**July 2024 MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Muncy Township Supervisors met in the Muncy Township Fire Hall on July 10, 2024.Denise Artley, Heath Ohnmeiss Gwen Pidcoe, and Scott Williams were present. The meeting was called to order by Heath Ohnmeiss at 7:30 p.m.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Denise Artley motioned to approve June Minutes. Heath Ohnmeiss seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** The treasurer’s report for June 2024 was motioned for approval by Heath Ohnmeiss. Denise Artley stated that she has not had time to review the bills that could not vote at this time. Treasurers report did not pass at this time.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Pewterbaugh sub-Division:** Pewterbaugh is sub-dividing off 1.6379 acres from parcel number 41-353-171 and selling and adding to Amy Phillips parcel number 41-353-169. Pewterbaugh parcel will have a remaining 2.52 acres to parcel 41-353-141. Amy Phillips lot will now contain 8.2549 acres after the add on.

Paula Miller stated that the planning commission does not have any issues with this and recommends approval of sub-division.

Denise Artley motions to approve the sub-division. Heath Ohnmeiss seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Review 2024-01 Zoning Amendment to Commercial District:** Gwen Pidcoe stated that this is for review only and it still needs to be advertised for a hearing for approval. The amendment is to change the zoning to a zero setback. The County before we took over had it at a zero setback. There are already areas in this district that have zero setbacks. The cube Smart is attached to the mall owned by two different people. The mall parking lot literally comes tight up to the front entrance of Europtic. As well as other places on the property.

Scott Williams asked about the Crossings isn’t that all zero set back as well. 5-below is building right up against Dick’s.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that, that is correct.

Paula Miller stated that as long as it is commercial property only and that the normal setbacks come back into play when you but up against a residential property. We would like to see clarification in the ordinance pertaining to this.

Ara stated that he will have the ordinance changed to add this to it and turn it into the Township for review.

Scott Williams stated that there will need to be two consecutive advertisements back-to-back to schedule a hearing so that the public can comment, and we can put it up for a vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS**:

Paula Miller questioned whether changes were made to the ordinance about public comment that was asked for at the last meeting.

Scott Williams stated that it was changed and read the changed section. 1st public comment is on agenda items only and the 2nd public comment at the end of the meeting you will need to sign up before the meeting, name address and what will be talked about.

Gary Jones stated that he will not be at the next meeting but wanted it on record that he is in support of Ordinance 2024-01.

Gary Jones questioned whether we are looking into who is responsible for paying for the furnace downstairs.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that we are.

Heath Ohnmeiss stated that he does not feel that the fire company should pay for the furnace since the township owns the building. The furnace needs to be replaced, not cleaned.

Gary Jones stated that he is not in favor of the Township paying for the furnace.

**FIRE REPORT:** Report not received Chief is on vacation.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Report on file.

**ROAD MASTERS REPORT**: Report on File.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that road work will begin on Alexander drive on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PERMIT OFFICER REPORT:**  1 zoning permit, 1 building permit.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve April Minutes from May meeting:** Denise Artley motioned to approve April Minutes from the May meeting. Heath Ohnmeiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approve Planning commission recommendation from the May meeting:** Denise Artley motioned to approve the Planning Commissions recommendations from the May meeting. Heath Ohnmeiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approve Paying the Bills from the May Meeting: Heath Ohnmeiss motioned to pay June’s bill from the May meeting. Denise Artley seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Missy Doyle questioned whether a permit was needed for Nation night out.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that a permit was not needed.

Denise Artley questioned whether we needed signs for the road for the ATV riders.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that we are working on this with DCNR. DCNR is making the signs, and the Township just has to pay for any posts that will be needed to put them up.

Ann Smith questioned if this was covered under the permit fee? I thought that just covered the sticker and admin.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that the permit fee will have to be raised next year to cover the extra costs.

Larry Spatz asked how much the fee currently was and what it would go too.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that it is currently $5 and may go to $10.

Denise Artley stated that, that is a price of Starbucks coffee. No big deal.

**Primecore/District Donation:** NE PA Auto Cross runs races across NE PA. We have run at the mall over the past several years. We contacted the new owners, and they allowed us to still run our event this year. We run about 13 events a year. Then we contacted the Chief of Police to ask about donating to a local non-profit and he told us about the one that your Police Department runs. Heroes to Helpers. We decided to give the money we raised to this non-profit and Ara and Jon said they would match. So, we would like to donate $2400.00 to Hero’s to Helpers.

Chris McKibben Hero’s to Helpers was originally run by our Police Department and Target but Target has since backed out. The last two years the Fire Co has been helping with this. We get donations from different places and buy gifts, food and things for people in need in our community during the holidays. Last year the Fire co and I delivered to the families on Christmas Eve. We would like to continue making the holidays special for the families that are in need in our area and this donation is the biggest we have ever received. Thank this will help a lot of families.

Ara stated that we would love to do this again.

**AGENDA AMMENDMENT:** Gwen Pidcoe stated that the agenda needs to be amended to add a Liability release form for a new sewage system on a property that the current septic system failed.

Heath Ohnmeiss motioned to amend the agenda. Denise Artley seconded the motion.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that a septic can only be so close to a well. The parcel that needs a new septic does not have room and needs to be 57 feet from the well to drain field and 60 feet from well to septic tank. If the supervisors approve this would release the township from any liability.

Denise Artley motioned to sign the liability form. Heath Ohnmeiss seconded the motion. Motion carried**.**

**Resolution 2024-05 Meeting Decorum:** Denise Artley motioned to sign the resolution. Heath Ohnmeiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**:

* **SAFETY MINUTES**: Heath Ohnmeiss motioned to approve minutes for June. Denise Artley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**REVIEW MONTHLY BILLS:** Denise Artley stated that she will not motion to pay the bills until she has time to review.

Donnie Reese questioned when the treasurer’s report comes out for the supervisors to review.

Gwen Pidcoe stated the Monday before the meeting.

Nick Palmatier asked if there will be late fees attached to the bills that will not be paid.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that there will be.

Nick Palmatier questioned who will pay the late fees.

Scott Williams stated that the Township has too.

Heath Ohnmeiss motioned to pay the bills per Denise’s review and approval. Denise will need to sign a paper that states she has reviewed and approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Josh Phillips questioned whether the supervisors have a meeting amongst themselves before a public meeting to go over things, so you guys are prepared. You need to do this, so you look professional up there instead of looking like a bunch of kindergarteners not getting their own way. You need to look more professional.

Heath Ohnmeiss stated that they meet a half hour before the meeting.

Josh Phillips You should a meeting that is longer than that to talk about things so people like me that hate coming to meetings that have to come, don’t have to listen to all this drama. I hope that the newspaper is not here tonight because I would really be embarrassed to be in the newspaper with how this meeting and others like it have been going. Everyone here needs to grow up.

Larry Spatz questioned changing the zoning ordinance that we know has issues. It has not gotten anywhere.

Scott Williams stated that he has not seen anything since he responded the last time.

Larry Spatz questioned how do we move forward.

Scott Williams I have not heard from the supervisors about any changes.

Heath Ohnmeiss stated there were several meetings with the residents, the planning commission, and the hearing board. From my understanding people could not take their personal feelings out of it and the meetings have not continued. What you need to remember is that we have to allow everything, and you need to have room in the area that it is allowed.

Larry Spatz ok so when can we tighten up what we have.

Larry Fry stated that we have had two meetings, but we have not gotten together since.

Larry Spatz so when can we start again?

Larry Fry is the planning commissions job to bring changes to the supervisors for review.

Gary Jones the hearing board and the planning commission mentioned hiring Doug Hovey again to rewrite the ordinance at $75.00 an hour but for no more than $3,000. I contacted him and this is the price we talked about. This needs to be done by a professional, not the planning commission.

Larry Fry stated that you need to get a copy of Montour County’s Ordinance. This is what Lycoming County is changing their’ s to as well as other townships are using Montour County’s Ordinance. We do not need to hire a professional.

Larry Spatz I will get copy from Montour County.

Missy Doyle stating that this was in regard to protecting the township. In 2021 material was purchased through the Township and paid for by the township for a bridge on a private road. The Bridge is not in compliance and has not had a permanent fix. Is the current bridge even safe for fire equipment to drive over? Who is responsible if something happens? Is this a benefit for all residents or just for seated supervisors.

Scott Williams stated that no township should pay for anything pertaining to a private road.

Missy Doyle stated that a seated supervisor signed for the materials to be placed on the township account.

Denise Artley asked what road we are talking about.

Missy Doyle stated Carpenters Lane.

Gary Jones stated that he spoke with John Fry about this. He stated that Tom Schaech needed to get the pipe quick and was given township pricing, but the township did not pay for the pipe.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that, that statement was false the Township did pay for the pipe and then had to bill each resident on that road for their share. Per Tom Schaech.

Gary Jones prove it, the township did not pay for the pipe to prove it.

Nick Palmatier question Denise about why she cannot come into the office during business hours. The other supervisors do. Why are you here at 5:30 am several times a week when no one else is there? What are you looking for?

What are you doing?

Denise Artley stated she works during the day.

Gary Jones I want you to recuse yourselves from voting for anything pertaining to the fire company because you all belong to the fire company. All your supervisors are members.

Donnie Reese do you want the Township just to give the building back to the fire company?

Heath Ohnmeiss any more public comments?

Gary Jones I am still on the F\*\*\*\*\*\* table. Maybe they should give it back. Would save money. We spend $9000 a month on a mortgage. Plus give money to the fire company.

Donnie Reese you would spend a lot more if you had to pay for a paid fire company.

Nick Palmatier every board member the township has had has been at one time part of the fire company. We are residents of this township too.

Paula Miller stated we need to follow the new decorum that we just passed so that residents are not yelling or criticizing the supervisors.

Larry Spatz you need a key.

Denise Artley I cannot access the filing cabinets.

Paula Miller stated that you as a supervisor do not have access to the same files that Gwen does.

Gwen Pidcoe tried to explain.

Paula Miller can you be quit and let me finish. I was not talking to you. She should have access to all the files.

Heath Ohnmeiss stated to Paula that she is doing the same thing to Gwen that she just accused others of doing and wanting it stopped.

Paula Miller I am not.

Heath Ohnmeiss you are, and it is going to stop today.

**Adjourn**. Heath Ohnmeiss asked for a motion to adjourn. Denise Artley motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm Heath Seconded the motion. Motion carried.