

Moore Township Board of Supervisors
2491 Community Drive
Bath, PA 18014
February 2, 2021

The Regular Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was called to order on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, by Chairman Daniel Piorkowski at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted via Zoom teleconference. Members present were Chairman Daniel Piorkowski, Vice Chairman David Shaffer, Supervisor Richard Gable, Township Manager Nicholas Steiner, and Township Solicitor David Backenstoe. Township Engineer Kevin Horvath from Keystone Consulting Engineers (KCE) arrived later in the meeting.

An executive session concerning personnel was held January 19. The next Regular BOS meeting will be Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

SUB-DIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

#21-02 Keith Martin Lot Line Adjustment Plan

Mr. John Becker said the Planning Commission had reorganization, and he was reappointed chairman. Mr. David Frey was appointed vice-chairman and Mr. Jason Harhart was appointed secretary. The one agenda item is the Keith and Tracy Martin, and John and Rachel Wilson lot line adjustment. They are moving 1.3 acres from one lot to the other, so there will be approximately 2.5 acres on one lot, and just over 3 acres on the other. Planning did not see any issues. Based on Keystone's letter, they need to clean up the plan a little bit. Mr. Piorkowski said he read Keystone's letter confirming there were some housekeeping items concerning the plans. Mr. Horvath did not have an issue.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve #21-02 Keith Martin Lot Line Adjustment Plan

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public Comment

Attorney Backenstoe noted the motion would be subject to the condition the applicant comply with all the conditions and criteria set forth in Keystone's most recent review letter dated January 18, 2021.

Mr. Shaffer amended the motion to approve #21-02 Keith Martin Lot Line Adjustment Plan subject to the condition the applicant comply with all conditions and criteria set forth in Keystone's review letter dated January 18, 2021

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Attorney Backenstoe said Keystone provides a conditional approval the applicant signs. He wanted to make sure Mr. Harhart gets in contact with the Martins to have them sign off on the conditional approval. Mr. Horvath provided Mr. Steiner with the resolution in case the BOS approved the lot line adjustment.

WAIVERS & DEFERALS

REGULAR BUSINESS

MINUTES

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from January 4, 2021

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Gable made a motion to approve the Financial Report

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to pay the bills

Mr. Steiner noted bills for the month from General Checking are \$146,487.97. The Liquid Fuels bills are \$43,033.64.

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

APPROVE PAYROLL

Mr. Gable 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 January 2021. He also noted they took delivery of the 2020 Ford Expedition related to the LSA grant.

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Mr. Jason Harhart read the reports for December 2020 and 2020 year end.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Steiner said the report will be available next month. The department was out from Sunday afternoon until about an hour ago cleaning the roads. Any residents whose mailboxes or property has been damaged from the plow hitting the property, please contact the Public Works Department. This is for those residents on Township roads. He is not sure what the PennDOT policy is for those living on state roads. Mr. Steiner has been forwarding issues regarding the roads to Public Works, and any issues with state roads to PennDOT. He spoke to the emergency management coordinator (EMC) earlier today about some of the PennDOT roads, and the EMC is going to work with the fire department to contact county dispatch to get PennDOT to take care of roads like Hokendauqua, Valley View, and Monocacy. As the Township receives the information, they forward it to Public Works Department or the state to get roads cleaned up. He said Public Works can be contacted directly using extension 5 (*correction, it is extension 3), or via email at publicworks@mooretownship.org. Mr. Becker said the guys did a wonderful job noting they were out quite a bit. He said it was tough to keep after. By the end of the route, the beginning was snowed shut again. They did an awesome job.

FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY

Mr. Gable said they had their reorganization meeting with the officers staying the same. Equipment is operational and running. They were probably closed yesterday and today, but they will probably be open tomorrow.

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Mr. Piorkowski said they reorganized and appointed members to appeal boards. Other than that, it was a quick meeting.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Mr. Mike Tirrell said they did not have a meeting in January. They should be back on track in February when he would have more to report as well as a year end report.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical meeting was canceled due to the weather. Mr. Gable thanked Mr. Piorkowski for a desk donated to the schoolhouse. He will have it taken down to storage. They rescheduled their meeting for Thursday evening at 6:30 pm. Mr. Piorkowski said the lady who donated the desk gave a bag with some ink wells that fit into the desk. He is not sure they do, and they could be from a different type of seat. There is also a little blackboard they used. If they could get her a card, that would be nice. Mr. Gable said if he gets a name and address, he will definitely get something out right away.

LAND & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (LEPB)

Mr. Bob Romano said they reorganized, and officers are staying the same. They would like to make a change to their open space ranking criteria. They would like to change two items. One of them was parcel contains evidence or presence of threatened endangered special concern animals listed with the Pennsylvania National Diversity Inventory. The board has no access to that inventory. Conservancies do, but the LEPB does not. The other change is the parcel or portion of the parcels is shown on the national features plan map of Northampton County. The LEPB does not have access to those maps. They can get access to the Natural Heritage Inventory for Lehigh and Northampton Counties. These are the two items they would like to change noting they haven't done anything with the criteria in a while. They made a motion, and it was passed unanimously. He was not sure if the BOS needed to do anything with this, or if the LEPB could make the change. Mr. Piorkowski asked Attorney Backenstoe if they need to make a motion to accept the change. Attorney Backenstoe thinks it would be appropriate that way it is recorded in the minutes.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept the changes described by Mr. Bob Romano for the open space ranking sheet

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public comment

Mr. Piorkowski asked if by changing the two criteria, it gives them all the information they were looking at before. In case there is a protected animal, would they know or would somebody tell them? Mr. Romano said if it gets to the point a conservancy takes over and does their due diligence as far as examining the property, they would tell the board. If there is a bog turtle or some other threatened plant, the conservancy would probably be able to let them know. The LEPB does not have access to that information. Mr. Piorkowski wanted to make sure somebody was looking at it. Attorney Backenstoe said he does not recall whether the actual criteria used to rank the property was established by ordinance or resolution. If it was, in order to amend the criteria, they have to do it by ordinance or resolution. If it was a bunch of concepts the board came up with, they can change it. They may need to make more than a motion depending on the criteria established. He looks to Mr. Romano to answer that question. Mr.

Romano has to go back into the Open Space plan to see if it was part of the Open Space plan or not when it was developed. Attorney Backenstoe is 99% sure the ordinance provided for the board establishing the criteria for acquiring land for open space. He is almost positive it was done by at least a resolution. He has no objection to the motion tonight, no objection to starting to look at property that way, but they need to go back and find out how the conditions were originally created. If it is by resolution, send him the original resolution, and he will provide a formal resolution which the Board can approve at the next meeting. Mr. Romano thinks it was part of the context of the original Open Space plan, but he would have to go back and research. It is more likely yes than not. Mr. Piorkowski said they can table the vote. Attorney Backenstoe noted sometimes people are happy or not happy being part of a program. If they have this criteria, and it requires the LEPB to pick property A over property B, and property B is upset and asks where the criteria comes from, they'll want to have it formally adopted.

Mr. Shaffer withdrew his motion

Mr. Gable withdrew his second

Mr. Romano said the LEPB also set a tentative date for a possible open house of September 13. They are looking at using the pavilion and will probably bring in a speaker from one of the conservancies. The LEPB is trying to get it in this year as they've always been very successful in helping get a lot of information out.

COMMUNITY DAYS COMMITTEE

Mr. Tirrell said they had the meeting last month and are working on bands. Fireworks are in place noting they honored the contract from last year. The committee is working on rides as well. The tentative date is third or fourth weekend in August, but they are not ready to announce the final date.

ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER

Mr. Harhart said the Board has his report for the month. They discussed the short-term rental ordinance at the Planning Commission with Attorney Backenstoe. They had a lot of good conversation for the preliminary draft Attorney Backenstoe is working on for next meeting.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Mr. Horvath said he has nothing on the engineer's report, but he may participate in part of the conversation on Schiavone.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Attorney Backenstoe hopes everyone is safe and has a number of issues to discuss. The first item is water issues at the Township. Like most townships, especially rural townships, with the kind of storms we have been getting there's a lot of water, a lot of water runoff, and the question is what townships can do about it. It is a problem, and sometimes the township can jump in while other times they cannot. Not everybody is happy about that. If land has been a certain way for hundreds of years or fifty years, there is a lot of water run off downhill, there is not much the township can do, or the township is not legally liable to address those issues. They are what they are, and they have always been that way. To fix every single water issue in Moore Township, after talking to a couple engineers he works with, would cost the Township about \$250 million. A lot of people say that is an overreaction, but the Township would have to put in new drainage pipes, swales, ducts, and inlets to try and fix every single water problem. Millage would have to be raised to 100, 200 mill to get \$250 million to try and correct those problems noting the engineering, equipment, and labor. The Township simply cannot undertake to fix every single water issue. There are times when the Township road crew, personnel, or contractor changes the pitch, grade, basin, pipes, and retention systems along the road which unfortunately create unforeseen water issues. In those instances, not only can the Township fix it, but they also have an obligation. If a township

engineers a project resulting in significant water run off or modification of the flow of water, then the Township has to fix the problem. The third scenario is if a property owner has water problems, and they put a pipe, new system, or swale on their own, and it diverts water from one area to another area that a dry area suddenly becomes wet land. In that situation, the Township must look to the property owner. It isn't something the township created, and it might be a private issue between two property owners, or they could have violated a Township ordinance or regulation with the relocation and direction of water. Then, the Township can fight the person, the Northampton County Conservation District can fight them, and it needs to be permitted to properly modify the flow of water. It is a big, serious, and difficult issue that residents in different townships don't like to hear. If water has been flowing for 100 years one way, even if a development comes in the 70s or 80s and did not have the water retention or engineering they have now, it's not something the Township can necessarily modify or correct. Nearly every engineer confirms that's right. If there is no engineering change that was created, done, or performed by the Township, there isn't going to be any modification for which the Township is responsible to correct. Could the township decide to have an engineer look, and the township can afford the fix, yes. That happens all the time. Townships do it when they can. Those are three scenarios: it has been same way for hundreds or fifty years, township has done something causing the change including an engineered modification, and property owner affects his land affecting problems for neighboring property owners. He noted Mr. Steiner wanted this discussed in detail, and he discussed this with Mr. Horvath in advance to confirm what he is saying tonight is Mr. Horvath's understanding as an experienced township engineer. He asked if the Board had any questions. Mr. Shaffer said no, thank you for explaining. Attorney Backenstoe said it is a very difficult, heartfelt problem because there are people with water. Generally though, it isn't water created in the past year or two. It has been there a while. What really accentuates the problem is when you get a nightmare storm which is usually considered a 50 year or 100 year storm where sometimes the water is so saturated it can't absorb anymore water creating real problems for people.

The second topic Attorney Backenstoe discussed is the PennEast pipeline. The PennEast pipeline process is still pushing through. There is a lot of litigation, a lot of action noting the Delaware River Commission and New Jersey authorities filed several lawsuits. His understanding is the pipeline is still coming. While residents in Moore Township have been affected privately as the pipeline runs through their property, Moore Township has not really been affected noting the issue has been discussed multiple times. If they were going to run through Township property, the Township would know about it because the Township would have been compensated for the easement needed, or they would have filed an eminent domain proceeding. Discussed on multiple occasions, there is one action he is aware of on one property owner, and that property owner is the only one who did not reach an agreement on a settlement regarding value of the land. PennEast was required to file a federal eminent domain action. The property owner, mortgage company, all the utilities, and Moore Township is named. The property is located on a state road, and this lot was created via subdivision in 70s or 80s. Although it is on a state road, the township at that time took a very small right of way from the property owner. Mr. Horvath and Attorney Backenstoe looked and reported on it a couple months ago. Other than that, the Township has no interest, and there is really no value to the area bisected to the Township. A scheduling order came out for the case, and all expert reports and discoveries started immediately. All expert reports are to be prepared by April 30, and they are going to have a status conference on March 1. The property owner against whom this action was filed, to his knowledge, does not have a lawyer. By public records, he sees they never filed anything or answered anything. He assumes they are getting all the same mailers noting the property owners should get an appraisal as it's extremely important. The court has already authorized the taking. If the property owner wanted to contest the taking, they would have had to file months ago. As a public service, if the property is concerned about the value that they receive from PennEast, they have to get an appraisal and submit in accordance with the court order. He is going to assume the township does not want to hire a realtor or an appraiser to find out what the de minimis section of property is valued. Mr. Piorkowski

confirmed that is correct. Attorney Backenstoe wanted to advise the Board on this issue noting he is not sure what the property owner is doing, but it is not the Township's business.

Mr. Harhart brought up the short-term rental ordinance at the last meeting, and the Board directed Attorney Backenstoe to send the Planning Commission a copy of the Lehigh Township ordinance he recently prepared. The Planning Commission discussed the ordinance specifically placing the short-term rentals as defined in both the village center and industrial districts as permitted uses. There was a question as to whether this should be allowed as a special exception in some other districts. He is going to prepare the draft ordinance in accordance with the Planning Commission's instructions. The commission is going to look at it again at their upcoming meeting, and the matter will come to the BOS for their review and consideration. He thinks it is a good idea and timely.

Finally, Attorney Backenstoe said the Jarinko open space acquisition is on its way. The agreement of sale has been approved by him on behalf of the Township, the open space easement agreement has been approved, and those documents are being circulated for signature by owner and the Board. Ultimately, the Township is going to receive the documents, and Mr. Piorkowski will sign off on those since it has already been approved. Once he receives the agreement of sale, he will circulate it to all the parties and proceed to the title company to order title insurance and proceed to closing. Within a month after he receives, they should be able to have a closing for the Jarinko property open space easement.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Steiner said the county COVID block grant that allowed the Township to purchase tablets for the different boards is now closed. If there are any Planning or Zoning members who have not picked up their tablets, email or call Mr. Steiner for a time to set up and prepare a demo. A couple Planning and Zoning members stopped by the office in advance of the Planning Commission meeting. The first demo was rough, but they eventually got the hang of it. He heard the Planning meeting went well. Attorney Backenstoe said the Planning Commission went very well using the visual Zoom meeting. The Planning Commission did an excellent job noting Mr. Mike Kuchavik had his screen facing the whole Board, and Mr. Becker had his tablet focused on himself and Mr. Frey. He really felt like he was in the meeting. Mr. Steiner thanked Mr. Mike Kuchavik, Jr for volunteering and taking time to figure out how this would work in addition to being the person at the meeting directing the camera. Mr. Becker was also impressed with how it went noting concerns with blocking people out. It appears it went very well.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Resolution 2021-07 COVID-19 Prevention Policy – Leave

The Family CARES Act expired which required the Township provide a certain amount of leave for employees related to COVID. This portion of the policy is a follow up to the policy passed in December that would clarify what kind of leave is to be used, and how many days they should be out with regards to COVID-19 exposure.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-07 COVID-19 Prevention Policy - Leave

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Resolution 2021-08 Deed of Dedication – Bartholomew Lot Line Adjustment

Mr. Steiner asked Attorney Backenstoe and Mr. Horvath if all the paperwork was finalized and complete to pass this resolution. Attorney Backenstoe does not know. Mr. Horvath asked if it was presented to

him for approval tonight. Mr. Steiner said it has been around for the past year, and he thought Ms. Cathy Mackes of Attorney Backenstoe's office was supposed to send the resolution. He will follow up with Ms. Mackes as he may have misunderstood her.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Works Director

Mr. Piorkowski said they decided on a Public Works Director, Craig Hoffman, Jr. They interviewed a few people for the position and will vote on his appointment.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to appoint Craig Hoffman, Jr as Moore Township Public Works Director

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Attorney Backenstoe asked if they want to set the salary as part of the motion, or if they would like to set the salary as a second motion.

Mr. Shaffer amended the motion to appoint Craig Hoffman, Jr as Moore Township Public Works Director at a salary of \$65,000 for 2021

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public comment

Mr. Steiner said Mr. Hoffman has been working for Upper Nazareth Public Works for ten years and is currently serving as the assistant public works director. Craig is a Township resident who has worked in public works for the last ten years, and they're really excited to bring him on board. Mr. Hoffman thanked the Board for letting him serve the Township and hopes to steer them in the right direction.

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Piorkowski said his start date is this Monday, and welcomed him.

Schiavone Farm

Mr. Steiner said the Northampton County Conservation District is putting together a sediment erosion mitigation plan for the Schiavone farm. It is a project they'll have to put out to bid. The conservation district is currently working on the specs that were supposed to be provided to the Township at this point. There have been some complaints with regards to the water issues, so the county is doing a more thorough look at the project and getting more engineers involved to try and mitigate the water issue. The Township will be taking their guidance, and they will be providing specs for the job. They received a preliminary plan. Mr. Steiner was not sure if the Board would like to make a motion to put the project out to bid once they receive the specs. This project has been pushed off for a year now. Once they get the specs, he would then be able to go out to bid as soon as they can. Mr. Piorkowski said he thinks it is a good idea to put out to bid now and wait until they get the final specs. Attorney Backenstoe asked how they can put it out to bid if they do not have the specs yet. Mr. Steiner asked if they can make a motion to put out to bid following receipt of the specs from Northampton County Conservation District. Attorney Backenstoe said if that is the motion, yes.

Mr. Gable made a motion they put the Schiavone farm project out to bid once they receive the specs

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Generator

Mr. Leon Fenstermaker got three quotes regarding the generator. From what Mr. Steiner understands, the three people who looked at it had different ideas of what the needs were. Mr. Steiner was hoping Mr. Fenstermaker would be on the call to better describe the difference between each of them since they also vary in price. He suggested tabling until next meeting to review the different specs and pricing. Mr. Piorkowski said it is tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Municipal Labor

Mr. Gable made a motion to hire Brandon Biery to the municipal labor position in the Public Works Department

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Public Works Seasonal Snowplow

Mr. Piorkowski said they have two candidates. Mr. Steiner said they had three people apply, two of them accepted following notice of pay. They ran the driver background checks and received them just before the meeting. He asked the Board to make a motion, pending clean background checks and ability to operate the equipment sufficiently through a road test, to hire Jerry Mulford and Michael Sharkuski, Jr as backup snowplow drivers in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak in the garage or another blizzard where the Township needs more drivers. The primary reason for their hire is in case they needed additional drivers due to a COVID-19 outbreak.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to hire, pending a clear background and road test, Jerry Mulford and Michael Sharkuski, Jr as seasonal snowplow drivers

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Mr. Piorkowski asked if they needed to note the rate, and Attorney Backenstoe said that would be appropriate.

Mr. Shaffer amended the motion to hire, pending a clear background and road test, Jerry Mulford and Michael Sharkuski, Jr as seasonal snowplow drivers at a rate of \$20 per hour

Mr. Gable asked if that would also include Mr. Becker at \$20 per hour as he currently serves as a part-time driver. Mr. Shaffer said correct.

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Gable said Planning Commission has a vacancy, and he spoke to Mr. Mike Wallery who said he would come back to the Planning Commission as the Township did not receive any letters of interest. He asked Mr. Becker if he had a problem with putting him back on. Mr. Becker said he does not noting he hated to see him go. Mr. Becker asked if there is an amount of meetings they need to make in a year before that becomes an issue. Mr. Steiner said he would have to check the ordinance unless Attorney Backenstoe knows. Mr. Becker said they have one member who may have only attended one meeting last year, and he is concerned with that. He said it is not good they have a member who can't make the meetings. Mr. Steiner confirmed he advertised for another Planning Commission member and did not receive a letter of interest. Mr. Piorkowski asked Attorney Backenstoe if they need to make a motion to appoint or reject his resignation letter. Attorney Backenstoe said his term was up, and he is applying for a

new term. The proper motion would be to appoint Mr. Mike Wallery to another term on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Gable made a motion to appoint Mike Wallery to the Planning Commission

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Gable asked if there was a tablet for Mr. Wallery, and Mr. Steiner confirmed there is.

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMOS

Mr. Steiner received a question regarding the burning ordinance specifically burning garbage. They have the ordinance listed under forms and documents on the website. The person asked if people can burn garbage, oil, things like that. The answer is no. If that does happen, the police need to be notified. The resident followed up with a question regarding what the Township can do regarding air quality and pollution resulting from issues like this. Mr. Steiner is not sure the Township is the agency responsible for trying to restrict or take care of that, but he asked Attorney Backenstoe if there is anything the Township can do further if someone who is burning these items causes issues further downwind creating pollution and impacting air quality. Attorney Backenstoe said it is tough. Assuming the person burning has done so in accordance with the ordinance, which was really worked through between the Board and the residents before they came up with what they thought was best solution to control the issue at the time in 2013. It fulfilled an older ordinance that was much less effective. He is not sure what the Township can do. A person is not always going to be downwind. He is not sure how to regulate it. Thinking off the top of his head, the resident may have a private nuisance action against their neighbor if they think their neighbor is doing it maliciously and over and over, and it really impacts their health. The resident can hire a lawyer, noting the township cannot always fix every adversity between two neighbors. If the person is repeatedly doing something, and it becomes a public nuisance, the Township could step in. If the police or fire chief are called repeatedly, and it becomes a repetitive almost malicious conduct, it may be cited as a nuisance.

PennDOT replied to the jake brake restriction letter. They needed further clarification of the area to be studied. Mr. Steiner corresponded with the resident who initially had the complaint, and he sent a follow up to PennDOT. He is still waiting to hear back if they will conduct the study.

Finally, Mr. Steiner received letters from the county. One is regarding a repository sale on Delps Road where no funds were available to pay delinquent taxes. The other is regarding UV sanitizers. The police and municipal side of the buildings received UV sanitizers. If a person is at the building for business and would like to have your phone or keys placed in UV sanitizer, it takes about ten minutes. The county provided this to all municipalities and police departments.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Mr. Jeff Ayers of 3058 Pheasant Dr, Zoning Hearing Board Chairman, said they have been putting off the Little Pond agenda item for Zoning Hearing Board due to safety concerns. He has had extensive talks with Mr. Harhart to find an adequate venue to hold the meeting due to the amount of testimony that is going to be given. There will be at least three attorneys. They approached the Klecknersville Fire Company, but they are not willing to let them use the space. He asked Mr. Harhart to reach out to Moore Township Elementary School to use their multipurpose room because they need to hold this in a large enough building that everyone can stay adequately separated. He also asked Mr. Harhart to see if it is

going to cost the township money to hold the meeting there. Mr. Harhart reached out, but the person who makes the decision was unavailable. Mr. Ayers wanted to make the Township is aware they may need to spend Township funds for a venue to adequately hold the meeting. People are insisting they want to do their testimony in person before the Zoning Hearing Board, and they need to find a place that allows them to abide by all the CDC rules. If the supervisors need to talk to either Mr. Harhart or Attorney Backenstoe, they will both be at the meeting since it is a cease-and-desist order. Mr. Becker asked if the fire company gave a reason for turning them down. Mr. Ayers deferred to Mr. Harhart. Mr. Harhart said it was because of COVID restrictions and insurance policy at the fire department. They were unable to rent the social hall the entire year to any organization. They would be more than willing to rent it out as they have in the past, but because of COVID regulation they can't let anyone else in the social hall for insurance purposes. Mr. Becker thanked Mr. Harhart and felt the reason should have been on the record.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaffer made a motion adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public Comments

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.