

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held October 2, 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 Bauer, Betsy Dutoit and Jim Nissel.

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

Betsy Dutoit asked the Board to consider updating the gym equipment at the Community Building. She had obtained a price quote for new equipment at a cost of \$50,000. She also suggested some cosmetic upgrades to the building itself at an estimated additional \$10,000. Dutoit suggested that the Township apply for \$25,000 in grant funding and obtain \$10,000 from sponsors/donations, leaving \$25,000 for the Township to fund. Dutoit presented information from the Elk County Community Foundation and the Keystone Opportunities Program to consider for grant funding. Dutoit felt that the Township would recoup their money in 5 years from membership fees. The Board stated they would consider the proposal at the Budget workshop.

There were no other visitor comments.

A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the minutes from the Zoning Hearing and the regular monthly meeting of September 4, 2024. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Fox Township Planning Commission drafted a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance addressing dog kennels. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Matt Pontzer to schedule a public hearing on November 6, 2024 at 5 PM to take testimony regarding this proposed amendment. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to set Trick-or-Treating in Fox Township on October 31st, 6-8 PM. Motion carried.

The 2025 Budget schedule was set as follows:

A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to hold a budget workshop on October 23, 2024 at 4 PM. Motion carried. The adoption of Proposed Budget was tentatively set for November 6th, with adoption of Final Budget tentatively set for December 4th.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

- From the General Fund, check #29938 thru check #29967 in the amount of \$117,267.30
- From the Landfill Fund, check #2292 thru check #2314 in the amount of \$150,275.32
- From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1697 thru check #1701 in the amount of \$13,167.49
- From the State Fund, check #3228 in the amount of \$20,253.88
- From the Toby Water account, check #1603 thru check #1610 in the amount of \$14,374.67
- For a TOTAL of \$315,338.66

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 #29946 and check #1609 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Randy Gradizzi reported that the paving project had begun with the milling portion being complete and the paving to start the next day. Randy also reported that the Gardner Hill Road project had been completed.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Pontzer, to adjourn this meeting at 6:17 PM. Motion carried.

The next monthly meeting will be held November 6, 2024 at 6 PM at the Municipal Building.