

Supervisor Meerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. Board members present: Helen Dietrich, Mike Dunnuck, Troy Goodno and Nanita Sammons. Fire Chief Sheridan was also present.

Agenda Approval-

Motion by Meerman to approve the agenda with the addition of Parking, March 17 and 18 to new business. Second by Goodno. Motion carries.

Budget Public Hearing-See separate minutes.

Public Comment-None

Consent Agenda

Motion by Dunnuck to approve the consent agenda. Second by Goodno. Motion carries

Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2023.

Financial Report/Payment of checks 18011-18022 and ACH transactions 1117-1129 and Direct Deposit Payroll DD4480-DD4517 and tax payment/dues totaling \$28,396.55.

Township Reports-

Community Policing- 30 calls in February

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported there were 15 calls in February. Fit testing is taking place this week, it will include SCBA. The ladders are being tested. On-going truck repairs.

Planning Commission-A Public Hearing for a land division on 16th avenue was held. A Public Hearing for the re-zoning of three parcels on 36th Ave. from Mobile Home Park to Low Density Residential was held. Feed-back from legal counsel is expected for the Master Plan. The Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance was reviewed and will be brought to Public Hearing next month. It was discussed as how to make the public aware of the goings on of the township.

Senior Services-Report provided. Hall open on Mondays from 1-4 for social time. Toe nail care is available.

Zoning Department-Report provided.

Unfinished Business-

Attorney Contract-Motion by Dietrich, second by Sammons to retain Mika Meyers PLC. as our legal counsel by March 31st or as soon as they are available. Motion carries

New Business-

Ordinance Amendment-

Rezoning of parcels to LDR Low Density Residential District.

Application to rezone parcels 70-01-05-400-005, 70-01-05-400-003, 70-01-05-400-030.

Parcel ending in 030 was rezoned from Agricultural (A) to Mobile Home Park (M) zoning district in 1990. Parcels ending in 002 and 003 were incorrectly included in that zoning designation on the Zoning Map. This rezoning request is to design all three to Low Density Residential.

Dwight Sheridan spoke to the application. He considers the changes to (M) in 1990 a Taking.

Motion by Meerman support by Dunnuck to re-zone the parcels to Low Density Residential (LDR). Roll call vote: Dietrich-yes; Dunnuck-yes, Goodno-yes; Meerman-yes, Sammons-yes. Motion carries.

Chester Township Recreation Fund-

Motion by Goodno to provide the funds to Play Conklin for upkeep to the ball fields. Second by Dunnuck. Motion carries.

Letter of support for Ottawa County's County-wide Broadband Plan-

Motion by Dietrich, second by Goodno to support the plan, Motion carries.

Treasurer Resignation-

Motion by Dunnuck to accept Sammons resignation with reservation and heartfelt gratitude for her work. Second by Meerman. Motion carries

Appointment of Treasurer-

Motion by Goodno to appoint Lisa Denhof as Treasurer. Second by Dietrich. Motion carries.

Treasurer Transition Support-

Motion by Meerman to accept Sammons proposal to contract support for the transition. Second by Dunnuck, Motion carries.

Parking March 17-18. Discussion of parking in Conklin during the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Public Comment- A resident thanked Treasurer Sammons for her time on the board and a job well done.

Board Member Discussion-

Dunnuck asked about the feed mill.

Goodno will call the road commission about paving the west end of Gooding.

Sammons is reviewing the special assessment districts. A report was sent to the Lake Association. The lighting district is under review.

Dietrich said that the Election Commission meeting is March 23rd at 10 am.

Adjournment- Motion by Meerman, second by Dunnuck to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.