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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
January 4, 2016

PRESENT: J.R. BARRETT, TOM IMHOLTE - SUPERVISORS; Larry Barrick, Manager/Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer/Open Records Officer; Marge Metzger, Secretary/Treasurer; Solicitor Susan Smith.

ABSENT: ENGINEER, JASON REICHARD

VISITORS: Judy Brough, Ellen Colyer, Dennis Straub, Phil Thompson, Dan Wyrick, Ray Jones, Greg Bretzman, Gerald Eby, Martha Eby.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS - *More information is available on the township website.*

An executive session was held on Monday, January 4, 2016 from 5:30 PM to 5:57 PM to discuss the Breslin Right-To-Know appeal litigation.

Park and Recreation will host a free Family Bowling Night on January 21, 2016 from 6-8 PM at the Midway Bowling Center on Route 34. Flyers for the event are in the Township Building.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Barrett added item #1 under new business on the agenda for the purpose of appointing a Supervisor to fill the vacant term through December 31, 2017.

Chairman Barrett **motioned** to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Chairman Imholte seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

Judy Brough pointed out that several motions were made, with no second and vote recorded. It is important for the minutes to be accurate.

Chairman Barrett **motioned** to approve the December 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes with the suggested amendments. Vice Chairman Imholte questioned how he could take action on the minutes, as he was not a Supervisor at the time. Chairman Barrett withdrew his motion.

Chairman Barrett **motioned** to table approval of the December 21, 2015 minutes in order to allow time for review by the new Supervisor. Vice Chairman Imholte seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Imholte **motioned** to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Chairman Barrett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with the following items approved:

1. Pay Bills

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Barrett hopes to do well in the Chairman position. He will do his best for the township. Chairman Barrett referred to the presentation made at the last meeting by Jason Reichard. Dickinson Township is ahead of the game by using a system to help us save money. Other townships can look at Dickinson Township as a model, and that is a great thing. We have made progress over the last three years and we have a good road plan set up. We can afford to do more road work than was expected. The presentation was good, although it would have been better if it were done sooner. Dickinson Township is working on the cutting edge of innovation with the road plan use.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None

PLAN REVIEW/CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS None

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT (non-agenda items) None

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Greg Breztman will provide an end of year report at the next meeting. There were 9 calls in December. A poster was provided to the township regarding the safety of hover boards. NFPA is recommending the boards not be charged without supervision. Some boards are being recalled or not sold by certain retailers. There have been several fires in Cumberland County due to the hover boards.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Vacancy on Board of Supervisors.**

Chairman Barrett **motioned** to appoint Dennis Straub to fill the vacant position on the Board of Supervisors. The term ends on December 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Imholte and passed unanimously.

Phil Thompson has no objection to Dennis Straub being a Supervisor, but believes the Board violated the Sunshine Act by changing the agenda without the public having an opportunity to see it. Larry Barrick said Chairman Barrett requested the Supervisor vacancy be placed on the agenda today, but the agenda had already been completed and posted. So he thought it would be best to amend the agenda during the public meeting. Solicitor Smith stated the Sunshine Law does not limit amending an agenda, with public action, which is what the Board has done. You can formally amend an agenda and then consider the matter. Chairman Barrett said agenda items have been added in the past, as long as the agenda is amended at the beginning of the meeting.

Dennis Straub was sworn in as a Supervisor to fill the vacant term through December 31, 2017, and took his place at the front table.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Zoning/Saldo Draft Ordinances.**

There was nothing new to report on the item.

2. **Regional Municipal Authority**

There was nothing new to report on the item.

3. **Master Stormwater Feasibility Study – Mountain View Road Drainage.**

There was nothing new to report on the item.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Barrick submitted his report

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Smith submitted her report. The court has issued some decisions that could have an indirect affect with the township's relationship with DEP.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Metzger's report was submitted without any additions.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Vice Chairman Imholte said he is looking to get more involved in township business.

Chairman Barrett welcomed the two new Supervisors. He appreciates their service and is looking forward to working with them on the Board.

Ray Jones asked about the court appeal in January and asked for the time and court room number. Solicitor Smith said the Breslin Right-to-Know Appeal is scheduled for February 1, 2016. Larry Barrick will provide the specific information requested by Mr. Jones if he contacts the township office.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Imholte **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Chairman Barrett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger

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Secretary/Treasurer

