

PINE CREEK TOWNSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2022

The Pine Creek Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on April 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., with Supervisors John M. Reese, Dean L. Edwards, Jr., and Kenneth J. Packard present.

Also present: Brandon Coleman of the Woolrich Fire Company, Michele Whitney, Robert Wheeland of the SVBT, Rev. Laura King, Bonnie Nichols, Kevin Johnson, Greg Love, Kevin Ferrara, EMC, Susan Blesh, Ibor Kisberg of Woolrich, Inc., Erin Winslow, Sgt. Dennis Gill, and Thom Rosamilia, Esquire

**2022 Road Paving Bid Opening**

HRI, INC.	\$134,621.25
GLENN O. HAWBAKER, INC.	\$138,990.75
DAVE GUTELIUS EXC. INC.	\$171,192.36
CHARLES CONSTRUCTION	\$178,137.30

Supervisor Packard made a motion to accept the low bid of HRI, Inc., in the amount of \$134,621.25 for the 2022 Road Paving Project; seconded by Supervisor Edwards; MCU.

**2022 Road Tar & Chip Bid Opening**

SUIT-KOTE CORPORATION	\$38,542.17
MIDLAND ASPHALT MATERIALS	\$51,892.05
RUSSELL STANDARD CORPORATION	\$\$40,241.225

Supervisor Packard made a motion to accept the low bid of Suit-Kote Corporation, in the amount of \$38,542.17 for the 2022 Road Tar & Chip Project; seconded by Supervisor Edwards; MCU.

**Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Reese asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the March 2, 2022, monthly meeting. There being none, Chairman Reese made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

**Financial Report & Invoices**

Chairman Reese asked for questions or comments on the invoices and financial report. There being none, Chairman Reese made a motion to approve the invoices and financial report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

**Public Participation**

**Michele Whitney of the Clinton County Watchdog Group**

Resident Michele Whitney, founder of the Clinton County Watchdog Group and Pine Creek Township Resident, spoke to the Board about the issues with Nicholas Meats hauling truckloads of FPR waste and spreading it on the fields in Pine Creek Township. She said that residents in Loganton cannot enjoy their homes due to the stench, adding that they have issues with their

wells and have “buckets” of flies and the value of their properties have decreased. The problem that Loganton ran into was that they did not have any ordinances in place to regulate Nicholas Meats spreading waste in their community and suggested that Pine Creek Township may want to look into adopting ordinances to protect the township from the smell.

Resident Chris McCracken raised the issue of the trucks hauling the waste carrying it out onto the roads. Solicitor Rosamilia said that Nicholas Meats hired a third party to clean the waste off of the roads.

A discussion was held and at the request of the Board of Supervisors, Solicitor Rosamilia agreed to research ordinances to see if he can find an ordinance to help protect the township, adding that Nicholas Meats is quite litigious.

### **Susquehanna Valley Big Twins (SVBT) Motorcycle Club Fourth of July Celebration**

Robert Wheeland of the SVBT Motorcycle Club requested partial closing of Harley Drive during the organizations fund raising event scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He also requested the full closing of a portion of Harley Drive abutting the SVBT property between the hours of 2:00 pm and 2:00 am for safety reasons.

The Board agreed to the partial closing and full closure on July 2, 2022, between 2:00 pm and 2:00 am and will assist the SVBT by providing “local traffic only” and “road closed” signs.

### **Woolrich Park**

Resident Ed Summerson questioned the availability of funds from the Woolrich Beneficial Fund to Pine Creek Township in the event the Township takes over ownership and maintenance of the park.

A discussion was held regarding whether the funds in the Woolrich Beneficial Fund were used for employees and whether the trust was set up so that only interest from the money in the trust could be spent and whether pavilion rental fees were paid into the fund.

Solicitor Rosamilia said it would depend on how the trust was set up. At the Supervisors’ request, he agreed to try to find more information on the Woolrich Beneficial Fund.

### **Susan Blesh**

Resident Susan Blesh provided a sample ordinance and by-laws to create a recreation committee which would be an advisory committee. She also suggested that the Keystone Central School District be contacted to assist with maintaining the park by allowing students in the Natural Resource Management Program to help maintain the park, use it as a “hands-on” live classroom.

Erin Winslow operates the Community Center at the Church also volunteered to become a member of the Recreation Committee after it is established.

### **Old Business:**

There was no old business presented for discussion.

## **New Business:**

### **Keystone Central School District Summer Recreation Program**

The Board discussed participating in the Keystone Central School District Summer Recreation Program which is held at the Woolrich Park. The program is for eight weeks and is free for students and includes daily planned activities. It was noted that the Township would help pay for craft supplies and a playground supervisor for the program.

Chairman Reese made a motion to approve participation in the Keystone Central School District Summer Recreation Program; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

### **SVBT Road Closure Request – July 1 – 3, 2022**

Chairman Reese made a motion to allow the SVBT Motorcycle Club to partially close Harley Drive during its July fundraiser and to fully close a portion of Harley Drive (Chatham Run Feed Mill to the bridge) on Saturday, July 2, 2022, from 2:00 pm to 2:00 am; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

### **Clinton County Mutual Aid Agreement**

The Supervisors briefly discussed the Mutual Aid Agreement For Emergency Services among all cities, boroughs and townships within Clinton County for reciprocal emergency management services. The 2002 agreement has been updated with minor language changes.

Chairman Reese made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement For Emergency Services; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

### **Tactical EMS (TEMS) Services**

Solicitor Rosamilia explained the proposed Emergency Services Agreement between the Pine Creek Township Police Department and the Jersey Shore Area Emergency Medical Services. The Jersey Shore Area EMS have formed a tactical emergency services team that would aid the police during potential high risk law enforcement encounters. The Tactical EMS will have all types of training including weapons training and TEMS have their own liability insurance coverage.

The agreement was tabled for further discussion to the May meeting.

### **Clinton County Association of Township Officials County Convention**

Chairman Reese made a motion to approve Township Officials attending the Clinton County Association of Township Officials County Convention and being reimbursed for registration, mileage and meal expenses; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

### **Emergency Services**

Kevin Ferrara, EMC explained that he would like to have a meeting with the Supervisors and members of the leaders of the Woolrich and Avis Volunteer Fire Company to address emergency service needs and then to look at what each organization can provide. If either organization is deficient in their ability to provide a specific type of service, then Township Officials can work with the organization to improve those services.

Chairman Reese made a motion approving that Kevin Ferrara, EMC, schedule a meeting to discuss emergency response needs; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

### **Keystone Central School District Request for Support**

Solicitor Rosamilia said that the Keystone Central School District sent out a letter to local municipalities and requesting that they adopt a resolution in support of the PA School Funding Litigation for Fair Funding. The Keystone Central School District joined in the lawsuit in an effort to get increased funding from the state rather than continuing to increase property taxes. The lawsuit supports a more proportionate funding for schools to lower income school districts such as Keystone Central.

Consideration of adopting a resolution to support the School District's effort for increased funding from the state was tabled to the May meeting.

### **Emergency Management Coordinator Report**

Kevin Ferrara, EMC, requested the Supervisors submit a referral letter on his behalf to attend the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Manager course offered through FEMA. The training will assist Emergency Management Coordinators with establishing an emergency response team which will consist of community members trained to handle the basics in an emergency. Team members would be certified and would function as a team to support local emergency responders during an emergency and perform certain tasks.

Chairman Reese made a motion to sign the letter of referral for Kevin Ferrara to attend CERT Program Manager training; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Mr. Ferrara also presented information from The Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute about a seminar on Effective Emergency Management Services/Fire Department Relationships with Township Officials. He requested that the Board of Supervisors agree to Host the seminar for Lycoming and Clinton County Agencies. The cost to the Township for the seminar is \$450.00 recommended face-to-face vs. virtual and the only additional cost would be for a hotel room for the instructor.

A discussion was held as to whether there is interest by other municipalities in attending the seminar and whether other municipalities would share in the cost for the seminar.

The Board asked EMC Ferrara to reach out to other municipalities to determine if there are other municipalities interested in the seminar and tabled further discussion to the May meeting.

EMC Ferrara requested approval to attend 2022 Spring Educational Forum for EMS Coordinators in Hersey on April 24, 2022, in Hershey. The cost to attend the Forum is \$115.00.

Supervisor Packard made a motion to approve EMC Kevin Ferrara to attend the Forum; seconded by Supervisor Edwards.

EMC Ferrara said he obtained quotes for a PPE Cleaning Package for the Woolrich, and Avis Fire Companies and the lowest quote was from Susquehanna Fire Equipment in the amount of \$17,370.00 plus an estimated \$1,050.00 for shipping.

The package includes a Groves Firehouse 6 Gear/Hose Dryer Cabinet (240 volt/1Phase) that includes six hangers and four shelves; a Groves 30 lb. Gear Extractor/ Washer (120 volt) with single-automatic soap dispenser with two 1-gallon bottles of Citro-Squeeze detergent and a wastewater container.

A discussion was held regarding the necessity of the equipment to properly remove carcinogens from fire fighter's turnout gear. The equipment will be installed at the Woolrich Fire Company Building and a schedule will be created so both the Woolrich, and Avis Fire Companies can use the equipment.

Chairman Reese made a motion to approve purchasing the equipment from Susquehanna Fire Equipment Company; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

### **Law Enforcement**

The Law Enforcement Report was not available for the meeting.

Sergeant Gill reported that he was not able to obtain a price on a 2022 police vehicle due to low inventory and was told to call back in August to get a price on a 2023 vehicle.

Sergeant Gill also reported that the background check on Jared Mahosky was completed and requested approval to hire him as a part-time officer.

Chairman Reese made a motion to approve hiring Jared Mahosky as a part-time police officer; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Darlene S. Macklem*

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Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary