

The Regular Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was called to order on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024, 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 Stephen Nowroski, Township Solicitor David Backenstoe, and Township Engineer Kevin Horvath from Keystone Consulting Engineers (KCE).

WAIVERS & DEFERALS

#24-08P Faust Land Development Plan

Kevin Horvath explained that Faust HVAC is proposing a 6,000 sqft pole barn for storage as well as a 2,000 sqft addition to the rear of the existing building. Requesting SALDO relief of 260- 18A and 19A. Waiver of the requirement to submit a preliminary plan and submit as a preliminary final plan. The Planning Commission recommended in favor of the waiver.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to grant waivers for section 260-18 A & 19 A for #24-08P Faust Land Development Plan

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

Mr. Horvath continued to the waiver request for 260-41C8 Appendix E7A which involves a required buffering around the property between the nonresidential and surrounding residential uses. Faust wishes to substitute Evergreens in place of the deciduous trees as stated in the SALDO. The Planning Commission also recommended approval.

Mr. Shaffer made motion to grant waiver request for 260-41C8 Appendix E7A

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

REGULAR BUSINESS

MINUTES

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 5th, 2024, meeting.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to accept the Financial Report

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Bills for the month from the General Fund were \$76,030.54. ACH payments were as follows for the month: WEX- \$3,560.86, Toshiba- \$886.54, Benecon (3 months) \$177,521.84, Met-Ed-\$ 2,382.02.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept the payment of the bills.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

APPROVE PAYROLL

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to accept payroll.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gary West read the March 2024 report.

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Jason Harhart read the March 2024 report. Dan Piorkowski swore in Assistant Fire Chief Adam Heckman from Klecknersville Rangers Vol. Fire Co.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Craig Hoffman discussed two employees that have reached their year mark with the Public Works Dept. He requested to move their positions from municipal worker to equipment operator at a rate of \$27.36 per hour.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to promote David Flick and Spencer Tacker to equipment operator at a starting rate of \$27.36/hr.

Mr. Tirrell seconded.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

Mr. Hoffman announced the new paver had arrived on Wednesday, which was part of an LSA grant partnered with East Allen Twp. Along with a 20-ton tag trailer. Portable sanitation was also discussed for the parks in the township such as the Rec. center and Schiavone Park. There have been issues with the current provider saying they're cleaning and performing maintenance on the bathrooms, and they don't. Mr. Hoffman acquired quotes and the best would be "Gotta Go Porter Potties", a single stall is \$70, handicap is \$140. The township would need 2 handicap and 6 regular. Mr. Piorkowski mentioned Tatamy was supposed to be calling Mr. Nowroski on this matter and the high prices. Mr. Tirrell questioned the amount that is paid currently, Hr. Hoffman stated roughly \$7,200/year. Mr. Nowroski suggested table the topic until next month. Mr. Hoffman also stated he's been working with Justin Acres from Met-Ed on the condition of Williams Rd. from Point Phillips Rd. to the substation. An estimate to rebuild that section of road was submitted Thursday with pictures. The estimate is roughly \$125,266.90. Depending on Met-Ed's response, will determine to take it to a state rep.

FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY (FRCA)

Compost and mulch are available.

NAZARETH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

No Report

RECREATION COMMISSION

Girl scout troop 8189 presented a project to the BOS. They would like to add a 10x10 butterfly garden to the rec center. The girls present a description of the project as well as a possible location near the disk golf course. Due to possible conflict with the right of way for PP&L, Ms. Hartzell will walk the premises with the troop and find a better location.

Playground in the Park was approved by the Rec Board. Ms. Hartzell requested approval to host and have up to \$2K in expenditures as stated in the budget. Exact dates are unsure, they will be June-July.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve not to exceed the \$2K in expenditures for Playground in the Park

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

A letter of interest was submitted by Sandra Williams. She has a history of working with other historical preservation/societies. At their meeting, they stated the plan is to work on straightening up the storage unit and taking inventory.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to appoint Sandra Williams to the Historical Commission.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

LAND & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (LEPB)

Neff Easement-closed and recorded last week.

George Property- closed this morning.

Hager AOS- Matt Babitt of Heritage was present and stated there were a few requests of the township that were reviewed and taken care of. One of them being above ground holding tanks removed. The assessment will be complete after the AOS. Mr. Babitt questioned if a resolution will be made after or just a motion. Mr. Shaffer replied, just a motion.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve the agreement of sale for the Hager Property

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

Mrs. Kerbacher questioned the bill involved with testing the tanks and if EIT money could be used. Matt Babitt mentioned he doesn't believe Open Space money can be used. Mr. Shaffer added the bill was paid by the owner.

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

Bealer conservation with Wildlands, a total of \$57,032

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve Bealer property with Wildlands for \$57,032

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

D. Miller conservation with Wildlands, a total of \$60,533

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve D. Miller property with Wildlands for \$60,533

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to add the K. Miller conservation agreement to the agenda.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

K. Miller conservation agreement with Wildlands, a total of \$46,625.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve K. Miller property with Wildlands for \$46,625

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

COMMUNITY DAYS COMMITTEE

Lois Kerbacher mentioned the upcoming Purse Bingo April 21st, 2024.

ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER

No Report

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

MS4- prepared to submit permit renewal app for the next 5 years, per DEP no new requirements or increased permit conditions. Retrofits are on a stall until Mr. Horvath can collaborate with Mr. Nowroski and Mr. Hoffman to move forward. Mr. Horvath also stated that advertisements for sealcoating will be going out next week. The previous contractor, who is the only one that usually bids, scheduled us around the same time as last year just as a precaution.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Document Ordinance- Mr. Shaffer contacted Attorney Backenstoe about an issue with missing files from prior to 2002. A resolution for regulating files was questioned and if it could be adopted. Backenstoe drafted one and sent it to the BOS for discussion. The draft was read, and it states the Township Manager would be responsible for tracking the file access. It was decided the topic would be discussed further between Mr. Nowroski and Attorney Backenstoe and visited again next month.

Attorney Backenstoe then went on to discuss an article that was in the Morning Call on targeting the housing crisis. This article addresses funding for housing issues, and possibilities of lessened zoning authorities. No regulations nor subdividing could result from this. Mr. Nowroski suggested sending a blanket letter stating the township opposes any bills restricting our zoning per residents.

The Water's Edge notice of appeal- Attorney Backenstoe explained how the process of the appeal will proceed. Certain documents will need to be turned into the court, which then the court will give their response. Then the ZHB will have a chance to file a response, it would then be heard by a 3-judge panel in either Harrisburg or Philadelphia.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Nowroski stated the historical commission provided him with a list of 16 items for renovations in the schoolhouse. He will be meeting with them on Thursday to discuss financial options and go inside the schoolhouse. Mr. Nowroski also mentioned there was an official complaint from the residents dealing with the Smith Gap Rd. flooding from prior meetings. This area has been checked by Mr. Nowroski and Mr. Hoffman. It is also a designated flood hazard area as depicted on the FEMA map. Mr. Nowroski did speak with the resident in person, and she indicated she is going to reach out to DEP and see if there's anything they can do.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16PM

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Yost
Township Secretary

The foregoing minutes are not intended to be verbatim, but a synopsis of the meeting.