

Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board

September 10, 2019

PRESENT: Ann C. Duby, Cheryl Hopp, Cynthia Infante-Inman, Heather Lovell, and Gary A. Neumann.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Sally Brand, John Newlin, Frank Lohr, Ron Tallieu, Joe Green, Nancy Green, and Judy Fuller.

Supervisor Neumann called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

10:01 AM- Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to recess the Regular Meeting of the Board and enter into a Public Hearing on the FY 2020-21 Lovells Township Fire & EMS and Landfill Budgets. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann briefed on the Fire & EMS Budget and the purchase of a new Suburban. This budget is again supplemented with \$30,000.00 from our General Fund, providing tax relief for all property tax payers. The millage rate of 1.0624 mills will appear on 2019 Winter Tax Bills.

Neumann briefed on the Landfill Budget and the Special Assessment District (SAD); 10:11 AM- Neumann opened the Public Hearing to Public Comment; 10:12 AM-Neumann closed Public Comment.

10:13 AM-Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to close the Public hearing on proposed budgets and return to the Regular Meeting of the Board. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to adopt the FY 2020-21 Fire & EMS Budget with an estimated total income of \$205,310.00 and estimated expenses at \$170,525.00 as presented. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to adopt the FY 2020-21 Landfill Budget with an estimated total income of \$71,430.00 and estimated expenses at \$70,330.00 with the SAD on improved parcels set at \$69.14 as presented. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to approve pre-paid vouchers dated August 9, 2019 through September 5, 2019 as presented: General Fund totaling \$6,498.03; Direct Deposit Checks totaling \$7,403.75; Fire Fund totaling \$4,345.53; Landfill Fund totaling \$7,838.30, and Liquor Fund totaling \$9.90. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: Received and Accepted as Presented.

CORRESPONDENCE: DNR Letter RE: Natural River Program Interested Parties Notification.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Assessing – Neumann reported that he and the Assessor will be checking on outstanding building permits over the next few months.

Fire Department – Infante-Inman briefed on Chief Lewicki's written report; Total of 11 runs for August 2019 (4-Fire/7-EMS); Also, Chief requesting Board's permission to obtain bids on the replacement of the Suburban. Board granted permission.

Cemetery Sexton- No report.

Liquor Inspector- Infante-Inman reported received and on file.

Zoning Administrator – Infante-Inman briefed on Gauthier's written report- Five Zoning Permits issued and no Zoning matters to report for August 2019.

Zoning Enforcement Officer – Tallieu reported on status of two cases.

COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Board of Review – BOR will meet on December 10, 2019 at 3 PM at the Township Hall to correct qualified errors, omissions, poverty exemptions, and mutual mistakes of fact.

Historical Society – Lovell reported that they purchased new tables being stored in Township Hall; They will be showing a movie on October 25 (see their website: lovellsmuseum.com) for details; Museum will setup their own internet access point.

Lovells Media and Reading Center – Hopp reported that all is well.

Lovells Township Planning Commission – No report.

Crawford County Planning Commission – No report.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Neumann reported that they may have one case upcoming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Neumann briefed on Board's attendance at MTA Regional Training in October .

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to accept the Fick & Sons propane price quote of \$1.299 for the 2019-20 Heating Season. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Warbler's Hideaway Association President, John Newlin, presented the Board with 65 petition signatures from the Association asking the Board to open all roads within the Association to ORV traffic. Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to open the Warbler's roads as requested by Newlin. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED. Minutes to be forwarded to Paul Compo at Crawford County.
3. Newlin presented the Board with 260 petition signatures asking the Board to open all roads in Lovells Township to ORV traffic. Infante-Inman requested to seek Public Comment on this before making a decision since there were several business owners in the audience. Neuman requested public comment. Kellogg Bridge Grocery, Rick Wright, would like to see all roads open; Joe Green and Nancy Green, Lovells Riverside Tavern, agreed. Board discussed. Infante-Inman suggested surveying taxpayer opinion in the next newsletter rather than conduct a Public Hearing at this point, adding that we would most likely have a greater response due to the seasonal nature of our township. Board agreed to request taxpayer opinion on the subject via a questionnaire in the Winter Tax Bill Newsletter.
4. Board discussed increasing wages for the hourly Township Employees as presented by Lovell; Board tabled until next Board Meeting when Lovell will make a detailed proposal.
5. Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to once again be the "government entity" to handle funds between Trout Unlimited and US Geological Survey. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: Snowplowing bids due 10/8/19; DNR Access Site report; Bridge Walk report; CCRC report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

11:22 AM -Neumann opened public comment; Newlin requested a lower speed limit at Kelloggs Bridge Access; Wright agreed; Neumann suggested stop signs to lower speed near Lovells Road/612 intersection; Brand requested lighting for Township Christmas tree.

11:31 AM -Neumann closed Public Comment and moved to adjourn, Lovell supported. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 10 AM at the Town Hall.

Cynthia Infante-Inman, Lovells Township Clerk

