

November 5th, 2020 Supervisors Minutes

Chairman Clapper called the November 5th, 2020 Supervisors meeting to order.

The following members were present: Don Clapper, Ted Bittinger, Mike Ferguson.

The minutes from the October 1st meeting were approved as written.
The Treasurers report was distributed to each Supervisor for review.

Chairman Clapper opened with Privilege of floor.

Chairman Clapper discussed the Kriner Rd. Bridge, which had an annual inspection due to the required restriction posting. It was performed on October 8th and appears the transverse crack length has increased requiring the weight limit to be further reduced to 26 tons single 32 tons combination
Signage will need to be changed for lower restricted weight by November 21, 2020. On a Ferguson/Bittinger motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved updating the signage as mentioned above.

Chairman Clapper discussed the Land Development Plan for NESL.
We have been dealing with New Enterprise Stone & Lime's (NESL) refusal to submit a LDP for their new mining permit. In lieu of a LDP for their mining permit I with the assistance of Sam Wiser (Solicitor) have been working on an agreement (a copy was distributed to each board member) with NESL that will be in the best interest of the Township and accommodate NESL's concerns with what they feel is Township regulation overreach.

On a Bittinger/Clapper motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved the agreement and authorized the Chairman to sign and record as Resolution 2020-12.

Chairman Clapper gave an update on the joint petition for Lighthouse Rd. at grade crossing abolishment agreement. I am pushing for closure of the litigation on the Lighthouse road RR crossing. I have an agreement (a copy was distributed to each board member) that basically states the Township will take up the pavement between the Penn Dot ROW and 24" from the rail on the west side of the tracks and 24" from the rail to beyond the Norfolk Southern ROW to the East. We must also install concrete median barriers outside the ROW. On a Ferguson/Clapper motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors gave approval for the Solicitor to sign this agreement in representation for the Township.

On a Bittinger/Ferguson motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved the proposed 2021 Operating Budget for the Franklin County Area Tax Bureau. This proposal is projecting a 2% decrease from 2020 expenses (a copy was distributed to each board member).

On a Ferguson/Clapper motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved the dates for Supervisor Meetings for 2021. These will be advertised in the Record Herald and also posted on our website.

On October 24, 2020 the Marion Fire police were used for traffic control at an auction on New Franklin Rd. On a Bittinger/Clapper motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors ratified the decision to permit the Fire Police to participate in this non-emergency event.

On a Ferguson/Bittinger motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved the Preliminary 2021 Budget. This will be advertised in the Record Herald and available for public inspection at the township upon request.

On a Bittinger/Clapper motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved plans for Dick's Cabinetry & Flooring, which, have been reviewed by Planning, Zoning, and Engineering. This motion was made subject to all outstanding comments and fees being addressed.

On a Ferguson/Bittinger motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved plans for Spring Valley IV LP, between Stanford and Falling Spring Rd, which, have been reviewed by Planning, GTA, GWA and Zoning. The motion was made subject to all outstanding comments and fees being addressed.

On a Bittinger/ Clapper motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved plans for Martins Famous Pastry Shoppe, Inc. There was a minor change made in the 2 storage building plan that we previously approved. The drive to and around the building has been enlarged. The plan has been reviewed by Brehm Lebo to ensure the increased impervious area will not exceed the storm water control calculations previously approved. The motion was made subject to all outstanding comments and fees being addressed.

On a Bittinger/Clapper motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved plans for Wyson Management (Jim Kendall) 5773 Colorado Street. This LDP is relating to the approval of a very gracious variance from the Zoning Hearing Board. The plan was reviewed by the Zoning officer.

Chairman Clapper discussed a letter he received from the Zoning Hearing Board advising the Supervisors of a vacancy on the ZHB. The vacancy has been left from the passing of C. Lamar Hollar. The Supervisors must appoint a replacement to this position. His appointment would have expired December 31, 2022, the new appointment will expire at this time. The Supervisors will discuss this at a future meeting.

Chairman Clapper discussed a letter he received from a resident requesting a change in our burning Ordinance 2000-04. (A copy was distributed to each board member). The request is to address the provision to allow cooking or warming fires within a burn ring or commercially available receptacles to provide the opportunity for one to be outside by a fire, with family, enjoying the yard and making s'mores... Copies of Greene's and Antrim's provisions were also included in this letter.

Chairman Clapper is to contact the resident and let him know we discussed his request at our board meeting and we will further our discussion with our Planning Committee.

Wellspring, represented by Kim Crider is partnering with the Franklin County library system offering Get Outdoors (GO) Franklin. They will be installing 15 etching plates in 15 locations in Franklin County parks. A 4x4 post 3-4' tall will be positioned with the slanted etching plate secured to the top. These etching pictures are then transcribed onto the program guide available at all Franklin County libraries at no cost (when you pick it up). They are requesting permission to use Norlo Park as one of their locations for such purpose. (a copy was distributed to each board member) On a Ferguson/Bittinger motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved the request.

Chairman Clapper presented Resolution #2020-11, a resolution honoring posthumously Jay Benedicts' dedication and service to Guilford Township (a copy was distributed to each board member). On a Clapper/Bittinger motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors adopted the resolution and approval was made to forward a copy to the family of Jay Benedict.

Under Old Business

- Chairman Clapper discussed the Zoning Hearing for the Belltown Solar Variance has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 12th and will be held at the Fayetteville Fire Departments Hall located at 101 W. Main Street Fayetteville, PA. at 7:00 p.m. It was decided that our Solicitor Sam Wiser will be representing the Township in support of our Ordinance.

Under New Business

- Chairman Clapper reviewed budget line item for Fire Company Contributions. Chairman suggested that even though it was a slim year for the township the Fire Departments really took a hit with not being able to hold their regular fundraisers. It was suggested that we give an additional 10% as a one-time supplemental contribution. This will include Mont Alto, South Mountain, Marion, New Franklin, Franklin and Fayetteville.

On a Ferguson/Bittinger motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved the paying of the bills.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. on a Bittinger/Ferguson motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Malott, Secretary/Treasurer