

The Regular Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was called to order on Tuesday, November 12th, 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).

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to amend the agenda in the areas of Subdivisions and Land Developments #22-08F to add Conditional Final Approval, #24-12P/F Conditional Final Approval, as well as amend Resolution 2024-18 to read LSA Grant-KRVFC Truck

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

WAIVERS & DEFERALS

24-12P – Dex Farms Minor Subdivision waiver

-260.59.C(11), D(1-2) – Required plan information and content

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to grant the waiver for -260.59.C(11), D(1-2) – Required plan information and content

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

-260.59.D(4)(h-i)- Streams and environmental concerns

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to grant the waiver for -260.59.D(4)(h-i)- Streams and environmental concerns note added to plan per Kevin Horvath of KCE recommending restricting development on the adjoining lot.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

SUBDIVISIONS/ LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Resolution 2024-20 – Planning Module – Mast Subdivision

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-20 – Planning Module – Mast Subdivision

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

#22-08F Whitetail Acres/Ashwood Construction Major Subdivision – Conditional Final Approval

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to grant Conditional Final Approval for #22-08F Whitetail Acres/Ashwood Construction Major Subdivision per conditions set forth in KCE review letter dated September 16th 2024.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

#24-12P/F Dex Farm Minor Subdivision - Conditional Final Approval

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to grant Conditional Final Approval for #24-12P/F Dex Farm Minor Subdivision per conditions set forth in KCE review letter dated October 16th, 2024, placing a covenant on the plan restricting any further development on adjoining lot.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

Mr. Gable mentioned November and Decembers PC meetings are cancelled as they have nothing to discuss at this time.

REGULAR BUSINESS

MINUTES

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 1st, 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

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

Bills for the month from the General Funds \$322,256.24, Liquid Fuels \$286,645.60, Open Space \$11,973.84 Community Days \$2,494.52.

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.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

2114 West End Rd. property sale

Attorney Backenstoe spoke with the attorney of Mrs. Kowitch, Attorney Pierce on two parcels they wish to sell. The plans from 1976 state that they could not be sold separately using Ridge Rd as a natural subdivision. That has since been changed and it states that a road can be used as a natural subdivision. The lots have separate tax IDs. Attorney Backenstoe has no legal issues allowing them to sell the parcels separately if the BOS wishes to do so. Mr. Horvath and Mr. Harhart see no issues with it as well.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to allow Nicholas and Virginia Romanishan to sell lots separately without formal subdivision approval.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

Attorney Backenstoe added that Mr. Tirrell questioned him on the use of EIT funds for Open Space. Backenstoe said 25% of funds may be put away to use on maintenance of the Open Space lands. Attorney Backenstoe also added that it is up to the BOS to decide what extent the rec fields are considered Open Space based on the Townships regulations. The question of being able to pay someone to maintain the fields using EIT was asked. Attorney Backenstoe was unsure of that answer, he reached out to Holly from PSATs and is awaiting her advice.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gary West read the October report.

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Jason Harhart read the October report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Robert Hindley the EMC stated he reached out to Sullivan for updated plans, there was a change of ownership. He also reached out for plans from Martin Gear & Sprocket. The contact information for the Fire Company has been updated and will be sent down to the county.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Craig Hoffman stated the swale on Bigley Rd. has been graded and reseeded for Mr. Silfies to control the water issue. Mr. Horvath from KCE and Mr. Hoffman looked at N. Mink and the issues with the pond on a property there, that is still being looked into. Leaf collection will end December 13th.

FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY (FRCA)

Everything is fixed and currently running, there will be an increase in charges for 2025.

NAZARETH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Jason Harhart stated he attended the October meeting, and the two main topics were finding an Animal Control Officer and a garbage hauler, mainly for the boroughs.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Jodi Hartzell stated a cleaning company should be coming within the next two weeks to clean the snack stands. She also requested that the fence be taken down from the football side not the baseball side and use pieces to fix any on the baseball side that need replacing. A vendor has given information on clothing

bins, Jodi would like to have one put on the football side, to see how it works out. There's no cost to us and we get a portion of the profit. It's electronically monitored on fullness, and no one can access the things put into the bin. Jodi requests that the profits be put back to residents in the township or the MTAA instead of going into the township's funds. Mr. Nowroski mentioned he can negotiate with the company on the contract.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to allow Mr. Nowroski to sign a contract in the best interest of the Township.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Tirrell said the last he knew they were working on some history of the railroad in the Township. Mr. Nowroski mentioned the last on the schoolhouse is he spoke with the engineer; he has not heard back yet since things had to go through Dept. of Labor and Industry. Mr. Hoffman mentioned as far as electric in the schoolhouse he came across some old information and believes the wiring was bad in the schoolhouse and is unsure if it was updated.

LAND & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (LEPB)

Mr. Shaffer spoke of the recycling event held in October at the rec center and they took away 25,428lbs of electronics. The event is working, and people continue to come out so he would like to choose a date for next year. All dates are open in July and only a few in August. He would like to keep it on the football side of the rec center. July 26th will be planned for the electronic event, if there's any issue, he'll have them choose another date in July. Peter stated the ponds at Schiavone have been stocked and the Eagle Scout project making the minnow and turtle habitat is back on track. Ray and Cheryl Groff had their application for Open Space accepted, it's approximately 20 acres on Ridge Rd. It adjoins two other properties making it 68 acres preserved. Wildlands Conservancy was chosen, and it is to not exceed \$50,000.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to move forward with the Groff land preservation not exceeding \$50,000.

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

COMMUNITY DAYS COMMITTEE

Lois Kerbacher stated the bingo on Sunday went very well. The next will be toy bingo on December 15th. Bands are already reaching out about being booked for Community Days. Lois is looking at dates for the concerts in the park.

ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER

Report given to BOS. Mr. Harhart also mentioned Jeff Ayers from the Zoning Hearing Board has resigned from his position.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept Jeff Ayers resignation.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Kevin Horvath gave an update on the MS4 project. Design is being finalized on the 5 basins. They will reach out to residents prior to closing it all up and getting started on specifications.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Stephen Nowroski stated the Police Services Agreement between the Township and Chapman Borough was agreed upon with the increase in rate as well as annual increase through 2027.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to accept the Chapman Borough Police Agreement.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

2024-16 Disposition of a 1994 Ford Ambulance- looking to sell at public auction

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-16 Disposition of a 1994 Ford Ambulance.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

2024-17 LSA Grant- Police Vehicles- \$124,266 for 2 vehicles

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-17 LSA Grant for Police Vehicles.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

2024-18 LSA Grant- KRVFC Truck- \$71,484 heavy duty truck

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-17- KRVFC Truck

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

2024-19 Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan- this will make us compliant with FEMA & PEMA

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-19 2024-19 Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.

2024-21 LSA Grant- KRVFC Radio- \$375,471- 40 portable and 6 mobile radios.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-21 KRVFC Radios

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE/ MEMOS

Eagle Scout Project

Damien Wiest is selling bricks for American Legion Post 470 in Bath

Northampton County Burn Ban

A resolution was passed Nov. 7th and will be enforced for at least 30 days.

Thank You Card

Resident from Andrews Rd. thanking PW for the road improvements.

It was added that a date for the 2025 proposed budget meeting needed to be decided on.

Special Meeting to be held November 19th at 5pm at the Municipal Building

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Wilson Boregard from 1135 N. Mink Rd. was also present to check on the letter status to his neighbor about his pond. He also is questioning a stop sign being placed at the corner to stop people speeding. The dust is still very bad on the road he's concerned about health issues from it. Mr. Hoffman spoke with the neighbor, and he doesn't want to allow them onto the property. Mr. Horvath added he would search the stormwater ordinances to see if that would be a way to make the property owner comply and send a letter leaning on the ordinance. Mr. Horvath will look further into it. Mr. Nowroski stated these issues have timelines, it's not something that will happen instantly. Any plan to fix the possible violation of the ordinance would be reviewed. The stop sign was not researched for that area. The BOS said they must look into solutions, but they will be in contact with him. Mr. Horvath added the Township has the right to have the property owners move any sight obstructions, they can also place a speed limit in the curve. He believes a stop sign doesn't require the studies like the speed limit does. He also cleared up there is no such label as a farm road for in the township, just a dirt road.

Eric Resch from the KRVFC was present and questioned the bid request for a Pumper, Mr. Nowroski stated the bid couldn't be submitted since the vendor isn't currently in with COSTARs.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm.

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.