

The monthly meeting of the Highland Township Board of Supervisors took place on Tuesday March 8, 2016 with supervisors Scott, Alexander and Fredd present.

Chairman Scott called the meeting to order. The minutes of the February meeting were read. Bo motioned to approve the minutes as read, Tom Fredd seconded.

Police report – there were 123 calls, 10 of which were traffic related. \$578.42 in fees was collected, 610 miles and 80 hours were logged.

Zoning report – Bo read the report in Bill's absence - there were 0 building permits issued for the month, 2 are currently pending. Bill completed Census form C-404, and answered phone calls requesting information. He is currently reviewing the FEMA flood plain maps to determine if there have been any changes. Bill is also preparing an Enforcement Notice for Mr. Scott at 4 Friendship Church Rd. regarding auto repair and unlicensed vehicles. Bill requested a cost estimate for inspection of the bridge at Old Limestone and Glen Run roads from Pickering Courts and Summerson. They sent a letter estimating the cost of inspection to be \$3,500. A \$1,000 retainer is required before the work will begin, it will be applied to the final invoice upon completion. Tom Scott motioned to approve a check in the amount of \$1,000 be sent to PCS as a retainer, Bo seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

The proposed minutes of the Planning Commission were read.

Road report – Tom reported that they are working on road cleanup from the water damage. Two loads of salt have been delivered, which meets our minimum contract for the year. We are waiting to hear from DEP about the Fernwood Road bridge, and from the insurance company regarding the Old Limestone Rd bridge.

New business – Tim Kahler of Old Stottsville Rd. brought up his concerns about the bridge on Boro Line Rd. He presented pictures of the bridge and his property. Tom Scott reported that DEP was contacted last spring about making a change to the way the creek comes into the pipe under the road, but we have not heard back from them. He also cautioned Mr. Kahler that changing the stream approach may not totally solve the problem he is dealing with but may help.

Landis Reid voiced concerns about the continuing issue with dumping and why nothing seems to get done about it. Tom Scott replied that names have been given to the police on previous incidents, sometimes the person has moved and is no longer at the address given. Sometimes it goes to district court but the fine is not enough to be a deterrent. Landis asked about posting signs.

Elizabeth Janoski mentioned it would be nice to have a township clean up day.

Landis asked about the article in the paper regarding water. Barb read the Ordinance that was referenced in the paper to repeal the previous Zoning Ordinance. Solicitor Legg will address when he arrives.

The bills were read, checks and reports were reviewed and signed.

Solicitor Legg presented the Christian & Hannah King Stormwater Best Management Practices agreement. It must be signed by a township representative and the landowners and be notarized. Bo motioned to have Roger act on behalf of the township as signor, Tom Scott seconded, all in favor.

Legal report – Solicitor Legg reported that he has been dealing with the Attorney General’s office and putting together an amendment for the Zoning Ordinance to comply with state law for agriculture. He has also worked on 2 amendments to ordinances; 1 regarding the underground water supply and 1 changing the required number of members on the Planning Commission.

Ordinance 2016-1 is a repeal of the underground water supply ordinance because no political subdivision has the right to regulate it. Elizabeth Janoski asked if it couldn’t be repealed for agriculture only. Roger stated that it was his understanding and therefore his recommendation to repeal it in full as anything else would be illegal. Tom Scott motioned to approve Ordinance 2016-1 repealing the previous Ordinance from 2009, Bo 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion approved.

Ordinance 2016-2 is to change the number of members on the Planning Commission from 9 to 7, thereby reducing the number needed for a quorum as this has been an issue recently. Tom Scott motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-2, Bo seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Tom Scott mentioned that Bill had been told that a resident had called DEP regarding washout along the road, because they didn’t think calling Bill would help. Tom stated that Bill should not be called for such issues anyway, that a call should be placed to the township or to him as roadmaster for the issue to be taken care of.

Tom Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bo 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Davis, Secretary/Treasurer