

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
TYRONE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
March 17, 2021**

The Board of Supervisors Meeting for Wednesday, March 17, 2021 was conducted telephonically.

**Members Present:** Chairman Russ Raub, Vice Chairman Mary Ellen Settle, Supervisor Dean Wonders, Assistant Secretary Sydney McFadden

**Others in Attendance:** David Richwine, Donnie Johnson – Pattern Energy, Ben Callahan – Pattern Energy

**Call to Order:** Raub called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**Approval of Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes:**

Wonders made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 3, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting. Settle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval and Payment of Accounts Payable Invoices:**

Settle made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Invoices. Wonders seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments on Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda:** None

**Organizational Announcements:**

- *Wolf Renews COVID-19 Disaster Declaration:* Governor Wolf signed a fourth renewal of his Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic on February 19, 2021. The proclamation is in effect for an additional 90 days.
- *State Police Tax:* Governor Wolf is proposing a “Fair Service Fee” in his 2021-2022 Commonwealth Budget, which, if enacted, would be assessed on all municipalities to pay for the costs of PA State Police services in their communities. The proposal is anticipated to raise \$168 million. The fee is based on a complex formula developed by the State Police considering station coverage and costs, including incidents and coverage area. It gives “credits” for low population, low income, and whether a municipality already provides full- or part-time police services.
- *Personal Income Tax Increase:* The Governor is calling for an increase in the state personal income tax from 3.07% to 4.49%. In addition, he is proposing to expand special forgiveness tax credits to \$15,000 for single filers, \$30,000 for married filers, and \$10,000 for each dependent and providing 100% state tax forgiveness for those at or near the threshold, with those just above these thresholds receiving a partial credit. A family of four making a combined income of \$84,000 per year will see tax increases.
- *New Township Code Books:* The Local Government Commission has mailed updated copies of the Second Class Township Code. Once we receive this newly printed book, the previous versions, which are dated 2003, should be discarded, along with all supplements.

**Old Business:**

**Pattern Energy:**

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Callahan updated the Township on Pattern Energy’s finalizing of two land development plans: one involving Tyrone Township and Straban Township, and the other not involving Tyrone Township. The finalization of the plan involving Tyrone Township depends on further evaluation of the New Chester intersection.

### **Emergency Operations Center:**

The Township is awaiting information of a technical and mechanical nature with regard to the two prospective mobile Emergency Operations Center units. This information is said to become available on March 18, 2021. The current price of each unit is still \$7,500.00. McFadden confirmed that the Township remains active with the Federal Property Surplus Program, so the Township is able to purchase either of the units for this project.

### **Replacement of Interior Emergency Lighting:**

Information has yet to be received for this project.

### **Rutter's Maintenance Bond:**

Wonders made a motion to accept the suggested Rutter's Maintenance Bond at \$44,463.90 for 18 months. Settle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business:**

#### **2021 Projects:**

The Township Engineer, the Township Road and Facilities Maintenance Manager, and the Adams County Conservation District set out this week to evaluate and recommend 2021 Road Projects. The Township has \$141,000 of Liquid Fuels funding available, but is in need of the projected costs of these candidates. A potential vendor is set to visit the Township on March 18, 2021 to look at the projects that were identified on March 15, 2021.

#### **Resolution 2021-05 Public Sewer Tapping Fee – 6,955.00:**

Settle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-05. Wonders seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Coronavirus Financial Relief:**

The U.S. House approved a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 Relief package that was then signed into law by President Biden. \$13.722 billion of this law is earmarked for the Commonwealth, \$231,153.00 of which Tyrone Township is slated to receive. Half of this funding will probably be made available to the Township after June 30, 2021, and the other half will probably be made available after June 30, 2022.

#### **Water Well Project:**

The Township Municipal Building has had ever-present water issues, as, according to the Township Engineer, the Township Building sits on a diabase formation made of hard rock that does not yield a lot of water because the water has issues getting to the well.

Wonders made a motion to accept the quote from G and R Westbrook Well Drilling, Inc., and any costs that may exceed the quote, to install a 1200-gallon water tank and the pumps necessary at the Township Building. Settle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Workers Compensation Claim Policy:**

The Board deliberated the prospect of medical bills for smaller injuries incurred within the Township to be paid for by the Township to prevent an increase in its annual Workers Compensation premium. However, the insurance broker and Township Solicitor advised that while the Township is within its rights to do this, they do not suggest it because if the Township agrees to pay for the initial cost of an injury, it could also be held liable for possible larger medical bills and/or legal expenses down the road if the injury worsens.

### **Meetings:**

Tyrone Township Board of Supervisors Meeting April 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM Telephonically

Tyrone Township Planning Commission Meeting April 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Heidlersburg Area Civic Association Fire Department, 2720 Heidlersburg Road, Gettysburg

**Public Participation:**

- Mr. Richwine asked if the Township vehicles could be washed at any other location besides the Township Building. Raub answered that yes, they could, but there are specific procedures to be followed when washing the trucks, such as those to remove sodium chloride from the trucks. These procedures make it difficult to wash trucks if the Township does not have its own water source.
- Mr. Richwine also asked about what the Adams County Conservation District was asked to do on Funt Road for the Road Projects. Raub answered that they were called upon to attempt to help resolve the stormwater issue on Funt Road.

**Adjournment:**

Wonders made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 PM and Settle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.