

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held December 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM. Those present: Mike Keller, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, JoAnn Grazioli, Rick Krishart, Judy Woelfel, Jim Nissel, Jill Pritt, Terry Krishart, Robert Woelfel, Mike Kamandulis, and Harriet Moyer.

Chairman Mike Keller called the meeting to order and began by acknowledging the visitors.

Newly elected tax collector Jill Pritt, asked if she could place a lock box at the municipal building for after-hours tax payments. The Board was OK with the idea, but did not want the Township held responsible should something happen to payments left in the box. It was suggested that the drop box for the sewer office could be used, if Jill got permission from the Sewer Authority office. Payments put in this box go into the building where they are secure.

Harriet Moyer asked if there were any new developments with the Toby Water situation. Chairman Keller explained that DEP did finally send a response. It had a very lengthy list of concerns for both options – upgrading the treatment plant and remaining on the interconnect with St. Marys Water. The Township engineers will prepare a response, which is due back to DEP by January 31, 2018.

There were no other visitor comments.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 1, 2017. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Landfill inspection report dated 11/6/2017 was received and is available for review.

Notice was received that Greentree Landfill has submitted application for a solid waste permit renewal.

Notice was received that Greentree Landfill has submitted an application to amend their water quality management permit to install a filter press to dewater sludge at the wastewater treatment plant.

The annual CPA audit of the financial records of Fox Township for 2016 was completed and is available for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vincent Davis was present at the last meeting to express his concern about a charge he received for replacing a water meter and installing a meter pit for his property on Kyler Corner Road. After obtaining all the information regarding this situation, a motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller, to accept Davis' payment to-date as being payment in-full for the new meter which was placed under his house but, if that meter should quit working, Davis would be billed for the new meter located in the meter pit. Randy Gradizzi commented that Davis still needs to return the meter that had frozen, which prompted the need for a new meter. He also felt that using the meter in the pit was a much better option than the one under the house which keeps freezing. Randy suggested that Davis be required to return both the frozen meter, as well as the one under the house and simply use the one in the meter pit, at no additional charge. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller to amend the previous motion and require Davis to return both meters (the one that froze and the one under the house) and use the meter in the pit, at no additional charges. The amended motion carried unanimously.

Pat Minard is interested in filling the vacancy on the Sewer Authority. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller to appoint Pat Minard to the Sewer Authority. Motion carried. This term will expire 12/31/2021.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mike Keller, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the 2018 Budget as was present to public review. Motion carried. It was noted that no comments were received on the budget.

The next item to be discussed was Resolution 2017-12, prohibiting the location of a category 4 licensed facility within the Township. Recent state legislation allowed for the placement of 10 Category 4 casinos within the state. Local Municipalities have the option to opt out of having one of these casinos in their township, but must do so by December 31, 2017. If they choose to opt out now, they will have the chance to opt back in at a later date. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to adopt Resolution 2017-12, prohibiting a category 4 casino in Fox Township. Mike Keller commented that he did not feel that this was a good idea, as the state may disqualify Municipalities that opted out from even being considered for a casino. While it is unlikely that Fox Township would even be considered, he felt that if chosen as a location for a casino, the Township would already have the ability to regulate it through the Zoning Ordinance. He felt that having a casino would have a great impact on our local economy and should not be ruled out. After much discussion, Chairman Keller called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with Gradizzi and Mattiuz voting in favor. Keller opposed the motion.

The following submitted an application for renewal of a junkyard license;

Thomas Kronenwetter, 131 Linwood Ave.

Elk County Recycling, 1384 Million Dollar Hwy.

Rick's Used Parts, 251 Fairview Road, 724 Brandy Camp Road, and 2145 Squab Hollow Road.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve these applications for junkyard licenses. Motion carried.

Fox Township Little League has requested the use of the Community Building Friday and Saturday nights, February thru April, for batting cage practice. Dave Mattiuz asked if Little League should be required to put the batting cage up and take it down when they were finished. Rob singer responded that he did not think this was a good idea, as it can get very tangled up if it is not done correctly. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve this request. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the request for a fireworks permit submitted by Jen Vallimont for December 29th at 183 Hayes Road. Motion carried.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #26953 thru check #26989 in the amount of \$41,383.39

From the Landfill Fund, check #1827 thru check #1828 in the amount of \$4,766.82

From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1595 thru check #1597 in the amount of \$366.90

From the Toby Water account, check #1034 thru check #1040 in the amount of \$3,423.06

From the State Fund, check #3170 thru check #3171 in the amount of \$7,506.21

For a TOTAL of \$57,446.38

A motion was made by Mike Keller, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with Keller and Mattiuz in favor. Randy Gradizzi was in favor of the motion but abstained from check #26963 and #1039 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the contract to replace the electronic sign at the community building, at a COSTARS price of \$24,000. Motion carried. A down payment of 50% will need to be sent with the contract.

Rick Krishart asked if it would be better to have the sign at the park. Randy Gradizzi explained that they considered that but felt that it would be a distraction to drivers in an area where children often cross the road. Dave Mattiuz commented that it was discussed to place a non-electric type sign there and that perhaps the Rec Board could consider that.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi, to adjourn this meeting at 6:42 PM. Motion carried

The annual organizational meeting will be held January 2, 2018 at 6 PM at the Municipal building with the regular monthly meeting to immediately follow.