Regular Meeting  February 13, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Clinton Township Supervisors was held Monday, February 13th, 2023 at the Clinton Township Municipal Building, 2118 State Rt. 54, Montgomery, PA. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Deitrick, Supervisors Lanny Wertz, Kaydee Miller and Donnie Wagner were present. Supervisor Dodge was absent. Visitors present included Scott T. Williams, Doug McClintock, Zoning Office Victor Marquardt, Fire Chief Todd Winder, Ralph and Cathy Styer, Randy Sees, Ed Kowatsch, Gene and Sue Burkholder, Ken and Nancy Eck, Robyn & Jarod Schreiber, Dan and Jan Landis, Marc Sortman, Jonas Beiler Jr, Merv Stoltzfus and Mr. & Mrs. Miller. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Public Concern* –**Visitor Marc Sortman introduced himself and made the Township aware he is running for County Commissioner. He has been a Loyalsock Township Supervisor for 14 years. Scott Metzger is running again and there will be 2 or possibly 3 open seats. Visitor Randy Sees introduced himself and he is running for Magisterial Judge for this District. Chairman Deitrick commented he wished them both luck. He also said to Mr. Sees, in the township’s experience over Property Maintenance violations that the fines are too lenient and weak rulings, in hopes that will change for the better going forward. Resident Robyn Schreiber commented she wanted to Thank the Supervisors for having them come to the meeting. She brought a list of questions and concerns with her. She mentioned the increased truck traffic, the 10 ton weight limit sign and said that these trucks are 2 to 3 times that amount. Robyn Schreiber commented there is a high pressure gas line on that road and had concerns of how it was being protected and is UGI aware of the 10 ton limit violation. She commented on the business’s operating size, the sharp turns on Armstrong road (she included 2 pictures of trucks), the environmental impact and the additional business operating at that location. Her last question was at what point will the township recognize an agricultural zoned property has crossed the line into industrial. Zoning Officer Marquardt commented the sawmill is a permitted allowable use. Chairman Deitrick commented the permitted uses were put into place long before 2005. Victor Marquardt also commented on the process and the steps of the Sawmill were done in compliance with procedure and policy.

The minutes from the Reorganization Meeting, Auditor’s Meeting and The Regular Township meeting were approved after a correction was needed from the Fire Chief Winder’s report changing the word from Agency to Emergency Operation Center on a motion from Supervisor Miller, second by Supervisor Wagner, all in favor.

**Fire Company Report** – Fire Chief Todd Winder commented they mailed out their annual fund-drive requests to the residents of Clinton and Brady Townships. He said the new Stryker power lifter units have been received and installed. Fire Chief Winder commented they submitted an AFG grant to replace their Tanker Turck, it has been repaired twice. The AFG grant can be up to $513,000. EMT training course coming up in May will have 6 new members taking it. Fire Chief Winder requested the Township update the Advance Life Support to Geisinger in Muncy. The Fire Report totals are as follows: EMS 40, Box Alarms 1, Rescue 7, Tactical 3, Still Alarms 1, Hazardous Materials 0, Water Rescue 0, total incidents 52.

***Old Business* –Sawmill-**Resident Cathy Styer commented on the entrance to Armstrong Road and that the trucks coming in and out do not just stay on their side of the road and truck traffic starts at 5:30am and the sawmill truck traffic doesn’t compare to milk trucks or garbage trucks. Chairman Deitrick commented they can’t be denied access to their property, the weight goes by the way side. Solicitor Scott T. Williams commented the screening will need to be put in place. The other concern is the timber mats, and if the construction of these is manufacturing. Manufacturing is not a permittable use in that district. He also commented a Conditional Use hearing could be done in front of the Supervisors for a small scale rural industry and have specific limitations put on the timber mats. Victor Marquardt commented on the noise nuisance and that the Ordinance isn’t specific as to what constitutes as a noise nuisance. Solicitor Williams commented the screening would address some of that and whatever the Supervisors decide that it is unlikely all noise would be eliminated. Resident Dan Landis commented he also Thanked the Supervisors and stated he has had several conversations with the Zoning Officer Marquardt. Resident Landis mentioned a timeline of specific months with the years of the concerns since the sawmill was built and he himself has had several conversations with Mr. Beiler and in no way is this about Mr. Beiler not having a sawmill there or being able to have a business. He provided a copy of the time line for the Supervisors. Mr. Landis would like to know from the Supervisors what the plan is and a time frame for when the screening will take place. Chairman Deitrick commented they have been out to the sawmill to look into Mr. Landis’s concerns and they plan to have further discussions.

***New Business* *–Proposed public water line extension along Old Road-***Solicitor Scott T. Williams commented he received a letter from the Water Authority about the water line. Chairman Deitrick commented there are concerns with where the stakes are and that they are on a residents property, in total 3 properties would be affected. Chairman Deitrick commented could the line be bored. Chairman Deitrick tabled discussion for other concerns to be looked into. **Determine Community Clean Up Week-**The week of May 22nd through Saturday May 27th is when it will take place. Secretary Wertz reached out to the landfill and Chairman Deitrick suggested to reach out to the American Rescue Workers for a box for clothes to be put into that week and that the Montgomery Borough will be going in with Clinton Township for the cost.

**Road Master Report-** Checked township roads for limbs that need cut back and cut them back for the buses. Mixed Anti-skid, received salt, Cleaned grates on Fredna Avenue. Cleaned shop in lower building. PA 1# calls. Checked other grates in Township. Checked fluid in trucks, loaded trucks for storm. Changed rusty fittings and greased backhoe. Replaced 2 signs on Saeger station road. Emptied garbage cans at Park.

 **Correspondence** was presented and reviewed.

The **bills were approved** for payment on a motion from Supervisor Wertz, second by Supervisor Wagner, all in favor. The approved checks are as follows:

General Fund 42 Checks $ 45,910.48

 State Fund 1 Check $ 283.08

 Fire Truck Pymnt 1 Check $ 25,000.00

 ARP Fund 4 Checks $ 69,625.00

 **Public Comment –** None at this time.

 After no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion from Supervisor Miller, second by Supervisor Wertz, then went into an Executive Session. At 8:40pm the Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reconvened and adjourned.

 Holly Wertz, Secretary