

The monthly meeting of the Highland Township Board of Supervisors took place on Tuesday May 10, 2016 with supervisors Scott, Alexander and Fredd present.

Chairman Scott called the meeting to order. The minutes of the April meeting were read. Bo motioned to approve the minutes as read, Tom Fredd seconded, all in favor, minutes approved as read.

The proposed minutes of the Planning Commission were read. Solicitor Legg requested copies of the PC minutes.

PA State Police report – Lt. D’Ambrosio reported there had not been a lot of activity in the last 90 days. There were 3 thefts reported, and they are seeing an increase in thefts from cars (not of cars), most have been unlocked. Reminder to keep vehicles locked so as not to be targeted.

KVFD – they had a total of 41 calls for the month, 15 for fire. There were 11 rescue with medical assist, 2 of which were for Highland Township. The average response time is 4 minutes, in district. They have had 8 in-house trainings. Atglen fire hall was sold last week. A fire district feasibility study/long-range plan is being done. There were 97 ambulance calls for the month, 7 of which were Highland.

Zoning – Tom Scott read Bill’s report in his absence. There was 1 building permit issued, 0 pending, and 2 demo permits were issued. A total of \$499.00 was collected in fees. Bill completed the monthly census report, answered phone calls and is continuing to review the FEMA floodplain maps. He also reported that L & I will be doing an ADA audit of permits issued between June ’14 and March ’16.

Road report – Tom reported that they have patched potholes on Five Point and E. Highland roads, have fixed the ballfield fence, and done some work on the township building. The mower is ready for use. Tom is having an aluminum box made to house the generator for the traffic light. It will be bolted directly to the poles of the light, so that the generator will be secure when in use for emergency purposes. Tom also met with a representative, who explained how road pipes could be fixed using gunnite.

Emergency Management – Jerry said it has been very quiet with 1 chimney fire to report. The McNeil’s will be holding their Garden Party & fireworks on May 25th. There has been a regional (Octorara area) Emergency Management meeting to discuss the pooling of resources. They will be working on writing bylaws.

Fernwood Bridge – the DEP approval is “in the mail” according to an email from John Lawrence.

Kenny Greist has said he would do a community auction here at the township building to benefit a charity of some sort if there would be interest in him doing so.

Legal report – The Limestone Rd bridge proposal was discussed, it was brought up that the funds received might be best used to go toward replacement of the bridge not just repair. Roger checked out the SPCA contract issue, it is entirely voluntary. Bo asked about the audit report, Roger stated that what we are doing is fine. Barb explained the meeting with Maillie when the township records were picked up. They are going to revise their letter. Zoning Ordinance to be passed.

Tom Scott motioned to pass Ordinance 2016-3, Bo seconded, all were in favor. Solicitor Legg reminded that if anyone purchases a copy of the Zoning Ordinance they will now need a copy of the revision as well.

Old business – Bo motioned to approve the SPCA contract, Tom Fredd seconded, the motion was opposed. Bo motioned to pay the outstanding invoices, Tom Fredd proposed we pay one of the invoices and inform them we are not renewing the contract. Tom Scott is opposed to paying the invoices. The motion failed. Barb is to send them a notice that we are not renewing the contract and therefore are not paying the outstanding invoices.

Roger asked about our web site “in-progress”. After some discussion, it was decided Jerry would make a call to his contact about setting up a website for the township.

The bills were read. Bo motioned to pay the bills, Tom Fredd seconded. Checks and reports were reviewed and signed.

Tom Scott motioned to adjourn, Bo 2nd, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Davis, Secretary/Treasurer