

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held March 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM. Those present: Mike Keller, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Rick Krishart, JoAnn Grazioli, Katie Weidenboerner and Amy Cherry, newspaper reporters, Terry Krishart, Scott Surra, Judy Woelfel, Rob Woelfel, Jim Nissel, Matt Pontzer, Jill Pritt, Hannah Frantz and Mick Armstrong.

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

Joann Grazioli asked if any work was scheduled for Squab Hollow Road. Randy Gradizzi replied that he plans on cleaning ditches, fixing the bad spots and oiling that road this year.

Rick Krishart asked the Board if they have considered extending the public water and sewer in Fox Township, as he feels it would increase development. Mike Keller responded that the water would be the decision of St. Marys Water and the sewer, Fox Township Sewer Authority. As discussion continued, the Board pointed out that the extension of utilities is the developer's responsibility, as is the creation of a new road. That way, costs are not passed on to tax payers for private development. Mike Keller commented that he has been to several training discussions where they have explained that the expansion of infrastructure is no cost effective for local governments. The cost that is put into the expansion is never recouped with tax dollars or user fees. Dave Mattiuz also commented that there is a lot of development in Fox Township already.

Terry Krishart asked if a list of road projects could be created so citizens would be aware of what is planned. Randy Gradizzi replied that plans change frequently, but he could prepare a general list. Randy will put together a list to be posted on the website.

Scott Surra, fire chief presented the annual call report for the department. In 2017, the department responded to 114 calls, 93 in Fox Township, the balance as mutual aid. They averaged 15 firefighters per call. The Board thanked Scott and the members of the department for their service.

Matt Pontzer asked if lines could be painted on Township roads, as several bus drivers find it hard to see the road in the mornings. Randy Gradizzi responded that it is not recommended to paint lines on roads that are less than 20 feet wide, which applies to most Township roads. There is also a liability created when the lines begin to fade.

Hannah Frantz presented a proposal to place a free library in the Community Park, as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award project. The box will measure 21"x18"x17" and be placed near the gazebo or playground. Hannah will raise the funds for the project, as well as install the box. She presented the project to the Rec Board who approved of it being placed in the park. The Board also approved of the project.

Mick Armstrong was present to have the design for the new community building sign approved. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the design presented. Motion carried.

There were no other visitor comments.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 7, 2018. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Steve Skrzypek submitted his resignation as Emergency Management Director for Fox Township. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to accept Steve's resignation and appoint Jerry Zimmerman as the new Emergency Management Director. Motion carried. The Board also thanked Steve for his service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Rec Board, after obtaining price quotes, recommends the following projects be awarded:

Refinishing the skate park – Dinsmore Welding at \$10,900

Resurfacing the tennis courts – Homecourt Sports at \$13,875

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the Rec Board’s recommendation and award these projects as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Specifications have been prepared for the following projects and are ready to be advertised for bids:

Dust Oil - 30,000 gallons of MC70

Seal Coat Shelvey Road

Paving – scratch coat and top the paved portions of West Theresia and Boone Mt.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller, to place these items out for bid. Motion carried.

A vacancy existed on the Planning commission due to the passing of long-term member, Anna Mae Short. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to appoint Danielle Turbovich to fill this position. Motion carried. The term will end 12/2021.

Zito Media offered pricing for phone service at the Municipal Building, park, Senior Center, Fire department and ambulance with free internet and cable, as part of the franchise agreement with Fox Township. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to go with option 2 and incorporate this into the franchise agreement, provided it does not affect the rates our residents pay. Motion carried.

Amended agreement for funds to be repaid by Fox Township Sewer Authority to Fox Township has been prepared. This agreement allows for the discontinuation of the Township supplementing the Authority’s budget, and re-calculates the repayment which will begin in 2034. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve this amendment. Motion carried.

Rob Singer would like to attend “Identifying the Limiting Zone” to be held March 28th in Centre Hall, 8AM – 4PM, cost is \$165. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve Rob to attend this training. Motion carried.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #27050 thru check #27090 in the amount of \$49,875.67

From the Landfill Fund, check #1834 thru check #1837 in the amount of \$10,305.64

From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1604 and check #1605 in the amount of \$309.16

From the Toby Water account, check #1062 thru check #1066 in the amount of \$11,995.10

From the State Fund, check #3178 thru check #3179 in the amount of \$11,541.66

For a TOTAL of \$84,027.23

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 #27084 and #1065 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 Farmers Market to be held at the Community Park on Thursdays from 4-6 PM. Motion carried.

Randy Gradizzi stated that it will cost approximately \$2,500 to put a streetlight at the corner of Ridge Road and Brandy Camp Road. The Board wants to determine if that location is a bus stop before a decision is made.

Randy Gradizzi suggested that the Township help with the demolition of the old fire hall by paying for the roll-off containers. He felt that the concrete and block should be removed instead of using it as fill. Using a compactable fill would better prevent settling and make for a better outcome. He figures they will need 8 – 10 40-yard roll offs at \$125 per pull. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Mike Keller to pay for the roll offs for the fire hall demolition and to allow the volunteers to use Township equipment if needed. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi, to adjourn this meeting at 6:52 PM. Motion carried

The next meeting will be held April 4, 2018 at 6 PM at the Municipal building.