

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held September 4, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Those present: Dave Mattiuz, Matt Pontzer, and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Robin Singer, Amy Cherry, newspaper reporter, Greg Benini, Brian Benini, Greg Bauer, Joe Benini, Katie Benini, Steve Tamburlin, Fawn Kline, Nate Higgins and Jim Nissel.

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

Greg Benini stated the trees in the area of the S-curve on Oak Street are blocking the visibility while driving on the road. Randy Gradizzi responded that he was aware of the situation, as Brian Benini had already called into the office with the concern. Randy stated that the road crew has been working on a major road project on Gardner Hill and will address the trees once it is finished.

There were no other visitor comments.

A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve the minutes from the Zoning Hearing and the regular monthly meeting of August 7, 2024. Motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Fox Township Pension Plan for the 2025 Budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Pontzer to adopt Resolution 2024-09 supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States semi-quincentennial which will be celebrated in 2026. AMERICA250PA was created by the Pennsylvania legislature in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States and Pennsylvania's integral role in that event and the role of its people on the nation's past, present and future.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #29902 thru check #29932 in the amount of \$46,496.19

From the Landfill Fund, check #2283 thru check #2291 in the amount of \$46,298.23

From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1696 in the amount of \$150.34

From the Toby Water account, check #1598 thru check #1602 in the amount of \$5,113.79

For a TOTAL of \$98,058.55

A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Dave Mattiuz 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 #29902 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Mattiuz announced this year's recipients of the Fox Township / Nobel Environmental scholarships: Caleb Mattiuz, Isabella Catalone, Lillian Mosier, Luke Janson and Zachary Mosier.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Pontzer, to adjourn this meeting at 6:07 PM. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held October 2, 2024 at 6 PM at the Municipal Building.

## ZONING HEARING for CONDITIONAL USE - Thompson

The Fox Township Board of Supervisors conducted a Conditional Use Hearing on September 4, 2024 at 5:30 PM as requested by Eric Thompson to allow a secondary machine shop at 250 Skyline Drive. Those present: Dave Mattiuz, Matt Pontzer, and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Rob Singer, Amy Cherry, newspaper reporter, Eric Thompson, Jim Nissel, Greg Bauer, Tracey Thompson, Tara Kreckel and stenographer Brittany Beaver.

Eric Thompson stated that he intends to operate a secondary machine shop at 250 Skyline Drive, the former Dinsmore Welding Building. The building is 10,000 square feet but he will only be using 5,000 square feet. The business will operate 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday with an occasional weekend.

Dave Mattiuz asked if there would be noise from the operation at night. Thompson replied that the noise level would be similar to Als Machining on Main Street. The noise is below OSHA standards for ear protection and would not exceed 65 decibels. The loudest area of the operation would be at the air guns. He felt that the noise would be a minimum outside of the building unless the doors were open, but he could try to keep that from happening. He stated that he is willing to work with the neighbors and even erect a sound barrier type fence on the property line near the Kreckel property. Thompson also stated that there are no environmental concerns, as byproducts are stored inside the building and recycled.

Tara Kreckel stated that the noise after hours would be her only concern because of her kids. A fence would be acceptable and would most likely help with the noise.

Matt Pontzer commented that placing a fence along the rear property line the width of the building would be the only condition he would feel necessary.

With no other comments, the Board will review the information given and render a decision in writing to Thompson.

The hearing adjourned at 5:42 PM.