

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held October 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Those present: Mike Keller, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Amy Cherry, newspaper reporter, Don Ruffner, Cheryl Ruffner, Mike Kamandulis, Rick Krishart, Rob Woelfel, Judy Woelfel and Terry Krishart.

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

Rob Woelfel stated that there has been a significant amount of gravel on Rt. 948 near the park ATV trail entrance, making for dangerous driving conditions. Randy Gradizzi responded that they will remove the gravel from the end of the trail so that it does not get spun onto the road.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of September 7th and the special meeting of September 29th. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The CPA audit report for Fox Township Sewer Authority for the year 2015 has been received and is available for review.

A letter was received from the Elk County, requesting a letter of recommendation supporting their application for grant funding through the PA Accessible Housing Program. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to send a letter of support for this application. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In response to a previous discussion, it has been suggested that the following wording be added to the Toby Water Policy:

A detached accessory structure or a frost free hydrant for a single family dwelling unit will only be billed one readiness to serve fee as long as the structure or hydrant is not served by a separate tap but is being metered through a shared tap.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to add the suggested wording to the Toby Water policy. Motion carried.

Mike Keller gave a brief update on the Toby Water situation, stating that HRG had prepared a cost estimate to upgrade the treatment plant and the reservoir with a cost of \$3.8 million. The Board will now proceed with contacting St. Marys Water to discuss what it would take to make the interconnect permanent. The two options will then be compared.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the non-uniformed pension plan for 2017 in the amount of \$1,600. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to set Budget Workshops for October 26th at 4 PM and November 2nd at 5 PM with the regular monthly meeting to follow. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to establish Trick-or-Treating hours for Fox Township on Sunday, October 30th 6 – 8 PM. Motion carried.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #26376 thru check #26410 in the amount of \$92,047.10

From the Landfill Fund, check #1767 thru check #1773 in the amount of \$8,598.93

From the Toby Water account, check #930 thru check #934 in the amount of \$16,926.03

From the State Fund, check #3160 thru check #3161 in the amount of \$22,351.50

From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1560 thru check #1562 in the amount of \$334.37

For a TOTAL of \$140,257.93

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller to approve the bills as present. Motion carried with Keller and Mattiuz in favor. Randy Gradizzi was in favor of the motion but abstained from check #26403 and check #933 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board, check # 26406 to Walmart, his wife works there.

OTHER BUSINESS

Don Ruffner, Rec Board Chairman, asked the Board to meet with the Rec Board prior to the budget workshops, to discuss what maintenance items could be done in-house verses hiring them out. Mike Keller suggested that the Rec Board simply present the items that they wish to have done with price quotes, and the Board will consider them for the budget. Don then asked if the skate park could be repainted over the winter months when the road crew had down time. He felt that it could be disassembled and brought up to the garage to be painted.

The Rec Board also submitted a letter addressing three items of concern. First, the re-installation of the labyrinth. Some work has already been done with much more needed. The Rec Board felt that this should not come out of the park development funds, as the Board has already committed to this project. The Supervisors agreed that they had committed to replacing the labyrinth.

The next item was the construction of a road through the new multi-purpose field. The Rec Board felt that this was not necessary at this time and did not want the development fund moneys to be used for this but if the Supervisors wanted to proceed, they would have to find other funds for it. Dave Mattiuz recommended that this project wait until the field is laid out for better placement. He also suggested that the end of the lower parking lot at the park be blocked off so that no one drives through the new field.

The third item was the construction of the new multipurpose field. The cost went beyond what was budgeted so the Rec Board felt that the additional costs should be absorbed elsewhere in the Township budget instead of the park development fund. This will be discussed after all the bills have been received for this project.

Kathy Dowie pointed out that if the Supervisors wish to pay for these items elsewhere than the park development fund, they need to determine how to re-allocate funds from another line item(s) to do so. Mike Keller asked if Kathy could examine the budget and determine where these funds could come from and they will be discussed at Budget time.

Rick Krishart asked if the Road crew was to do all this other extra work, when would they have time to work on the roads? Mike Keller replied that they will have time.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz, to adjourn this meeting at 6:40 PM. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held November 2, 2016 at 6 PM at the Municipal building.