

PINE CREEK TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2022

The Pine Creek Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on May 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., with Supervisors John M. Reese, Dean L. Edwards, Jr., and Kenneth J. Packard present.

Also present: Brandon Coleman and James Hess of the Woolrich Fire Company, Michele Whitney, Bonnie Nichols, Jeff Snyder, Kevin Ferrara, EMC, Robb Ohl, PLS, Shane Newvine of JSA EMS, Angela Harding, Police Chief Dave Winkleman, and Thom Rosamilia, Esquire

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Reese asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the April 6, 2022, monthly meeting. There being none, Chairman Reese made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Financial Report & Invoices

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

Public Participation

Michele Whitney

Resident Michele Whitney asked to participate in the discussion of the issue of FPR waste being spread on fields within the township and noted that the Board asked the Solicitor to research the possibility of adopting ordinances to regulate spreading FPR during the April meeting.

A discussion was held regarding Solicitor Rosamilia's research on the FPR waste issue, and he found little information about regulations via an ordinance. Solicitor Rosamilia also provided information on his research of the issues that occurred in Antes Forte that had a bit of success. The private nuisance action brought by adjoining landowners was dismissed by the Court of Common Pleas and was then overturned by the Superior Court but he was unsure of the resolution that was handed down by the Court.

Brandon Coleman

Brandon Coleman of the Woolrich Fire Company requested that the curbs near the Woolrich Church and Cemetery Street in Woolrich be repainted.

Chairman Reese said currently the Township is unable to get traffic paint and he is hoping to get paint for application after the tar and chip road project on Park Avenue is completed in June.

Old Business:

Tactical EMS (TEMS) Services

Shane Newvine of Jersey Shore Emergency Manage Services presented information to the Board of Supervisors on the Tactical EMS (TEMS) Services Program. The TEMS program was started in 2018 and is primarily funded through grants.

The function of TEMS is to be on site to support law enforcement whether serving warrants or in the event there is an active shooter situation.

TEMS and the police departments remain separate entities and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is an agreement providing for the agencies to work together. TEMS personnel function alongside law enforcement officers to provide immediate care to officers and victims. The goal is to decrease deaths from treatable injuries.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the EMS agency and Law Enforcement Agency is required under the PA EMS Act.

There is additional training required for Emergency Services personnel which includes:

1. tactical casualty combat care
2. tactical emergency casualty care
3. pre-hospital trauma life support
4. tactical medical practitioner
5. tactical paramedic certification
6. Act 235 lethal weapons training through MPOETC and State Police
7. law enforcement tactical and SOP
8. weapons qualification to law enforcement standards

TEMS also provides monthly training for police departments including medical training, tactical training, self-aid and buddy aid and how to properly care and provide aid to suspects.

Mr. Newvine answered questions presented by the Board of Supervisors as to how TEMS works in the event of an emergency; weapon qualifications; and responding to the scene when called out by police officers.

Solicitor Rosamilia said if the Board is interested in entering into an agreement with TEMS, he recommended the Board to allow him to work on the Memorandum of Understanding, so it is more specific to the Township's needs.

It was the consensus of the Board to move ahead with the Memorandum of Understanding and directed Solicitor Rosamilia to work with Shane Newvine on the language of the MOU.

Resolution No. 05-04-2022 In Support of the PA School Funding Litigation for Fair Funding

Michele Whitney asked why this resolution would be considered as township business.

Solicitor Rosamilia explained that the Supervisors received a letter from the Keystone Central School District requesting support of a lawsuit filed to obtain fair funding which is more for redistribution of state funds to areas that have higher real estate taxes. The resolution states that the township is in support of the litigation to make sure that local schools get their fair share of state funding to take the burden off of local taxpayers. The resolution does not adopt any policies and is merely a show of support of the litigation by the township.

After a brief discussion, consideration of Resolution No. 05-04-2022 was tabled to the June meeting.

New Business:

Hanna Subdivision

Rob Ohl, PLS submitted subdivision plans for Richard and Linda Hanna creating an additional lot on the Hanna property which was previously subdivided in 2021.

The new 11.1-acre lot is located on the western side of the residual parcel which is 47.37 acres with a house, garage and outbuildings. An existing right of way/driveway will be used to access the newly created lot.

It was noted that if the Hanna property is subdivided again, it would become a major subdivision and an NPDES permit would be required.

Chairman Reese made a motion to approve the plans as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

Jersey Shore Recreation, Inc. – Donation Request

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Jersey Shore Recreation, Inc.; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

Rotary Club of Lock Haven Request

The Board discussed the request for Pine Creek Township Police Officers to assist with traffic control for the Great Island Adventure Triathlon scheduled for June 25, 2022.

Chairman Reese made a motion to approve Pine Creek Township Police Officers assisting with traffic control for the Great Island Adventure Triathlon; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

EMC Kevin Ferrara sent out an email to municipalities with information from The Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute about the seminar on Effective Emergency Management Services/Fire Department Relationships with Township Officials. He indicated that most fire companies did not respond other than Beech Creek, Renovo and Mill Hall. He suggested tabling the matter to September to see if there may be additional interest at that time.

EMC Ferrara reported that the ship date for the PPE gear cleaning equipment is May 24, 2022, with delivery expected in early June. The equipment will be delivered to Susquehanna Fire Equipment for inspection and will then be delivered to the Woolrich Fire Company to be off loaded.

EMC Ferrara also reported he would be attending a Management 403 course in Muncy on May 5, 2022. The course is free of charge and open to Emergency Management Coordinator's. The eight-hour planning management level course is designed to assist with preparing communities to meet the assistance safety needs of older adults and people with access and functional needs during a crisis event and follows the approach of Homeland Security's Rural Community Initiative.

Law Enforcement

Police Chief Winkleman presented the Law Enforcement Report for March and April for review.

Roadmaster's Report

Roadmaster John Reese presented the following report for the month of March:

- Snow removal including hauling snow from township building and intersections; removing snow fence along Maryland and Tiadaghton Avenues and Bonner Lane
- Vehicle maintenance
- Road maintenance – including storm drains; clean up storm damage, road shoulder work, repaired potholes, trim Main Street for upcoming road project; cleaned up the ball field and fixed gates at the field
- Street Sweeping
- Building maintenance

Report for the month of April:

- Street Sweeping – Pine Creek Township
- Street Sweeping in Wayne Township, Castanea Township, Jersey Shore Borough
- Road maintenance including cut pipe crossing for replacement; installed new pipe along Main Street and Kryder Hollow; catch basin repairs on Main Street
- Removed winter maintenance equipment from trucks
- Cleaned up winter equipment and stored in garage

Intermunicipal Work Contracts: Porter Township, Chapman Township, Benner and Anthony Townships.

Supervisor Edwards asked about the status of Dutch Hollow Bridge Replacement Project

Roadmaster Reese explained that according to Todd Pysher, P.E., the project will be placed out for bid in May and bid opening will be in June. The start date will be after school closes for the summer and must be completed by the end of August.

Michele Whitney – Target Shooting

Michele Whitney said the Clinton County Watchdog Group receive a lot of complaints about noise from long term shooting and individuals target shooting. She said the Township's Noise Ordinance excludes regulations for the discharge from firearms and asked where that provision came from.

Zoning Officer Dave Winkleman said shooting firearms is protected by the Second Amendment and noted that the former Township Solicitor did extensive research on the matter.

Michele also said there is a safety issue with people shooting between homes, adding that there are boroughs who have adopted ordinances that address this issue.

Solicitor Rosamilia explained that any safety issue becomes a violation of state law and would not need to be addressed by municipal ordinance.

A discussion was held regarding the township's noise ordinance, decibel levels, and the possibility of adding provisions to the township's noise ordinance regulating noise from shooting and how to enforce those provisions of a noise ordinance.

The Board of Supervisors directed Solicitor Rosamilia to review the Township's noise ordinance and research the possibility of adding a provision regulating noise from shooting guns.

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

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary