

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held March 3, 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, Scott Surra, fire chief, Cheryl Ruffner, Don Ruffner and Mike Kamandulis.

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

Scott Surra, fire chief, presented his annual report of activities for Fox Township Volunteer Fire Department. Surra reported that responses were down for 2020. Included in the Department's responses were 19 mutual aid calls, 24 motor vehicle accidents and 3 structure fires. The structure fires showed a total loss of approximately \$400,000. The Board thanked Scott and all the members of the department for serving Fox Township.

Cheryl and Don Ruffner spoke on behalf of the Elk County Riders and their "Trail of Dreams" project. The group applied for a grant to replace a bridge near the Byrnedale baseball fields. This bridge will be utilized as part of the trail that will eventually connect Fox Township to Bennezette. The Riders would like to construct a trail head on land owned by Fox Township located on Boone Mountain Road. Essentially, it will be a parking lot where ATV riders can park their vehicles, unload their ATVs and proceed on the designated roads and trails from that point. Ruffner explained that the Township would be covered under Act 98 of 2018 "Liability for Landowners to Recreational Users" which protects the landowner from liability claims when allowing recreational users access to their land, so long as there is no eminent danger. They asked for use of approximately 1 acre, which they will improve and maintain at their expense. The Board will do a site visit to the parcel they are referring to before making a decision. Matt Pontzer asked how this, as well as the approved ATV trails are affecting private property owners. Ruffner responded that they have seen an improvement in people staying off of private property once they have an approved place to go.

There were no other visitor comments.

A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 3, 2021. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to advertise for bids on the following:

- 2000 ton 2A limestone
- 4000 ton 1B limestone
- Garbage container disposal

Motion carried.

Randy Gradizzi explained that DEP is requesting that the Emergency Interconnect Agreement between St. Marys Water and Fox Township be changed to a permanent interconnect agreement in order to process the permit for the water line extension to the Toby treatment plant. A draft agreement had been prepared for review. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded Matt Pontzer to approve the Backup Water Supply Interconnect Agreement between St. Marys Water and Fox Township for the Toby Water system. Motion carried with Mattiuz and Pontzer in favor. Randy Gradizzi abstained from the vote, as he sits on St. Marys Water Board as well.

The Fox Township Planning Commission has reviewed the following subdivision and recommended it for approval: Tim Ruberto is subdividing a 2.514-acre parcel from his land located along Lovers Lane. This parcel will be conveyed to his son and contains his son's existing home. The lot is served by on-lot sewage and public water.

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

The following Use of Facility applications have been submitted:

Little League Baseball, Community Building, Saturdays in March & April for batting practice
Judy Shuttleworth, Main Street Park, June 26th, family reunion
Susan Hoffman, Community Park, July 17th, family reunion
Ken Meredith, Main Street Park, July 24th, family reunion
Harriet Kraus, Main Street Park, August 21st, family reunion

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

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #28449 thru check #28475 in the amount of \$54,039.91
From the Landfill Fund, check #2021 thru check #2022 in the amount of \$17,915.52
From the Fire Protection fund, check #1655 in the amount of \$102.76
From the State Fund, check #3193 and check # 3194 in the amount of \$33,075.70
From the Toby Water account, check #1307 thru check #1310 in the amount of \$606.23
For a TOTAL of \$105,740.12

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 #28471 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board.

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

The next meeting will be held April 7, 2021 at 6 PM at the Municipal Building.