

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held June 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM. Those present: Mike Keller, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Rick Krishart, Terry Krishart, Jim Nissel, Cody Woelfel and Judy Woelfel.

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

Rick Krishart stated that he had gone to a Fox Twp. Sewer Authority Meeting and asked about extending the public sewer. The Authority told him that they were dead locked because the Township has too much money for them to get grants to extend the system. He asked why then couldn't the Township spend that money on extending the public sewer. Mike Keller responded that the Township supplemented that last sewer extension by giving them \$1 million towards the project as well as entering into an agreement where the Township supplemented the Authority's budget by \$75,000 annually – just so that the project could be done. He continued by saying that the Authority is still millions of dollars in debt and that additional debt could never be paid off by the people the system serves. In response to obtaining grant funding, Keller stated that the Authority would not likely receive grants because they do not charge their customers enough. (PENNVEST) grants are awarded when the cost of a project would result in the customers' bills being higher than what the state considers to be a reasonable amount. That is not the case here. Further, in Keller's opinion, it is not a good idea to invest the Township savings on public sewer as it is there to keep the Township from having to raise taxes if the Landfill money should cease.

Keller continued by stating that the Township would support new development, however, it is the developer that is responsible to pay for the infrastructure; just as Centerville and recently, REBCO has done. Keller asked the other Board members for their opinion on extending public sewer. Randy Gradizzi responded that he would be in favor of an extension, if an area had failing on-lot systems, such as was proposed for Lovers Lane. Dave Mattiuz replied that when the Lovers Lane project was proposed, he personally went to each resident on Lovers Lane, except for one that was unavailable. The majority of the residents did not want public sewer, except the few that had a failing system. Based on that, he could not see investing in the project. Mike Keller stated that he can't see spending the money to fix something that is the responsibility of the individual. Rob Singer noted that those failing system were since repaired.

Krishart then asked about extending the park, as was once discussed. Mike Keller responded that the Township has invested a significant amount of money in repair and maintenance of the park over the past couple of years, with more needed. He feels it is not financially wise to expand at this time.

Rob Singer commented that he was on the Sewer Authority for 8 years and during that time, the Authority never even applied for grant funding.

Chairman Keller encouraged any resident with questions or concerns about this or any subject to call any member of the Board or come to a meeting. They will be happy to discuss it with them.

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 May 2, 2018. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Landfill inspection reports dated 5/17 and 5/31 were received and are available for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Randy Gradizzi obtained price quotes for seal coating the walking track at the park and the piece that connects the park with Fox Manor. The quotes were as follows: Ruffner's Blacktop Sealcoating \$2303, Jefferson paving \$2,293

and the Driveway company \$2,446. Randy Gradizzi recommended Ruffners, as they do a spray-on application, where Jefferson does a brush-on application. He felt that the spray-on would do a better job. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to hire Ruffner to do the seal coat on the walking track and the piece leading to the Manor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve a Fireworks permit for Karl Hupfer, August 7th for the Elk County Fair. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to advertise for sealed bids for sale of timber on Toby Water property with the bid opening to be held June 21st at 3:30 PM. Motion carried.

The following use of facility applications were submitted:

Mary Ellen Badeau, DAR picnic, June 13th, Main St. Park
Fox Twp Soccer, Soccer Camp, June 18-22, Community Park
Joyce Solada, Birthday Party, June 24, Community Park
Danielle Yatta, Birthday Party, July 8th, Community Park
Carol Klaiber, Family Reunion, August 25th, Community Park

A motion was made by Dace Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve these applications as submitted. Motion carried.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #27155 thru check #27195 in the amount of \$52,617.26
From the Landfill Fund, check #1842 and #1843 in the amount of \$223.00
From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1608 in the amount of \$163.50
From the State Fund, check #3180 in the amount of \$176,782.48
From the Toby Water account, check #1079 thru check #1085 in the amount of \$3,234.17
For a TOTAL of \$233,020.41

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller 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 #1084 and #27158 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Randy Gradizzi reported that the paving was completed on Boone Mt Road and West Theresia Road, with oiling to start soon.

Since the regular scheduled meeting for July would fall on the 4th, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Mike Keller, hold the next monthly meeting on July 5th at 6:00 PM. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz, to adjourn this meeting at 6:32 PM. Motion carried