Vice - Chairman Herr led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Board of Supervisors was introduced.

Members Present: Allan Herr, Missy Phelan, John Wenzel, and George Mann

Members Absent: Brandon Clark

Staff Present: Ryan Strohecker, Mark Harris, Peg Hess, Chief Colin Cleary

Visitors Present: See attached Sign-In Sheet

Public Comment – There was none.

Consent Agenda – Vice - Chairman Herr entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda as provided. Township Manager Strohecker made a correction to the March Meeting Minutes. The word “national” should be corrected to say “natural.” So corrected. George Mann so motioned, John Wenzel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business –

- a. Solar and Wind Turbine Ordinance Update – There is no update per Township Manager Strohecker. It is forthcoming.

New Business -

Recognition of Service on the Blue Rock Fire District Board- Jay C. Breneman. A plaque was awarded to Jay Breneman for being instrumental in developing the Blue Rock Fire and Rescue and his 12+ years of service.

Blue Rock Fire District Update – Blue Rock Fire Commissioner Duane Hagelgans thanked the Township for being so cooperative to work with. The new rescue unit is due in May but will still need to be outfitted with equipment. The fire department has only ordered two new vehicles since 2012. Commissioner Hagelgans has never increased the budget and is keeping with a 25-year plan for purchasing apparatus. There are buildings that will need to be replaced in the future due to age. Volunteerism is down but Blue Rock has a suitable number of volunteers. Basic training requires approximately 200 hours of commitment. Commissioner Hagelgans has just applied for a FEMA Grant that would help defer the cost of recruitment and retention of volunteers. The Blue Rock Fire and Rescue responds to approximately 750 calls per year. Blue Rock has approximately 100 volunteers. Commissioner Hagelgans thanked Township Manager Strohecker for his finance management regarding Blue Rock Fire and Rescue Department.

John Wenzel praised Commissioner Hagelgans for his recruitment and retention of volunteers and his cost consciousness. He also commented on the respect due to Jay Breneman and Commissioner Hagelgans for their leadership and dedication to the Blue Rock Fire and Rescue.

Township Manager Strohecker echoed this praise. The public does not realize how well Blue Rock Fire and Rescue is run because when an organization runs smoothly it does not make the news. It is run with quality leadership and continues to evolve and change, producing a quality fire department.

Brian Olson, Chief Operating Officer of Blue Rock Fire and Rescue, and his wife Linda were introduced and acknowledged for their dedication to the Blue Rock Fire and Rescue.

Resolution 10-2023- Authorization to Enter into Opioid Settlement Agreement – Vice - Chairman Herr entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 10-2023. John Wenzel so motioned, Missy Phelan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 11-2023- PENDOT Agility Agreement Renewal – Vice - Chairman Herr entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 11-2023. George Mann so motioned, Missy Phelan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2023 Material Bid Opening – Vice - Chairman Herr made a motion to approve the highlighted bids as recommended on the 2023 Bid Talley Sheet. Allan Herr reported that a tie in bids was received for the stone material contract between County Line and Pennsy Supply. Per Legal Counsel, a coin toss is acceptable to determine accepted bid. County Line was the awarded bid. George Mann so motioned, John Wenzel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Resignation- Dawson Funk – Vice - Chairman Herr made a motion to accept the resignation of Dawson Funk effective April 4, 2023. George Mann so motioned, Missy Phelan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Hire-Eric Peifer – Vice - Chairman Herr made a motion to hire Eric Peifer. John Wenzel so motioned, George Mann seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

MS4 Training - Public Works Director Mark Harris presented a PowerPoint slide presentation of current compliance with the PA DEP MS4 as part of the required public education. In 2018 a Clean Water Act Pollutant Reduction Plan was developed by Manor Township staff and the Board of Supervisors and approved by the DEP.

Manor Township needed to reduce the amount of pollution coming into our waterways from the urbanized area of the Township. Per the DEP, based upon our population and area, we needed to reduce the amount of sediment, phosphorus, and nitrogen per year going into the waters of the Commonwealth. The breakdown consists of 80,061 lbs. of sediment per year, 52 lbs. of phosphorus per year and 1,331 lbs. of nitrogen per year. The Supervisors approved the PRP as presented.

Currently, our progress is a reduction of 62,879 lbs. of sediment per year with the phosphorus and nitrogen's requirement already being met.

In 2022, the Springdale Farms natural area which had a detention basin that was overgrown, and its operation was not reaching its maximum capacity. The Public Works Department removed 18" of the bottom of the basin and replaced it with a blend of our collected leaf compost, topsoil, and sand. The basin was then seeded with a special mix of wetland plants. There is 23 ½ acres of land that drain into this basin which directly discharges into the Little Conestoga Creek which is an impaired stream.

A comparable project was done in Mountville Borough which cost \$147,900.00. Manor Township utilized our own staff, our own materials and our own equipment which cost the Township \$21,327.46.

In 2023, option 3 of the list of 9 is the Parkfield basin. This is an area of open grass with water coming in and going out. Public Works will be converting this to a bio-retention just like the Springdale Farms basin. This will help to infiltrate the water before going into the West Branch of Little Conestoga Creek, which is also an impaired stream. Rettew has done the discharge calculation and when this project is complete, we will have exceeded the obligation amount of nitrogen deposit savings required by the DEP.

Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of the 2,179 stormwater inlets in the Township right-of-way. These inlets are physically inspected. A spreadsheet is used to document each inlet, and this has been used since 2019. Our goal, per the PRP is to remove 5000 lbs. of sediment each year. This has been documented to the DEP, in 2022 we exceeded this amount by removing 6640 lbs.

Another requirement of the Public Works Department is the inspection of 84 Outfall locations throughout the urbanized area of the Township where the water leaves a basin or pipe and goes directly into a stream. These are physically inspected every year to ensure no illicit discharge is occurring. An illicit discharge is anything that is not stormwater that goes into the stormwater system. An article in our recently mailed quarterly newsletter highlights illicit discharge, which would include paint or motor oil. We rely on our residents to help uphold this ordinance. Concerns can be reported to the Main Township office where a violation spreadsheet is kept, areas get inspected, and letters of violation will be sent out to possible individuals or neighborhoods.

The Penn Manor National Honor Society volunteered on April 1st by picking up litter in the Little Conestoga Natural Area and collected over a dozen bags of trash. This group of students is to be commended for their volunteer efforts in helping to beautify our community.

Questions were received and answered from residents in the audience.

Vice – Chair Herr expressed his appreciation of the Public Works Department.

Act 14 Notification – PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

Act 14 Notification- Meadow Lane Dairy

Vice Chairman Allan Herr dismissed the Board for an Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss a legal matter.

The Board returned and with no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Herr entertained a motion to adjourn. George Mann so motioned, Missy Phelan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

J. Ryan Strohecker
Secretary-Treasurer

Recording Secretary
Peg Hess