

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held July 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Those present: Matt Pontzer, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Amy Cherry, newspaper reporter, Robin Singer, Jim Nissel, Cheryl Ruffner and Don Ruffner. A group of Girl Scouts were also present.

Chairman Mattiuz called the meeting to order and began by opening the bids for materials for the Toby water line project. Bid results were as follows:

Catalone Pipe & Supply	\$37,573.50
Keystone Diversified	\$49,936.00

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Pontzer to award the bid to Catalone, the lowest bidder. Motion carried.

Chairman Mattiuz continued the meeting by acknowledge the visitors.

Cheryl Ruffner, Elk County Riders, was present to answer questions about their proposed ATV ride that will travel across several State roads in Fox Township. In order to obtain the permit from PennDOT to do so, they need a letter of support from each municipality they travel through. PennDOT also requires a statement from the municipality that they will hold the Commonwealth harmless from any incident that may occur due to the road closings. Ruffner explained that the ride will take place October 9th. It is a guided tour, taking only 50 side-by-sides at a time. Each road crossing will have someone present to direct traffic. These road crossings will be needed for the return ride as well. Dave Mattiuz expressed his concern with the hold harmless clause and felt that the Riders need to be liable for the event, and add a clause stating that they will hold the Township harmless of any incidents resulting from these road closures. Ruffner stated that they do have liability insurance to cover the event. A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to supply a letter of support for this event with the addition of a clause that the Elk County Riders will hold Fox Township harmless from liability of any incidents that occur as a result of the event. Motion carried.

A group of Girl Scouts, with their leader Jody Wildnauer, presented a flag from Kersey Troop 235 that was found in the Proctor House when they cleaned it out. No one knows for sure when that troop officially disbanded. The flag will be displayed at the Township building.

A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 2, 2021. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Copy of the audit of the Fox Twp Fire Relief Association was received and is available for review.

Copy of the audit of the Fox Township Pension Plan was received and is available for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Matt Pontzer to lift the Declaration of Disaster declared in response of the COVID-19 pandemic, as the state has lifted theirs. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Gradizzi stated that he obtained prices for a new Ford Ranger to replace the current code enforcement truck. The best price was \$28,896.52 for a 4x4 Ranger with a 6-foot bed and extended cab. He would like to order the truck now and work the price into the 2022 budget, as it will not be available until next year. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Pontzer to order the truck and add it to the 2022 budget. Motion carried. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Pontzer to sell the 2011 Ranger on Municibids after the new one arrives. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Matt Pontzer to approve Randy Gradizzi, nominated as voting delegate to the PSATS convention, to attend the PSATS business meeting being held in lieu of the convention on October 15th in Hershey. Motion carried.

The following use of facilities applications were submitted for approval;

Sharon Zambanini, Main Street Park, July 10th, ECC baseball picnic

Val Mattiuz, Main Street Park, July 31st, family picnic

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Matt Pontzer to approve these requests pending approval by the Rec. Board. Motion carried.

Randy Gradizzi stated the Mary Ellen Badeau approached him about the Township taking over Hemlock Road Extension. She approached the Township several times before, but it was denied because it did not meet the specifications required for the Township to take over a road because of the width of the road and the cul-de-sac. Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi had looked at the road, stating that the cartway is 6 inches too narrow and the cul-de-sac, at its smallest point, is also 6 inches too narrow. Randy also stated that there were two bad spots in the road that would need fixed and that it would need at least seal coated soon. Matt Pontzer expressed his concern about taking over a road that is not constructed to Township specifications. He felt that this would create an issue with other developers that may not want to invest in making the road meet specifications. This topic was tabled until next meeting.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #28578 thru check #28636 in the amount of \$98,842.66

From the Landfill Fund, check #2036 thru check #2042 in the amount of \$285,615.50

From the State Fund, check #3197 in the amount of \$49,262.23

From the Toby Water account, check #1326 thru check #1330 in the amount of \$6,595.04

For a TOTAL of \$440,315.43

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Matt Pontzer to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with Pontzer and Mattiuz in favor. Randy Gradizzi was in favor of the motion but abstained from check #28627 and checks # 1329 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Applications for the annual Fox Township and Advanced Disposal scholarships are now available at foxtownship.com. To be eligible, students must be Fox Township residents, be in at least their second year of post-secondary education and plan to continue their education in any science, environmental or engineering program of study. Completed applications must be returned by July 23rd

Randy Gradizzi reported that he ordered the Flexmat and signed the grant documents for the Gardner Hill Road project.

Dave Mattiuz thanked the park staff for the July 3rd Celebration.

Dave Mattiuz commented that he would like to have citizen input on looking into a historical society/ museum for Fox Township. Anyone interested should contact the Township office.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Randy Gradizzi, to adjourn this meeting at 6:34 PM. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held August 4, 2021 at 6 PM at the Municipal Building.