

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOVEMBER 16, 2020

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING @ 4:30PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present at the meeting: Jim Erwin; Mark Cline; Steve Mascho

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Erwin.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

There were no public comments on agenda items

Meeting Minutes

- Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on Monday, October 14th as written and recorded.

Motion made by Mark Cline, seconded by Steve Mascho

Vote: Steve M.: Yes; Mark C.: Yes; Jim E.: Yes

Approval of Payment of Invoices

- Motion was made to accept invoices totaling **\$ 203,151.36** for October

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| 1) General Fund \$71,158.64 | 2) Sewer Fund - \$17,601.46 |
| 3) Garbage Fund - \$34,830.80 | 4) Lighting Fund - \$1,782.27 |
| 5) State Liquid Fuels - \$17,598.79 | 6) Machinery Fund - \$27,489.00 |
| 7) Rds & Bridges - \$16,289.15 | 8) Sewer Cap Res - \$16,401.25 |

Motion made by Mark Cline, seconded by Steve Mascho

Vote: Steve M.: Yes; Mark C.: Yes; Jim E.: Yes

Correspondence / Communications

- The next monthly Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. with a limit of 8 residents in attendance.
- The Township office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 26th thru Monday, November 30th.
- The Township Road Dept. will be closed on Thursday, November 26th thru Tuesday, December 1st; Garbage Dept. will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Monday, November 30th

Reports of Officials and Committees

Zoning Officer Report—4 permits; 1 violation

Code Enforcement Officer Report—1 rental inspection; 7 sale inspections; 1 violation

Zoning Hearing Board—no report

Planning Commission—1 subdivision reviewed - UPB

Road Department Report—Jim Erwin read the Road report

Police Department Report—151 calls; 5 MVA; 31 hrs of traffic enforcement; reminder to residents to be cautious around construction zones; reminded residents to be careful of winter weather driving and road conditions

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion was made by Mark Cline to accept the proposal from E & M Engineering to process and submit the Chapter 94 form and calculate the EDU count for 2021 at a cost of \$2,300.00

Motion made by Mark Cline, seconded by Jim Erwin
Vote: **Steve M.: NO**; Mark C.: Yes; Jim E.: Yes

- Motion was made to advertise with the intent to adopt a resolution to have Haines & Company, CPA firm to conduct the 2020 audit.

Motion made by Steve Mascho, seconded by Mark Cline
Vote: Steve M.: Yes; Mark C.: Yes; Jim E.: Yes

- Motion was made by the Board to approve the plans for a subdivision of property between Lewis Run Plant, LLC / Tim and Sue Brown as reviewed and recommended by the BT Planning Commission.

Motion made by Steve Mascho, seconded by Mark Cline
Vote: Steve M.: Yes; Mark C.: Yes; Jim E.: Yes

- Motion was made by Mark Cline to hire Colton Gibiser as a full-time Garbage Crew Laborer / CDL Driver Trainee; effective 11/16/2020 at the starting rate of \$16.50 and with a 90 days probationary period.

Supervisor Steve Mascho stated to the Board that this is wrong and the Township should not be hiring the Township Secretary's son; stated there were other candidates for the job and he (Colton) is incompetent to do the job. Township Secretary, Susan Gibiser stated a comment to Supervisor Mascho concerning that inappropriate remark of "incompetent" and Supervisor Mascho shouted another inappropriate comment at Susan. The Board was not happy with Mr. Mascho's conduct towards the Township Secretary.

Motion made by Mark Cline, seconded by Jim Erwin
Vote: **Steve M.: NO**; Mark C.: Yes; Jim E.: Yes

- Motion was made by Mark Cline to advertise the proposed 2021 budget for public review for twenty (20) days prior to adoption at the BOS meeting on December 14, 2020; the proposed 2021 budget includes a one (1) mill increase to real estate property taxes; no increase for the Garbage or Sewer rates; no increase for Per Capita tax; No increase for Local Service tax.

Supervisor Mascho stated that he did not agree with raising the millage and will not vote for or support an increase at this difficult time that the residents are dealing with Covid-19, losing their jobs and not being able to find a job. The Board should reconsider not raising the real estate taxes. Supervisors Jim Erwin and Mark Cline both stated the township has not raised taxes in over twelve (12) years and everything has gone up in cost over this long length of time; it has been very difficult to run the township departments on limited funds; there is no choice, the budget and depts. have been cut back as far as it can be done.

Motion made by Mark Cline, seconded by Jim Erwin
Call for vote: **Steve M.: NO**; Mark C.: Yes; Jim E.: Yes

Public Participation

Bob Cummins stated to the Board comments concerning the Browntown Bridge project, bidding process and other work that was done at the bridge such as paving the BT road. David Geitner stated comments about the Browntown Bridge project; felt it didn't need to be replaced and concerns of the costs. Township Secretary, Susan Gibiser stated she will review the expense report to make sure it's correct.

Bob Burrell asked questions concerning the East Warren Road Bridge.

LareeSue Behan stated to the Board and the other residents in attendance that she lives by the Browntown Bridge and the bridge did need to be replaced for the safety of all the residents that live in that area especially for the BTV Fire company. She stated that the residents that don't live there really don't care and that's not fair to the residents that do live around or near that area.

Steve Pettinato stated comments concerning the 2021 budget and millage increase.

Mike Salerno stated comments concerning the possibility of getting another ambulance service for the township.

Adjournment

- Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm
 Motion made by Mark Cline, seconded by Jim Erwin
 Vote: Steve M.: Yes; Mark C.: Yes; Jim E.: Yes

Bradford Township Board of Supervisor

 Susan K. Gibiser, Secretary/Treasurer

 James B. Erwin, Chairman

 Mark L. Cline, Sr., Vice-Chairman

 Steven L. Mascho, Supervisor