

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held April 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Those present: Mike Keller, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Amy Cherry and Katie Weidenboerner, newspaper reporters, Richard Tamburlin, Don Ruffner, Cheryl Ruffner, Scott Surra, Janet Otto, Linda Krise, Jackie Himes, Judy Wonderling, Mark Saline, Jim Nissel, Leon Blashock, Rick Krishart, Bob Mattiuz, Shawn Mahoney, Cheryl Rettger, Rob Woelfel, Tyrel Woelfel, Judy Woelfel, Cody Woelfel, JoAnn Grazioli, Dick Quagliani, Steve Tamburlin, Rob Runyan, Steve Skrzypek, Jennifer Beck, Dorothy Beck, Walter Beck, Mark Tamburlin, George Dragich, Chris Kline, DJ Sampson, Deanna Thompson, Joe Largey, Annamarie Dragich, Mike Agosti, George Swanson, Jon Carr, Phil Day, Mike Kamandulis, Debby Agosti, Matt Pontzer, and Scott Vollmer.

Chairman Mike Keller called the meeting to order and began by opening bids for 1,000 ton of #3 limestone. Bid results were as follows:

Price per Ton	
Bucktail Excavators	\$ 19.37 *
G O Hawbaker	\$ 26.43
New Enterprise	\$ 25.30
JM Delullo	\$ 21.55
Woodland Equipment	\$ 21.05
Hanson Aggregates	\$ 23.50

*** A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to award the bid to Bucktail Excavators, the lowest bidder. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller to hire Jody Muth and Tony Breindel as summer recreational directors, as recommended by the selection committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller to set the wages for the summer recreational directors at \$15 per hour. Motion carried.

Mike Keller then paused the meeting so as to call the selected directors to see if they would accept the positions. Upon returning, Keller announced that both accepted the position.

The meeting continued with acknowledgement of the visitors.

Scott Surra, fire chief, presented the call report for 2015 for the Fox Township Volunteer Fire Department. The department responded to 100 calls in 2015 with an average of 17 firefighters per call with an average of 10 minutes to being on scene. In 2015, there was a total of \$45,000 loss to structures damaged by fire. Chief Surra noted that Fox Township has not been as lucky in 2016, as the year has started off with much loss of both life and property.

Chief Surra thanked all the members of the Department for their dedicated service and acknowledged the Fox Township Ambulance for their service as well, since the two services work together often. The Board of Supervisors thanked Scott and all the members for their service to the community.

Linda Krise asked the status of the cleaning of the Gahr Road stream. Randy Gradizzi replied that DEP will require us to bypass pump the water flow if we do sludge pumping. As of now, he is only allowed to remove debris which he has done in many areas including at the effluent discharge site of the Sewage Treatment plant. Krise asked if the area behind the bowling alley could be cleaned to which Randy replied that he would need an excavator to do so.

Leon Blashock asked the Board what criteria they used to select the new park directors. Mike Keller responded that the selection committee had an extensive list of 18 or so questions that were asked of each candidate that was interviewed. A few follow up questions were asked as well. Keller also noted that the two chosen were practically a unanimous decision.

Rick Krishart asked what the time schedule was for expanding the park. Mike Keller responded that that would be the decision of the Rec. Board. However, at this time, there is no schedule for expansion since, after surveying all the properties, the Rec. Board has discovered that there is too much that needs repaired to invest in more development. Krishart asked what rate Debby Agosti was being paid. No one, including Debby, could give him an exact figure without looking it up. Krishart once again stated that he feels taxes should be raised now so that there is not a huge increase if the landfill should close. Mike Keller responded that in his opinion taxes do not have to be raised if the budget is managed properly. Krishart again stated that he thinks the Board needs to do more to get more development in Fox Township. Rob Singer responded that while he did not have all the data with him, he has issued 450 building permits since he has been code enforcement officer. Approximately 90 of those were for new homes. This quarter alone, he has issued permits for 3 new homes and has 3 more in the works. Singer also noted that approximately \$30 million in construction has been done in Fox Township in commercial building in the past 11 years. In his opinion, not many other Municipalities can say that this much development has taken place in their communities. Keller commented that the only one being negative about the community, was Krishart himself.

DJ Sampson, commented that he feels he pays enough taxes. Unlike business owners that can find loop holes and tax breaks, he has to pay taxes on everything he makes and complimented the Board on their efforts to keep taxes down.

Joe Largey read a statement concerning Toby Water and his opinion on how it can be fixed, which included upgrades to the dam and water plant.

There were no other visitor comments at this time.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz, to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of March 2nd and the Special Meeting of March 22nd regarding Toby Water. Motion carried.

Chairman Keller announced that executive sessions were held on March 8th, 16th and 17th for the purpose of reviewing resumes, conducting interviews and discussing wages for the summer recreation director positions, respectively.

CORRESPONDENCE

Landfill inspection report dated 3/14 was received and is available for review.

The Elk County Fair has requested our annual contribution of \$500. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to contribute \$500 to the Elk County Fair.

The Malburg family has inquired the status of re-locating the labyrinth at the park. This was their son's Eagle Scout project and was approved by the Board of Supervisors to have it installed. Randy Gradizzi stated that it was removed when they constructed that new road to the back of the park property. Dave Mattiuz asked if we still had the pavers to which Randy Gradizzi responded that they were saved. Gradizzi felt that the Rec. Board should decide on where to relocate it. Mike Keller agreed, but the Board should take on the responsibility to having the work done. Debby Agosti stated that she did contact the Malburg boy before it was removed. The pavers were stacked by the top soil pile and that it was discussed to have it re-constructed near the butterfly garden. The Board asked that the Rec. Board decide where it goes and that they will see that it is re-constructed. Kathy Dowie will notify the family.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A special meeting was held with the Toby Water customers to discuss the feasibility report and the options they have for the system. After much input from the customers, Mike Keller stated that his opinion is to pursue the expansion of the reservoir and a new plant, as well as negotiate with St. Marys Water to see what they would require to take over the system. Randy Gradizzi commented that the costs for expanding the reservoir could be kept down by doing much of the work in-house. He also commented that the final decision has be economical for the customers as well. He also agreed that they should talk to St. Marys Water if, for nothing else, to keep them as an emergency backup. Dave Mattiuz agreed as well. Walter Beck asked why they would not consider drilling a well. Randy Gradizzi responded that ii is a risk as we may not find the volume or quality of water needed. The existing source is known to be good. Richard Tamburlin asked f grant money was available. Mike Keller responded that they need to have a plan and an accurate cost before applying for grants. Ken Anderson thanked the Board for listening to the people's opinion and taking the course of action they wanted. Rob Singer then read from a consent order dated 2008, issued to Toby Water by DEP. In this order, it noted several problems that were found along with many things done without the proper permits. Singer presented it to point out that there has been problems with the system for quite some time and that it has now come to where we are today.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to have the secretary write a response to DEP that states the Township's intent to explore the expansion of the reservoir and redesign of a filtration plant, as well as negotiate with St. Marys Water to supply the system with water if need be. Motion carried.

It was asked what time frame this process would take, to which the Board responded that it could easily take up to 2 years or more.

The next item of business was the consideration of entering into a contract with Direct Energy for supply of electric, as presented by Joe Manno. With today's rate, the Township would see a savings of approximately \$3,332.16 per Year. This is considering a 24 month term and that rates remain below that of West Penn, our current provider. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to enter into an agreement with Direct Energy and to authorize the secretary to execute the paperwork. Motion carried.

The Rec. Board has recommended that the ceramic molds (approx. 500), kilns, pouring table and mixer be sold with the money from the sale being placed into the Park Program line item. A motion was made by Mike Keller, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to place these items out for sale. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mike Keller, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve the formal job descriptions for the summer recreation directors and the revision of the Assistant Roadmaster position to include duties as Parks Maintenance Manager. Motion carried.

Rob Singer would like to attend SEO training on Atgrade Absorption Area systems, April 19th 8:30 – 12 noon, in Williamsport. Cost \$50. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve this request. Motion carried.

All documentation has been received from Centerville Development Corp., to dedicate the balance of Oak Street to the Township as a Township road. Randy Gradizzi commented that he had inspected the paving process and found everything to be in order. He also stated that there are some issues with a few driveways that need pipes but that can be addressed. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to adopt resolution 2016-04, accepting Oak Street as a Township road. Motion carried.

The Elk County Commissioners have allocated \$9,000 in Liquid Fuels funds for each municipality for approved road projects this year. An application must be submitted. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to submit an application for funding of the seal coating. Motion carried.

Huston Township has requested Fox Township's assistance with grading and rolling their portion of Boone Mt. Road. Randy Gradizzi informed Huston Township of the cost for the equipment and labor. Huston will provide the materials. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to assist Huston Township. Motion carried.

The Fox Township Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board have suggested the following changes to the Zoning Ordinance:

- 1) Changes in zoning classification for several areas along the Million Dollar Hwy, as shown on the submitted proposed zoning map
 - 2) "Light industrial uses" be added under Highway Commercial Zoning District [§110-15 (B)] as a special exception.
 - 3) "All residential uses" be added under Light Industrial Zoning District [§110-16(B)] as a special exception.
- A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to set a public hearing to be held at 6 PM, June 1st, with the regular monthly meeting to immediately follow. Motion carried.

The Fox Township Planning Commission has reviewed the following subdivision and recommended it for approval:

Patrick Sheeley is subdividing 1 lot from his property located along Sheeley Road.

Lot 1 (2.232 acres) will contain two existing homes, both served by public water and public sewer. The residual tract will contain 28.738 acres.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Mike Keller to approve this subdivision as presented. Motion carried.

The following applications have been submitted for use of park facilities:

- Doug Price, May 20-22, Community Park baseball fields, baseball tournament
- Northern Elite Girls softball (Gregg Guthridge), May 15 & June 5, Community Park baseball fields, softball tournament
- Jody Tyger, June 4, Main Street Park, Family reunion
- Carol Chamberlin, July 23, Community Park Pavilion, graduation party
- Pauline Kline, July 23, Main St Park, family reunion
- Brandi Chubbuck, July 30, Main St Park, family reunion
- Marguerite Hanes, August 6, Main St Park, family reunion

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller to approve these requests. Motion carried.

The following applications have been submitted for use of the Community Building:
Living Brooks Yoga & Wellness, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4/12-5/19, 10:30 – 11:30 AM & 4:30 - 5:30 PM, yoga classes. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve this request. Motion carried.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #26101 thru check #26146 in the amount of \$44,882.04

From the Landfill Fund, check #1722 thru check #1725 in the amount of \$2,755.40

From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1553 in the amount of \$116.15

From the State Fund, check #3151 in the amount of \$10,006.34

From the Toby Water account, check #882 thru check #887 in the amount of \$3,708.40

For a TOTAL of \$61,468.33

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller to approve the bills as present. Motion carried with Keller and Mattiuz in favor. Randy Gradizzi was in favor of the motion but abstained from check #26141 and check #886 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board and check #26143 to Walmart, his wife works there.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz, to adjourn this meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held May 4, 2016 at 6 PM at the Municipal building.