

# BRADFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECEMBER 14, 2020

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING @ 7:00PM

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## 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 only

### Meeting Minutes

- Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on Wednesday, November 16, 2020 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 \$ 355,760.26 for November

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1) General Fund \$72,476.49        | 2) Sewer Fund - \$12,523.49   |
| 3) Garbage Fund - \$265,432.92     | 4) Lighting Fund - \$1,034.83 |
| 5) State Liquid Fuels - \$3,542.75 | 6) Machinery Fund - \$749.78  |

Motion made by Mark Cline, seconded by Steve Mascho

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

### Correspondence / Communications

- The annual Reorganization meeting will be on Monday, January 4, 2021 and immediately following will be the monthly Board of Supervisors meeting.
- There will be limit of ten (10) in attendance; (7) board & staff and (3) residents.
- The Township office will be closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>; will also be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>
- The Road Dept. and Garbage Dept. will be closed on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the Christmas & New Year's holidays.

### Reports of Officials and Committees

Zoning Officer Report—(1) permit issued  
 Code Enforcement Officer Report—(1) rental inspection; (2) homes inspections  
 Zoning Hearing Board—No report  
 Planning Commission—(1) SD reviewed; (1) pending SD for final review  
 Road Department Report—Jim read the Road report submitted by the Road Foreman  
 Police Department Report—138 calls; 5 MVA; 81 hrs traffic enforcement; reminded residents of fraudulent scams through the mail, computers and phone calls.

## Ordinances and Resolutions

- Motion was made by Mark Cline to adopt **Resolution #2020-19** which states that Bradford Township is repealing the annual Assessment for Electricity rates for the Township's Street Lighting and authorizing payment for the Electricity with the use of the Township's Liquid Fuel Fund.

Supervisor Mascho stated he didn't agree with repealing the electric assessments for the residents that have street lighting on or by their property and using the Township's Liquid Fuel fund to pay for the lighting since these funds are used for Township roads.

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 adopt the 2021 proposed budget for all funds as advertised and presented as follows:
  - 1) General Fund -- which includes a millage increase of one (1) mill for all Real Estate Property within the Township.
  - 2) Garbage Fund – with no increase to residents
  - 3) Sewer Fund -- with no increase to residents
  - 4) State Liquid Fuel Fund -- which includes the cost for Electricity for Street Lighting
  - 5) Lighting Fund – which is not included in the 2021 budget

Supervisor Mascho stated he didn't agree with the 2021 budget and the Township should not be raising the millage at this time since some of the residents are having a difficult time due to loss of jobs and the pandemic; Jim Erwin stated the Township did not raise the sewer or garbage rates for the residents after the rate increased to the Township from both Casella's for garbage and the City Sanitary Authority for sewer.

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 adopt **Resolution #2020-20** which states Bradford Township enacts and levied on all real estate property within the township of Bradford to taxation for the fiscal year of 2021 at five (5) mills.

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

- Motion was made by Steve Mascho to adopt **Resolution #2020-21** which states Bradford Township enact the Local Taxes of Act 511 for the year of 2021 with no increases for EIT tax, Local Service tax, Per Capita tax.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

- Motion was made by Mark Cline to accept the proposal from Land Services Group, Cunningham Surveyors to conduct a Topographical Survey for the East Warren Road Bridge Replacement Project at a cost of no more than \$6,800.00  
Supervisor Mascho stated since the Browntown Bridge was replaced, the Township doesn't need to replace the East Warren Road Bridge and the Township should wait until grant funding is available.

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 accept the proposal from GTA, Geo-Technology Assoc. to conduct a drilling and foundation report for the East Warren Road Bridge Replacement Project at a cost of \$7,500.00 - \$10,000.00

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

- Motion was made Mark Cline to accept the Memorandum of Agreement that references the 2021 Wage Rates for all Teamsters Union members as written for each Department and Clerical.  
Supervisor Mascho stated there should be no changes in the union contract for wages since the contacts states increases for next year.

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 submit the application to the McKean County Act 13 Funding Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00; these funds will be used for the East Warren Road Bridge Replacement project.

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 approve the plans for a subdivision of property between Stuart & Kristina Abers / Shawn & Stephanie Huber as reviewed and recommended by the BT Planning Commission.

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

### **Public Participation**

Tom Gibiser read a speech to Supervisor Mascho concerning his conduct at last month's meeting by saying "the newly hired employee was incompetent for the job" and shouted at the township secretary during the public meeting; for this apologies are in order to both; stated he (Steve) didn't even do his job as a Supervisor by observing the new employee working on the bridge or in the garbage dept. Tom stated that Supervisor Mascho has pushed back on Township progress of improving sewer lines projects, replacing of bridges, road projects and at times seems to work harder for that "gotcha moment" against the other Supervisors rather than bringing something positive to the table. The residents of Bradford Township deserve better. If anyone's performance is lacking, it is yours, Supervisor Mascho, since when you run for an elected office and win, it should be taken with a great deal of humility and you are a servant of all Bradford Township residents, whether they are born here or moved to Bradford for a better life.

### **Adjournment**

- Motion was made by Mark Cline to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm  
Motion made by Mark Cline, seconded by Jim Erwin

### **Bradford Township Board of Supervisor**

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Susan K. Gibiser, Secretary/Treasurer

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James B. Erwin, Chairman

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Mark L. Cline, Sr., Vice-Chairman

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Steven L. Mascho, Supervisor