

**Moore Township Board of Supervisors**  
**2491 Community Drive**  
**Bath, PA 18014**  
**March 1, 2022**

The Regular Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was called to order on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 by Chairman Daniel Piorkowski at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at the municipal building. Members present were Chairman Daniel Piorkowski, Vice Chairman David Shaffer, Supervisor Michael Tirrell, Township Manager Nicholas Steiner, Township Solicitor David Backenstoe, and Township Engineer Kevin Horvath from Keystone Consulting Engineers (KCE).

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6 pm.

**SUB-DIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**WAIVERS & DEFERALS**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**MINUTES**

**Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from February 1, 2022**

**Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion**

**Public comment**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the Financial Report**

**Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion**

**Public comment**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

**Mr. Tirrell made a motion to pay the bills**

Mr. Steiner noted bills for the month from General Checking are \$186,305.25. This includes \$53,568.53 related to Fireman's Relief, and \$17,454.31 to pay off the Case Loader. The Liquid Fuels bills are \$66,086.94. Mr. Tirrell wanted the Fire Relief explained. Mr. Steiner said the state provides funding to the fire departments out of the Fireman's Relief Association, and the Township serves as the pass through. This is related to 2021 but was delayed because of an Audit issue they had to resolve. There should be another one at the end of the year.

**Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion**

**Public comment**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

**APPROVE PAYROLL**

**Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve the payroll**

**Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion**

**Public comment**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Gary West read the report for the month of February 2022.

## **FIRE & AMBULANCE**

Mr. Harhart read the January 2022 report.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **Street Sweeping**

Mr. Craig Hoffman reported the first week of April they will be street sweeping, April 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Skid Loader**

Mr. Hoffman is looking to purchase a skid loader to help with the road work this year. He thought it would be a valuable piece of equipment to help them improve the roads. He provided the Board with three quotes and asked if they had any questions. Mr. Piorkowski asked for Mr. Hoffman's recommendation. Mr. Hoffman recommended the Bobcat because other municipalities in the area also have Bobcats making it easier to share attachments. Some townships have the milling heads and some have the stump grinder. It's easier when working together to have the same equipment. It is a little more expensive than the others, but if they would need to rent a piece of equipment instead of borrowing it, that's where the cost savings would come in. Mr. Piorkowski asked confirmation it's actually in the middle. Mr. Hoffman said yes and no. Mr. Piorkowski said the John Deere is the lowest. Mr. Hoffman said yes, but that is with a sweeping broom bucket. The Cat is the same price but you have to add the two quotes together that were provided by Bobcat. Mr. Tirrell asked what attachments came with it. Mr. Heckman got them all priced with a pickup broom so when they grind the road, the broom will sweep up all the loose stone into the bucket. During normal day to day operations, they get complaints of cinders in the road, and this would come in handy to sweep them up. Mr. Shaffer said it would be \$84,000 plus the \$5,000.00, basically. Mr. Hoffman said yes. Mr. Shaffer said \$84,000.00 plus \$5,000.00 for the Bobcat with the attachment, and if they needed to get another piece of equipment or attachment for the Bobcat from neighboring municipalities, or rental company, they also carry Bobcat more than John Deere. Mr. Hoffman said yes. He could call another township and ask to borrow the milling head for the day saving a rental fee. Mr. Piorkowski said the Township would have something to give them such as the sweeper or brush, and Mr. Hoffman confirmed a lot of them don't have the sweeper. Mr. Piorkowski's point is they have something to trade back if the Township is borrowing something. Mr. Shaffer said he was good with it. Mr. Tirrell wanted to know if this was in the budget or something additional. Mr. Hoffman said it is a little more than what was budgeted. They had a 6% increase in pricing since September from when he first priced the Bobcat. Mr. Tirrell wanted to know what was budgeted. Mr. Steiner said \$75,000.00, and this will be \$89,000.00. He thinks they received the Liquid Fuels allotment today, and it was higher than anticipated. With cash on hand, they should be able to cover the difference. Mr. Tirrell wanted to know if this would help them do more roads. Mr. Hoffman said it will allow them to work quicker. Mr. Piorkowski said based on your recommendations and Mr. Steiner's lack of budget concerns, he would go for the Bobcat.

**Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the purchase of the Bobcat along with the sweeping attachment. The Bobcat being \$84,539.57 and the sweeping attachment \$5,201.56**

**Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion**

### **Public comment**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

Mr. Tirrell asked what the turnaround time would be. Mr. Hoffman said it depends on the factory. It's sitting out there, but the biggest problem is trucking. The factory is in South Dakota.

**FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY (FRCA)**

Mr. Steiner stated, per Mr. Gable, that they are looking into a 6x12 enclosed trailer to move some of the portable equipment around better, and everything is in good working order at the FRCA.

**NAZARETH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)**

Mr. Piorkowski said there was no report. They have a meeting coming up next month. Mr. Steiner asked if there was a Comprehensive Plan update. Mr. Harhart said they had a presentation and a zoom meeting last month, and they will be doing a final meeting in Upper Nazareth this month. He will hopefully bring a draft forward and have a public meeting at the Planning Commission meeting in April. They will do a presentation of the Comprehensive Plan to the BOS and the Planning Commission (PC) at the same time.

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

Mr. Tirrell reported there were no major issues voted on. Mr. Steiner had asked him for some projects regarding grants, and he sent him a list. They will get him some numbers together. Mr. Steiner said it is the Livable Landscape Grant, and he looked at some DCNR grants as well. The one that qualifies for trails says population of 5,000 or less. The county's Livable Landscape is a 50/50 grant. The county can be difficult to work with on grants sometimes, but he wants to set up a meeting with Ms. Sherry Acevedo to see which one of the ideas would qualify, and then they will need a detailed budget and plans. Mr. Tirrell said they have numbers it is just a matter of putting the details together. Mr. Steiner signed up for the webinar, and he's looking forward to schedule something with Sherry to discuss those projects. Mr. Tirrell said a couple of groups requesting fields were approved, but they will come in and sign the paperwork.

**Field Treatments**

Mr. Hoffman was asked to get field treatment quotes for this year. He has three quotes noting the fertilizing industry is getting more and more competitive. He recommends BetterScapes because TruGreen explained the Township would need six treatments, and the other companies said they could do the same thing in four. Mr. Tirrell said BetterScapes has numbers behind each one such as 1, 2, 3, and 6. Does that mean they are going to treat fields six times? Mr. Hoffman said no, that is a number they assign for each process. Early spring is their first application, the sixth application is the winterization not the number of treatments. He also said to take the taxes off the BetterScapes quote. He is looking to get approval to give BetterScapes the work this year for four treatments at \$16,050.00. Mr. Tirrell wasn't sure what he budgeted for the process. Mr. Piorkowski said they were also the cheapest one. Hahns Lawns was \$18,000.00. Mr. Tirrell said they did get their bang for their buck last year. He said it is all the more reason to get one of the Public Works employees licensed to do this. Mr. Steiner said this also covers more than what they did last year. Mr. Hoffman said this is for all the fields. Mr. Steiner said they had \$10,000 budgeted for it, but again they have cash on hand from the prior year and didn't see that being an issue. He was conservative with revenue estimates and was comfortable with this. Mr. Piorkowski said if they are going to do this, they need to lock them in because fertilizer is going to be a hard commodity to get even for farmers. Mr. Hoffman said they were after him for the last two weeks to make a decision.

**Mr. Tirrell made a motion to accept the BetterScapes proposal for field maintenance for 2022 Recreation Center**

**Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion**

**Public comments.**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.**

### **Seasonal Employment**

Mr. Hoffman said they budgeted for seasonal employees at the Rec Center, and he was looking to advertise. Mr. Steiner also wanted to know if they could conduct the interviews and forward their recommendations to the BOS for the April meeting. Mr. Piorkowski said they were all in agreement that was a good idea, and they would be able to come during working hours. Mr. Tirrell wanted confirmation they are looking for two positions. Mr. Piorkowski wanted to know the pay rate. Mr. Steiner said no pay rate was decided on, and they were going to see what people would ask for. That will determine if they go with two people or one person. Mr. Steiner said there are a couple employees who may be retiring and might ask to see if they would be interested in doing the job a couple of days a week. Mr. Tirrell wanted to know if they had to be over 18, and the response was they preferred it as they would be operating machinery.

**Mr. Shaffer made a motion to advertise for seasonal employment at the Rec Center and have Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Steiner do interviews and give the BOS a recommendation in April**

**Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion**

**Public comments**

None

**Motion carried with all the Supervisors present voting aye.**

### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Tirrell was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Steiner spoke to Ms. Charmaine Bartholomew and Mr. Jesse Longley today, and they had nothing to report. They looked at some bills for work at the schoolhouse, and they were actually lower than originally anticipated. They are not included in the bills this month because he did not receive them until late this afternoon.

### **LAND & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (LEPB)**

Mr. Robert Romano reported they did re-organize officers, and they remained the same. They discussed the 2022 newsletter and the goal to get it out by mid-summer, which means residents will probably see it in the fall sometime. The LEPB turned in their annual report. The deadline for articles is June 1, 2022. Ms. Lois Kerbacher will be emailing people and making calls. The more informative they can make the newsletter the better. Mr. Tirrell asked if they thought about electronic recycling as he saw that Northampton County is posting. Mr. Romano said they talked about it but haven't had a meeting since the memo came out. It will be discussed at the next meeting. This time will be easier than ever with support and funding from the county. It sounds like they already set up an organization, and the Township just needs to supply a time and location and see if the Township needs to help organize it. In the past, it was open to all, and certain areas have not done that. They had one just for Bath residents so the BOS will have to make the decision whether to open it up to everybody or just Moore Township residents. Moore Township residents have multiple different addresses. Mr. Steiner said they could get a list form the county or from Ms. Autumn Silfies, our tax collector. The issue with opening it up to everybody, like Bath last year, is it could end real quick. Mr. Romano said it's a different world than the past, and now everybody is sort of limited. Whoever does it for the Township will probably stop when they're full. It may be open at 9 AM and could be done by 10:30 AM. They will be discussing this at the next LEPB meeting. The Township needs it noting everybody is stock piling their electronics and looking for a place to get rid of them. This way they won't be on the side of the road. It will most likely

be just Moore Township residents and we could possibly open it up to Chapman's residents. Mr. Shaffer said it is a little borough. The school parking lot worked good in the past. Mr. Harhart came out with the Fire Police to help with the traffic. The county told Mr. Shaffer they provide help but not sure how much. This will be researched. Mr. Romano said it could be advertised in the newsletter. Mr. Shaffer thought advertising was covered in the cost, but he wasn't sure. Mr. Steiner said it sounded like they just needed a place to host it, and they would provide the funding. Mr. Shaffer said the county had an e-cycling event but they don't do it anymore. Mr. Steiner said they did a few throughout the year. Ever since COVID, they started encouraging other municipalities to host them, and now it sounds like they carved out funds for the municipalities. Mr. Romano said when they did it, they were getting a lot of people stating no one else is doing it. Mr. David Frey said a while back, somebody here reached out to Nazareth Borough and they came over with some stuff because they picked stuff up from alongside the roads. There was a good rapport and they came over with trailers or something like that. Mr. Hoffman said when he was with Upper Nazareth, they said Nazareth area for e-cycling events. They had people from Lower Nazareth and the borough, not just Upper Nazareth. Mr. Romano will have more information by next month. Mr. Frey said one year, they had two tractor trailers with one holding just the large screen tv's. Mr. Romano said it was over 60,000 pounds. There will be a cost associated with the drop offs, but the costs are not slowing anybody down. Mr. Steiner said DRC Technologies in on Main Street in Northampton will take electronics recyclables.

### **COMMUNITY DAYS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Kerbacher said they had a meeting and discussed concerts and movies. They will be doing one concert every other month and a movie every other month. They picked out dates. There will be a community yard sale April 9 and maybe another in the fall. They are booking bands for the concerts and Community Days which will be held August 19, and 20. Mr. Piorkowski said they also talked about bringing in a 911 Never Forget trailer. Ms. Kerbacher suggested maybe next year when they can try to partner with another township to help cover the cost. It is expensive, but she thought it was a good idea. Mr. Piorkowski said the group would work with him if the cost was an issue, but the cost to bring that exhibition here is about \$14,000 just in fuel, and it would have to be multiple days. September 11 is open this year because someone backed out. It's 83 feet long and turns into 11,000 square feet. The exhibit needs a paved surface. Ms. Kerbacher said it is very impressive, and it would be nice to partner with another township to cover the cost. Mr. Piorkowski said Easton did it the summer when the person in charge of the foundation, whose brother was killed from the 9/11 attacks, walked from New York to Washington to Shanksville and back. Ms. Kerbacher felt the residents would really like it but again the cost is a draw back. Mr. Piorkowski was told they could work with us on the price or maybe get a sponsor like one of the hospitals to help cover the cost. Bath is also having Suds and Spuds the same day as Community Days, but the committee is not changing it.

### **ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER**

Mr. Harhart submitted his report for the month.

### **Chapman Borough Zoning Officer Agreement**

Mr. Steiner said Chapman's Borough is looking to develop their own zoning ordinances. They have people interested in serving on a Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) and asked if they could enter into an agreement with Moore Township, similar to the Police and Public Works, whereby the Township Zoning Officer would serve as their Zoning Officer as well. He spoke with Mr. Harhart and thinks they would come up with an annual fee and maybe charge Mr. Harhart's overtime rate for when he attends the ZHB meetings. If the Board so authorizes, he will work on an agreement with Attorney Backenstoe and Chapman's Mr. John DeFassio to see what arrangement they can make. He doesn't think this is immediate as Chapman needs to put together their zoning ordinances. Mr. Tirrell asked Mr. Harhart if he

had time to take this on. Mr. Harhart said a lot of people come to the Township from Chapman Borough thinking the Township is charge of this for Chapman's. He has no idea what the first year would be like. Attorney Gary Asteak is their solicitor, and he directed them to ask Mr. Harhart because he knows the borough and people in the borough. Mr. Harhart doesn't know how many ZHB meetings there will be the first couple years as there are a lot of non-conforming uses. Mr. Steiner said it would also depend on their zoning ordinances. Mr. Harhart said they asked for a copy of the Townshiup ordinance to model it because they are part of the same regional plan. Mr. Tirrell asked if he would have to do permits. Mr. Harhart said yes. Ms. Kerbacher said there is no room to file and store them. Mr. Harhart said they would need to have their own Planning Commission. Mr. Steiner said the depth of their new laws will impact the agreement.

**Mr. Shaffer made the motion to allow Mr. Steiner to talk to Mr. DeFassio from Chapman Borough regarding a Zoning Officer Agreement**

**Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion**

**Public comment**

Ms. Jen Weidner said it is already irritating when they call the office and wait for somebody to call back. If they are going to take up more of Mr. Harhart's time that he can't service the Township, she didn't think he should go somewhere else, and Chapman should get their own person. Mr. Piorkowski said they would take that under advisement, but Mr. Harhart said they come now anyway. It may be a wash. She responded that them coming here is different than him going over there and being away from his desk. Mr. Piorkowski said when they come in, he has a reasonable conversation with them anyway. Mr. Harhart said he is usually on the phone. Mr. Steiner said they would do some research, but he wouldn't go over there except to check the properties if he needed to. Mr. Harhart said they have the same county assessor. Mr. Steiner said it is an odd situation because most boroughs that are surrounded by municipalities like this have been absorbed by the townships. Mr. Harhart said there are maybe 200 residents in Chapmans.

**Motion caried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

Mr. Tirrell asked Mr. Harhart, if they had 10 moving in permits and two moving out permits, does he cross-check. Mr. Harhart said the problem with moving out is nobody realizes they have to fill out that form until they continue receiving taxes from Autumn and the school district. The last couple days, people started calling stating they didn't know they had to submit the form, but if they don't, people will keep getting taxes.

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

**Schiavone Farm HOP**

Mr. Horvath submitted the design drawings, calculations, and supporting information to PennDOT a couple weeks ago, but he hasn't heard back. They are usually a 30 day turn around. He is hopeful to receive feedback from PennDOT prior to the next meeting.

**Pool Road**

Per the Board's request, Mr. Horvath prepared a proposal for some enhanced signage at Pool Road, since PennDOT shut down their idea of converting to a one directional traffic flow on Pool Road. He proceeded to describe the exhibit. Signs are not going to stop people from turning illegally, but if they have the enforcement to go with it, Keystone thinks this could be a more effective plan. The process would be similar to the posting of the brake retarder signs. They would present this plan to PennDOT who will require the Board pass a resolution or provide a written statement indicating the Township will furnish and maintain any signs in the PennDOT's rights of way. PennDOT will ultimately authorize the placement of these signs or they could ask for it to be changed. Mr. Steiner just received a letter within

the last couple of weeks or so about the truck brake prohibition, so eventually it finds its way out of the PennDOT abyss and finds its way back to us. If you would like to proceed with something along these lines, he can move forward. He asked if they have any suggestions, comments, or questions. Mr. Tirrell asked if PennDOT can paint that double line solid across Pool Road. There is a break in the lines which insinuates you can turn. Mr. Horvath did not know if that was a result of wear or left open but it is a good point and will ask them. Mr. Shaffer liked the plan, but he was concerned for the property across the street going from 24"x24" signs to 36"x36" signs with how close the house is. He asked if there is a notification process. Mr. Horvath said they swap them out. Notifications come into play if anything done on the state road impacts access to or from the property. For instance, if it prevented them from making a left turn they would certainly be notified and be addressed with the property owner. In this case, it is independent of their functionality of the driveway and no notifications needed unless the Township so chooses. Mr. Piorkowski said in the comments it states existing signs to remain. Mr. Horvath said that is just the stop sign. With the size of the new signs, it might make sense to re-mount them on a double posted sign. He could come up with those details if they decide to proceed. Mr. Piorkowski asked if that was the only existing sign. Mr. Horvath said there is currently a no left turn sign facing the west bound traffic on Rt. 248. He pointed them out on the plan and pointed to the new signs. Mr. Frey wanted to know how far up the road from the Turner's driveway is there going to be another no left turn ahead sign. Mr. Horvath shows from the no left turn sign to the intersection about 150 feet to the advanced one. That is an estimate at this time. As it is shown right now, it could be 50' from the driveway to the ahead sign and then 100' from the driveway to the other side. Ms. Wagner said she spoke to the neighbors in the past and didn't think they would have a problem with this. Mr. Shaffer said maybe as a courtesy, they should let the neighbors know.

**Mr. Shaffer made a motion to proceed with the signs are proposed on the exhibit for Pool Road and Route 248**

**Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion**

**Public comments**

Ms. Wagner asked if they were able, in their correspondence with PennDOT, to ask them about putting in a guide rail. Mr. Horvath said he did mention it to PennDOT at the intersection of Pool Road and a ditch on the church's property west of the intersection. Ms. Wagner said there have been a couple of cars in there over the years, and she mentioned it to Mr. Horvath a couple meetings ago on the Rt 248 side. Mr. Horvath said there are certain criteria that need to be met in order to validate or allow for the placement of guide rails. PennDOT doesn't want to do it if they don't have to do it. They also said to check with the Police Department to find out if there were any accidents. If it is a one off where somebody slipped on ice and slid off, that is not a justification. If it is a repeated concern or safety hazard, then they would be in favor of installing a guide rail. Mr. Horvath didn't look into it any further, but there are certain situations that warrants them including how steep the drop is, how close to the road it is, or whether it is on the inside or the outside of a curve that would be used to justify or make that request to PennDOT. If the Township would like to install the guide rail, they would like to see this warrant analysis and then verify that it met that warrant. Ms. Wagner said that in about 25 years, there have been about three cars, so she didn't know if that would warrant it. It just so happened a car was in there upside down a week before she mentioned it to Mr. Horvath, and it was fresh in her mind at the time. It is not something that she is going to push for. Mr. Hoffman asked if this would affect the residents of the farm pulling out of their driveway at all. Mr. Horvath said no. This signage is all directed specifically to the Pool Road intersection.

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

**MS4 Projects**

Mr. Horvath explained the Township has an MS4 permit, and as part of the permit, it is required to install and construct pollution reduction measures to meet the terms of the permit. KCE was able to obtain the permit through certain anticipated improvements including six detention basin retro fits and over-sized inlet with a filtration capacity. The purpose of these installations would be to reduce the sediment load in the runoff before it reaches the streams. Because the Township doesn't really own the detention basins and these improvements are specifically targeted to certain areas of the Township, the Township was left with zero options for installations on public land. They had to look at privately owned detention basins. They identified six basins and are in the process of reaching out to these residents to let them know the Township's requirements and intentions. Mr. Steiner and Mr. Horvath drafted a letter asking for the residents' participation with the planning and informing them of the Township's obligations to install these improvements on their property. They are hoping for a collaborative process to do this in conjunction with the property owners instead of battling against the property owners. It would make things a lot easier to accomplish the MS4 program goals. As of right now, they don't have any feedback, but he might have more information for the next meeting. Mr. Frey asked if they got the cooperation from the neighbors, is the Public Works Department going to install them or will a contractor install them. Mr. Horvath would like to think the Township could do the work, but he knows the Public Works Department has plenty on their plate. He doesn't know if that determination has yet been made. Mr. Frey asked if there was a time frame as to when they needed to be done. Mr. Horvath said they have a five-year permit, and he believes they are into year three of that permit period. Mr. Hoffman said these detention ponds are not always close to the road, so they need a lot of cooperation from the property owner to get access. Mr. Frey understood and recommended before and after pictures. Mr. Horvath said it might go a long way in making the case for the cooperation of the residents. They could look better than they do now if some of these basins have fallen into disrepair and are overgrown and the Township cleans and reseeds them. Mr. Ayers questioned being in the third year, if there is a cost factor, can they ask for an extension if they know the Township is in the process and won't get the work done by the end of year five. Mr. Horvath said the program is kind of funny where it's hugely unpopular with municipalities because it's a strain on an already strained budget, a ton of paperwork, and municipalities point out they have real problems. He's not saying it's a bad program but that, understandably, people aren't lining up to spend the money that they don't have on programs that they didn't ask for. He thinks there is value to the program, and these projects will help realize that value. Townships are always behind a bit, Moore Township included, but they are catching up. Mr. Steiner has been instrumental in prioritizing this and getting us back to where we need to be. He thinks the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has an understanding, especially given the past couple of years with everything hitting the brakes with COVID. He would like to move this forward the best we can. In the past, when showing you are doing the best you can with what you have, DEP has been accommodating. Not to say that will always be the case, but that is what his experience has been. Mr. Ayers asked if he could say we're in the process of doing this, but we may need another year to finish the project. Mr. Horvath said nobody's permit has run out yet because it's such a new process. Mr. Steiner asked confirmation they have to automatically renew it after five years. Mr. Horvath said they do, but if the Township doesn't, it is in violation. He thinks this was the Township's third permit cycle. Mr. Steiner said they apply for the permit but are required to apply for the permit which sets the time frame. The state has underfunded their regulatory agencies noting he has been here almost four years and had his first annual inspection this past year. The person was pulled from a different department. Moore wasn't the worst or the best, but they were in pretty good shape. Mr. Ayers said if it doesn't cost more money to get the permit, they show they're working in good faith, and can save money by having Public Works do it, they could take another year. Mr. Steiner said it does cost money for the permit. He planned to use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for MS4.

## **Road Plan Update**



Mr. Horvath met with Mr. Steiner, Mr. Hoffman, and Mr. Sean Dooley from (KCE), who is heading up the road program, last week. Mr. Hoffman and his department have finalized or gotten through the majority of the road condition survey, the basis for the road program. All the roads are graded from A to F. There are no F roads in the township, but there are no A's either. Keystone is reviewing the information and will, within the next week or two, have recommendations for roadwork this season. Mr. Dooley offered to provide a brief presentation or introductory presentation to go over the road program including what it is, what's the purpose, and how it works. Mr. Steiner said they talked about a workshop meeting where they can discuss the roads and Mr. Dooley could answer any questions including his thinking and logic behind his prioritization of projects. Mr. Frey asked if it would be open to the public, and the response was yes. Mr. Tirrell asked if they needed a motion to schedule the workshop. Mr. Piorkowski said not at this time. Mr. Steiner said they had to look at the schedules and it would be advertised.

## **TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

### **Agritainment/Agritourism Zoning Laws**

Attorney Backenstoe provided a few sample ordinances concerning Agritourism/Agritainment. He thought the best one with similar area was North Whitehall Township. He also provided a copy of Plainfield Township's ordinance, which is more detailed and more comprehensive. Mr. Steiner said a resident who works for Upper Macungie sent over Upper Mac's ordinance. Attorney Backenstoe said it is similar to North Whitehall. The ordinances provide different types of uses and try to incorporate the concepts of the right to farm in their ordinances requiring they do a certain amount of farming. They define agritainment and agritourism. Agritainment is an accessory use to a single family dwelling or a farming use which may include the rental of an accessory structure for weddings, family gatherings, reunions, and other events. Agritourism is an accessory use to farms for recreation or educational purposes. It includes uses like wineries, the wine tastings, corn mazes, and petting zoos whereas agritainment is more like weddings and family gatherings. Municipalities have adopted them as special exception uses. They have a number of criteria such as noise, parking, lights, and acreage. These are three good samples that are each a little different. It will require some study and probably would be sent to the PC like they ordinarily do. They could have the PC study the samples, Attorney Backenstoe would then be asked to write a ordinance draft for the Township, and they might send it to the BOS for consideration and adoption. Mr. Piorkowski asked if they needed a motion to send it to the PC. Attorney Backenstoe said yes, if they really feel this is something they are interested in, they could make a motion tonight to send the three examples to the PC and ask them to start to consider whether or not the PC would be interested in adopting an Agritourism/Agritainment type scheme for Moore Township. Mr. Shaffer asked, using a hypothetical and looking at the North Whitehall example, that if a tree farm like Unangst Tree Farm wanted to come in, at an appropriate location, not a back rural road, would they be able to do so under North Whitehall's ordinance. It states the venue should not host more than a hundred. Attorney Backenstoe said that is right. As you can see, it has to be 10 acres. Mr. Shaffer asked clarification the venue cannot host more than 150 people at one time. Attorney Backenstoe said right, they don't want more than 150 people come at one time. Mr. Tirrell asked if 200 people show up to get trees, is that allowed under this example. Mr. Shaffer said under North Whitehall, no. Attorney Backenstoe said the tree farm is the principal use, so they can have more than 200 people, but if they did a corn maze or opened the barn and did wine tasting, they can only have 150 people for that. Mr. Piorkowski said they are talking about the supplemental uses. Attorney Backenstoe said yes, but their principal use would remain untouched. Mr. Shaffer asked if it's December, Unangst Tree Farm is selling trees, they have food trucks and there are 200 people, are people there for the trees or for the food trucks, and are they allowed? They have the food trucks on their own this summer. Mr. Frey asked if they have a petting zoo, can they have rides, besides just going for a tree? Mr. Shaffer asked if they put food trucks in during that time, what are they doing? Attorney Backenstoe said they don't need to have a limit. If

parking is adequate, lighting is good, and there is no problem with noise or traffic, they can have a limit of 1,000 people. They don't have to limit it. Mr. Piorkowski said maybe North Whitehall doesn't have the space. Mr. Romano didn't think so either because he was at a meeting, and they didn't even want to address it. Mr. Ayers said that is why it should be placed under Special Exception because the PC would give them a plan of what they want, how much parking do is needed, and when they agree would then come to the ZHB where they would agree in writing how many people they could have. Special Exception reviews the different circumstances for different cases. They have to prove to the PC and ZHB. They take each site under consideration of how much traffic and if they can access the property. Mr. Romano agreed with Mr. Ayers, noting that situation with the food trucks in the summertime works there because of the parking size, but taking that same situation and putting it on another farm somewhere else could be a nightmare. Mr. Shaffer asked about last month's conversation regarding applicants going before the PC and the fee. Going to PC is a fee and using KCE is another fee, so he is hesitant. He is not saying no or yes but trying to figure out how it would work. Mr. Harhart said they will not pay a fee as a Special Exception, but they will for a Site Plan. Going to the ZHB is \$750. PC looks at the plan under Special Exception. Mr. Ayers said there have been plans that have gone before the PC and they are told there is no way they are going to recommend this, so they don't come before the ZHB. If they can't get it past PC, there is no sense going before the ZHB. The ZHB takes the PC opinion seriously. Mr. Harhart reiterated Special Exception is a permitted use, and applications just have to prove they can meet the specific conditions in the ordinance. Mr. Shaffer asked confirmation only ZHB can approve Special Exceptions, and Mr. Harhart said yes which is where the fee comes into play. Mr. Shaffer said like they talked about last month, and Mr. Becker brought it up and it is valid, we don't want to punish a farmer. Mr. Ayers said they don't want to pick on the strawberry patch, blueberry patch, or tree farms. It's the agritainment and agritourism causing these problems, and that's why other municipalities have developed these ordinances. It's going on in other places and it will get here eventually. Mr. Romano said they are looking to start a business and create additional income. Sometimes they need to start with putting out capital to startup. Attorney Backenstoe said the real reason is sort of reversed from the way they're thinking about it. It is to try to save farmers who are going under because farming is so expensive and non-productive, so this gives them another type of business and income to keep farming. Mr. Shaffer is good with passing it along to the next branch to see what they come with. Mr. Tirrell would really like to talk to some of the existing farm business before they do anything. Attorney Backenstoe said they could table it for tonight, do their due diligence, talk to the farmers, and discuss next month. Mr. Frey was sure the PC would appreciate that. Mr. Harhart said it is true that out of those three townships Plainfield by far is the closest to Moore. He didn't know what they were experiencing. Attorney Backenstoe said it has been good. They have micro-breweries coming in with restaurants. They're taking an old barn that is not being used and being converted into a winery for wine tasting, or a micro-brewery. Mr. Piorkowski said asked with the micro-breweries, are they still farming on the properties or just turning them? Attorney Backenstoe said they were actually rehabbing or repurposing. Mr. Piorkowski asked if it's no longer an actual farm but using the secondary use, and the response was correct. Attorney Backenstoe said Mr. Harhart is right, geographically Plainfield is like Moore, but the concept in their ordinance is a little different than what the Township is looking at. That is why he thought North Whitehall was a better model. Plainfield is letting people who had old barns turn them into micro-breweries. Mr. Piorkowski said that even if they push it along, they could still talk to the farmers because it is going to come back for a vote anyway and could take the PC a long time to review. Mr. Harhart spoke to the chairman, and he does not want it on their agenda for this month. Mr. Piorkowski said they could still send it to the PC and they can put it wherever they need to put it. Mr. Steiner thought it would be wise for them to try to pare down and an idea of what direction to send to the PC knowing they have a lot to do. If the Board wants this to move, they should give an idea of what they'd like to see instead of just throwing everything at them all at once. The PC could then come back with something they really don't want or like. Mr. Shaffer said they would look at it next month. Mr. Frey said would appreciate a letter of what the BOS

wants. Mr. Piorkowski asked for the Board members' thoughts. Mr. Harhart said they have to have a meeting with both the BOS and the PC to discuss the Regional Plan with the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission next month.

**Mr. Tirrell made a motion to table the Agritainment/Agritourism Ordinance this month**

**Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.**

**Public comment**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

### **Bio Solids Conversation**

Attorney Backenstoe was asked to give a tutorial on bio solids. Part of the reason is what is going on in Plainfield Township. Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority purchased a large chunk land in the middle of Plainfield, next to the recreation area, in the middle of a residential neighborhood, and allegedly there is intent to put bio solids down and Mr. Shaffer asked for information that should this happen in Moore Township, they would know a little bit about it. Attorney Backenstoe said he would tell them the good and the bad about bio solids. The bad is there is nothing good about it. Bio solids are sludge. It is human waste mixed with chemicals, and they are entirely regulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the federal U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Townships have no regulatory authority whatsoever. They can't pass an ordinance to stop or control them. Many townships have done it, they've all gone to the PA Supreme Court, and they've all been kicked out. The reason there is such an influx of Bio Solids in PA is because NY and NJ have very strict regulations. PA does not. Everybody with their waste and their sludge comes from NY and NJ to PA because the state legislature doesn't think it is appropriate to regulate them. Mr. Piorkowski thought he said it was all regulated by DEP, and the response was yes. He asked how NY regulates it. Attorney Backenstoe said their DEP is really strict as is New Jersey's. The Federal Government allows each state to create their own regulations. There are two types of bio solids or sludge noting Bio Solids is the nice name the industry likes to use. It is the most hideous, horrendous stink you can imagine, and then it is all hosed down with sulfur which is the horrible, eye burning smell you get on a hot summer day. There are ostensibly two types of bio solids – Class A and Class B. Class A are bio solids which are really cooked and baked at an extreme temperature and it dissipates a lot of the chemicals and odors that are really bad. They take Class A bio solids and put them in cakes, chop them up, and it can be bought at the stores and spread on both agricultural and residential properties. Class B is so bad it is not allowed on residential at all. It can only be used on large agricultural areas. They can only try to fight the owner who wants to spread it at the point when he gets his permit. He will have a bio solids expert, they will complete the application, submit it to DEP, and DEP will just blindly approve it. They will give other entities in the area 30 days' notice. While chances of stopping it are slim, there are some issues that could be raised. For instance, if it is going to be used for agricultural purposes, it cannot be on a slope that exceeds 25%. The Township will need an engineer, geologist or somebody to assist with that. For land reclamation, the filling of property to bring it up to a certain level, the slopes cannot exceed 35%. These bio solids cannot be within 100 feet of a perennial stream, within 30 feet of an intermittent stream, within 300 feet of an occupied dwelling, within 100 feet of exceptional water value and wetlands, within 11 inches of seasonal high water tables and not within 3.3 feet of a ground water table. If they think a permit is coming, they should have an engineering expert who deals in environmental. He didn't know if KCE had them in house. They will probably want to have an environmental lawyer on hand. Plainfield uses Attorney Jack Embick who he has known for over 30 years. He is the special solicitor used in Plainfield when they fought that sludge plant for almost 2 ½ years before they finally left. Mr. Piorkowski asked if they should do that after they know of a problem or be proactive. Attorney Backenstoe said that would be up to them. The Board could try to bring somebody in right now and have them on hand in the event they ever get notice that this is going to happen. Mr. Piorkowski asked if that would be a retainer. Attorney

Backenstoe said they would just be appointed environmental scientist and lawyer. Mr. Piorkowski asked if they should be contacted to see if they would be interested in case the Township does have a situation further questioning if it's common practice and whether they took that approach in Plainfield. Attorney Backenstoe said as soon as Plainfield found out this farm had been purchased and that was the potential, they went out and did RFPs. He thought Nazareth Authority was going to try to move quickly on it, but they have been slow to react. They have their environmental expert through Johnston where they did all the applications, but they haven't gotten any notice they are going to spread so that 30 day clock in which you would start to do your testing and maybe file an appeal to their potential permit hasn't started yet, but Plainfield is ready. Mr. Piorkowski asked clarification his recommendation would be they look into getting somebody on board. Attorney Backenstoe said if they thought it was going to come here. They could have 300 residents saying asking why they aren't doing anything and try to explain to them that it is completely pre-empted. They don't understand and don't want to hear it. Attorney Backenstoe said they won't get help from the conservation district. People are screaming this is preserved farmland, and the county says it is perfectly acceptable. Mr. Shaffer said the county conservation district said it is okay. Mr. Steiner said they are regulated by DEP also. Attorney Backenstoe said they can't do anything. Mr. Piorkowski said unlike NJ and NY, who took a proactive, noting that is why the pipeline didn't go through. The state legislature made it almost impossible to do anything on preserved land. Attorney Backenstoe said they also test for more metals and poisons than PA does. Mr. Ayers wanted to know there was anything against state law to require farmers to give a 100 day notice prior to doing this. Attorney Backenstoe said the township cannot require that, because it would violate the state rules. The state doesn't make them give notice, so the Township can't make them give notice. Mr. Ayers wanted to know how they find out when they are going to spread it out in their fields. Attorney Backenstoe said they will get a notice from DEP that 30 days is going to start. Ms. Kerbacher spoke up and said Mr. Harhart has a copy of an agreement in his files for a property owner. Mr. Harhart said they always have had farmers that do this on a limited bases. Ms. Kerbacher said there are farmers in the Township who have been doing this for years. Mr. Harhart said they would send them to Mr. Rodney Jarinko, but now they will send Mr. Steiner a notice from DEP stating the 30 days start. Attorney Backenstoe said some people have had those experiences where they didn't even notice it being done. Ms. Kerbacher said Lorah's farm does it all the time in Lehigh Township. Mr. Steiner wanted to know if they could restrict the type of bio solids like Class A. Attorney Backenstoe said they cannot. Mr. Piorkowski said if they are already letting local farmers do it now, they couldn't do anything to those. Attorney Backenstoe said no, but they can within 30 days of them expiring. It does not mean they cannot try to stop somebody new from doing it. Mr. Piorkowski asked if this would only be for new moving forward. Attorney Backenstoe thought the permit had to be renewed every 5 years. Mr. Romano said at some point, the people who are doing it will have to renew and at that point is when the 30 day process. Attorney Backenstoe said the problem is they are already doing it and don't violate any of the criteria. Ms. Kerbacher said she has not filed any renewal letters for as long as she has been filing. Mr. Harhart has not seen any recently. Mr. Frey said that in the past, he had it put next to his property and didn't have a problem with it. He was notified. However, the reason he didn't have a problem with it was because they were told they had to have it tilled within so many hours. They put it down and chisel plowed it under, and the odor wasn't there unlike manure when they spread it. Attorney Backenstoe didn't know why the odor is so unbearable noting people have to go to the hospital because they are so sick from it. Mr. Frey asked if there is any way to find out from the lawyer if there is a way that they are supposed to put it under and till it in right away. Attorney Backenstoe asked Mr. Horvath if he had any experience with this. Mr. Horvath did not, but he could look into it if they'd like. Attorney Backenstoe said there were definitely ways to apply it. Mr. Hoffman said there are several ways. It can be spread across the fields, or they inject it. There is a time machine behind the spreader. Sometimes it has to be tilled under before it rains. Mr. Frey didn't now if the township could do anything or at least know the rules better for how they have to put it on or when they put it on. Attorney Backenstoe said that was why you would want to

get someone really familiar with it. Mr. Piorkowski did know the Cook College at Rutgers uses it for all of their goods and said when he worked at sewer plant growing up, they would furnish sludge to a lot of places. Mr. Frey said the fertilizer prices are going so high, this is an alternative for farmers. Ms. Kerbacher was more concerned with the fertilizers they were putting on the fields. Mr. Frey said they can see how much bigger the cobs and how much greener. Mr. Piorkowski asked if Jaindl used turkey feet and beaks. Mr. Harhart said he uses his turkey stuff on his fields. Mr. Piorkowski said even though this topic was entertaining maybe they should look at what Plainfield has done and maybe send letters out. Attorney Backenstoe thought Mr. Horvath should look at it also and see if there was someone in their firm familiar with it. In Plainfield, one of the people they hired was Mr. Jason Smith with Hanover Engineering, and he is actually on the board in Bushkill. Mr. Piorkowski said that would be his recommendation. Attorney Backenstoe said he and Mr. Steiner could look at it.

**Mr. Shaffer made a motion to add the bio solids conversation to the agenda**

**Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion**

**Public comments**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

**Mr. Shaffer made a motion to allow Attorney Backenstoe, Mr. Steiner, and Mr. Horvath look into the bio solids research expertise**

**Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion**

**Public comments**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

## **TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

### **Positive Pay**

Mr. Steiner explained Positive Pay is a service through Embassy Bank where they charge \$50 per account to have the checks verified that the recipient and the amount is correct. They are finding an increase in fraud, specifically white washing of the checks, even when they keep coming up with different ways to counter those techniques on the checks. People are stealing them out of the mailboxes now, whitewashing, and reissuing to different entities and changing the amounts. They offer this service at \$50 per account per month. However, municipalities are being offered \$50 a month for all the accounts. After a meeting, Mr. Steiner would send a check detail report and when the checks are cashed, if anything does not look right, they would send an e-mail to go into the website and verify that it is indeed the correct entity and amount before it would actually cash. It would be \$600 as year for this across all the accounts to ensure the correct entity is receiving the check and the correct amount. He asked if the Supervisors wanted to move forward with it. Mr. Piorkowski thought it was a good deal for the price and was really amazed this goes on, but he believes they wouldn't cause Mr. Steiner a whole lot more work. Mr. Steiner didn't think it would be extra work. The only issue he thought that might occur was a vendor name listed differently from the name written on the check. Those that match should not change. He didn't have too much concern with that. Mr. Tirrell asked what check file he would have to upload. Mr. Steiner thinks the Check Detail Reports would work. Mr. Piorkowski thought it was a good deal for \$600.

**Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve Positive Pay per Mr. Steiner's recommendation with Embassy Bank**

**Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion**

**Public comments**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

### **Municipal Building**

Mr. Steiner said American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds could now be spent on General Fund expenses as a revenue loss. The municipal building is lacking in terms of space, primarily. There are issues with the facade. Mr. Tirrell asked when the building was built. Mr. Steiner said they discussed a few years ago. It has been put together piecemeal over the years. He doesn't think anybody can pinpoint a date. He wanted to bring it to their attention in case they would want to use some of the funds to look into a major renovation or build a new municipal building like they discussed about 20 years ago. They have plans from when an architect presented plans in the mid 2000's, and the project was abandoned. They spend about \$40,000 then decided it was too expensive to build. If they were interested, he could ask to see if the funds could be used for renovation or new building. It wouldn't cover the whole building, but it would get the projects started. There are other programs if they decide to proceed. There is the RACP program with the state which would re-imburse 50% the cost of the building up to whatever amount approved. He didn't have all the details of that program, but he was working on it. Lehigh Township is dealing with it with their Public Works building, and it can get a little complicated. He only brought it up because back in 2019, when he did the first budget presentation, it was brought to their attention that this is something they will have to start looking at. He could always reach out to the consultant to see if that is something that they can use the funds on, but if they aren't interested, he won't bother asking or reaching out. Mr. Piorkowski thought it would be negligent if they didn't look at something because they had mold in this building already in one area, and that doesn't mean that they captured it everywhere. He knows that they are talking three different roofs, and two of them leaked and one doesn't. Mr. Steiner said they fixed two roofs but the third one is leaking. Mr. Piorkowski said even if there wasn't leaking in the police area, they have no place for storage. He thinks if they don't do something now, they are just going to be negligent about it, and people will talk about them like dogs in the future asking why they didn't do it. Just like he is going to talk about the people before him who didn't have any foresight to make arrangements or update the building as they went along. If it is just up to him, he is saying investigate. He asked Mr. Tirrell how he felt. Mr. Tirrell thought they should at least look at it, but he wouldn't delegate all the funds. Mr. Shaffer piggybacked on what Mr. Piorkowski said, noting the last four years of being a township supervisor, he felt like every year there is something wrong with building. This building is a ticking time bomb, and he felt feels they are not in the position to pass the buck to the next set of Supervisors in the future. He felt it was time to act, and they have an opportunity to have funding both with the Grant for 50% and then also with the ARP funds. He is all in favor with moving forward and investigating a possible new building or renovation of some sort. Mr. Steiner said he would reach out to the ARP consultant and Senator Scavello's office.

### **RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

#### **Resolution 2022-9 Agricultural Security Area – Rush Family**

Mr. Steiner said the Ag Security was for the Rush family. Mr. Shaffer said they bought the old Drake farm on Longley Road, and he was glad to see it go into Ag Security.

**Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-9 Ag Security for the Rush Family**

**Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion**

**Public comment**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

#### **Resolution 2022-10 LSA Grant Application Paver and Trailer**

Mr. Steiner said they are looking to apply for a LSA statewide grant to acquire a new paver and trailer with East Allen Township. They provide support to other municipalities, and if the Township does a major paving job, other municipalities support the Township. They are working on a memorandum of understanding (MOU) as far as storage and maintenance. It would be about \$290,000 for both the trailer and the paver. The paver was around \$234,000 but by the time a grant could get approved, there could be significant price increases at about an 8 to 10% increase noting they are already being asked if there's a plan to purchase to reserve for next year. He built in room for that potential price increase in the grant. Mr. Piorkowski wanted to know who was looking for reservation, it was answered the manufacturer. Mr. Hoffman did most of the research on the equipment. Mr. Shaffer asked how this paver compares to the current paver. Mr. Hoffman said yes. This will be a road paver and could pave one lane at a time or a road in two swipes. Mr. Shaffer asked how many swipes it took to do Dell Road. Mr. Hoffman said they borrowed a paver for that road. Mr. Shaffer wanted to know how many swipes it would take if they had used the smaller one. Mr. Hoffman said probably three. The current paver is lucky if they get 12' wide out of it. Mr. Steiner said for them to apply for this grant, it requires they pass a Resolution to authorize him to apply, and East Allen Township must pass the same resolution. He is working with the manager, Mr. Brent Green. They are both working on letters of support from elected officials, and Mr. Green is working on the MOU which he will have Attorney Backenstoe review once it is complete. The application is due March 15, and Mr. Steiner will file the application. They will split the cost, noting they front the cost for these grants and wait to get reimbursed from the Commonwealth. They will split it like the scales for the Police Department with Bushkill. Mr. Piorkowski asked if he could use some of the ARP funds. Mr. Steiner said they could use that as the front money, but he is comfortable with where they are at with the General Fund. If things continue to get more expensive and are in a bad spot, then they could use the ARP funds.

**Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-10 LSA Grant Application for Paver and Trailer**

**Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion**

**Public comment**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

Mr. Tirrell asked how they had asphalt delivered. Mr. Hoffman said the Township has multiple trucks hauling. When they did Dell, he had four municipalities helping haul blacktop that day. They all work together. Mr. Piorkowski said some of them have tandem trailers. Mr. Hoffman said East Allen has three tandem trailers. Mr. Frey asked if they had room to house the paver. Mr. Hoffman said yes. Storage wise, they are in better shape than East Allen. It will be stored here.

**Ordinance 2022-2 Community Days Committee Amendment**

Mr. Steiner stated this ordinance would make the supervisor for the Community Days Committee a liaison amending the current ordinance. Attorney Backenstoe advertised it explaining he changed Section 2 replacing "One member of the committee shall be a member of the Moore Township Board of Supervisors" with "One member of the Moore Township Board of Supervisors may serve as a liaison." In all other respects, the ordinance stays the same.

**Mr. Tirrell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-2 Community Days Committee Amendment**

**Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion**

**Public comment**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Repository Sale Property**

Mr. Steiner said they approved this repository sale in December, but before the 60 days was up, the county didn't received approvals from all the taxing entities that needed to approve, and they received an additional bid. The initial bid approved was for \$152 and in the interim, they received a bid for \$500. They sent it back to municipality to consider both bids and approve one or none of the bids. Mr. Steiner said some of the other taxing districts made do extra research depending on where the property is located which is why they may not have received it in time.

**Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the \$500 bid for the Repository Sale Property G5SE3-10-1 0520C**

**Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion**

### **Public comments**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Truck Restriction – Allen Drive**

Mr. Steiner reported they have been receiving complaints between public works, zoning, his office, and the police department. Trucks have been traveling between 3 AM to like 7 AM in the morning on Seemsville Road/Allen Drive where they weren't traveling there before. The residents are complaining they are traveling at a high rate of speed and are very loud. They learned trucks are traveling to and from the Generation Plant in Northampton Borough. There are road weight restrictions and weight restrictions on bridges that have pushed them to Seemsville Road. Ms. Ilene Eckhart of Allen Township reached out to PennDOT to see what kind truck restrictions or brake restrictions they can put on the road, but PennDOT wanted to get approval from all the adjacent townships before moving forward. They would like the Township's support to look into PennDOT doing a study to restrict the truck traffic or a brake retarder prohibition. East Allen is also receiving a lot of complaints. Mr. Shaffer asked if they were expecting anything monetary from Moore. Mr. Steiner said they would be responsible for signs within the Township, but PennDOT conducts the study. He thought Ms. Eckhart would be the person to manage everything. Mr. Frey said the Cementon Bridge put the weight limit to 11 ton, so they can't go that way. The also went up Walnut Drive from Indian Park. They start early in the morning and go seven days a week. Mr. Piorkowski asked if that bridge was scheduled to be rebuilt. Mr. Frey said yes. Ms. Kerbacher said they would build the new bridge beside it. Mr. Frey said it was supposed to be started. Ms. Wagner said with the warehouses on the other end of that road, there will probably be more. She asked if there aren't there signs now that say the trucks can only go so far. Mr. Frey said 35 feet or longer and some are not abiding by that. Ms. Wagner said it is just going to get worse. Mr. Steiner said the problem is there are no police in East Allen or Allen Townships. They have state police, but Chief West is aware of it and will try to do what they can.

**Mr. Shaffer made a motion to show support to Allen Township for the truck restrictions on Allen Drive**

**Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion**

### **Public comments**

None

**Motion carried with all supervisors present voting aye**

## **CORRESPONDENCE/MEMOS**



**OPEN TO THE FLOOR**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Tirrell made a motion adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM**

**Mr. Sheffer seconded the motion**

**Public comment**

None

**Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas C. Steiner  
Township Manager

**Not intended to be word for word, but a synopsis of the meeting.**