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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 21, 2016**

**PRESENT:** TOM IMHOLTE, DENNIS STRAUB, LORELEI COPLEN - SUPERVISORS; Glenn Kelso, Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer; Marge Metzger, Secretary/Treasurer; Christian Miller, Solicitor.

**ABSENT:** Larry Barrick, Manager; Andrew Miller, Solicitor; Jason Reichard, Engineer.

**VISITORS:** Judy Brough, Brian Kobularcik, Bob Line, Gil Picarelli, Phil Thompson.

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Imholte called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- An Executive Session was held on Monday, October 17, 2016 from 5:33 PM to 5:55 PM to discuss the Personnel Wages.
- The Dickinson Township Planning Commission is seeking members to fill 3 open positions. Two positions will expire 12/31/2020 and one will expire 12/31/2019. If interested, please email the Township Manager.
- Parks & Rec is seeking a volunteer to join their Board. If interested, please email the Township Manager.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Supervisor Straub and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Coplen and unanimously passed to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**October 17, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Supervisor Straub and unanimously passed to approve the October 17, 2016 minutes.

**October 18, 2016 Budget Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Supervisor Straub and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Coplen and unanimously passed to approve the October 18, 2016 minutes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Supervisor Straub and unanimously passed to ratify the bill list for November 7, 2016.

A motion was made by Supervisor Straub and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Coplen and unanimously passed to approve the bill list for November 21, 2016.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**      None

**PLAN REVIEW/CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS**      None

**GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT (non-agenda items)**

Judy Brough mentioned the RTK appeal has not been discussed for a long time, but there are still invoices being paid to Susan Smith. She questioned when this will stop. Chairman Imholte said the appeal is not resolved yet so the invoices can't stop because Susan Smith continues to monitor the matter. Judy stated the appeal is getting very expensive.

Gill Picarelli, the Sewage Enforcement Officer for Dickinson Township, introduced himself to the Supervisors and offered to answer any questions they may have. Supervisor Straub thanked him for coming.

Phil Thompson said he has not paid his lawyer for any monitoring since July for the RTK appeal. It is a court process.

Mr. Thompson complimented Mrs. Metzger for her clarity and concise way of presenting the issues in the minutes.

Mr. Thompson asked about the condition of North Dickinson School Road. He understood it was a priority 3 years ago, but has not been done. The section from West Old York Road to West Yellow Breeches is dangerous. The patches are rough and the road is narrow, and is dangerous for the school buses. He would like to see money being spent on North Dickinson School Road, especially near the Livingston property where the road was to be widened. He questioned why roads that are in good shape are being redone. Chairman Imholte stated the engineer is putting together a list of projects for next year, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Thompson was interested in knowing what guidance is being given to the Park & Recreation Board with regard to moving forward with designing fields for the Lindenwood Park. There is no money in the budget for this project.

Mr. Thompson was not in favor of the township initiating the local services tax on individual employees working in the township. The township should have negotiated with Goodman Birtcher to get money from the warehouses. The people coming to the township to work do use the roads and services, but they don't make much money, and many get laid off. He suggested the surrounding townships approach the tax idea in a unified way. Before the Trammell Crow plan was approved, there was a Middlesex Township police chief who spoke about the concern of additional costs for police services, to include state police services for false alarms and additional responses.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

Ivan Bretzman apologized for not attending the past several meetings. During Fire Prevention Week, the fire companies visited the various schools and handed out fire safety information to over 400 children.

Mr. Bretzman requested a burn ban be put in place because of the dry conditions, windy conditions, and hunting season. The township staff will see that the signs are posted and a notice is placed on the website.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Chairman Imholte and unanimously passed to place a burn ban in effect, starting tomorrow, and to remain in place until further notice.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Adoption of 2017 General Fund Budget**

Chairman Imholte mentioned there were three budget meetings held and the budget was reviewed line by line. The budget was advertised and available for inspection for 20 days.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Supervisor Straub and unanimously approved to amend line item 487.156 from \$85,000 to \$110,000 for health insurance costs.

A motion was made by Chairman Imholte and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Coplen and unanimously approved to adopt the 2017 General Fund budget, to include the change to line item 487.156.

**2. Adoption of 2017 Liquid Fuels Budget**

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Supervisor Straub and unanimously approved to adopt the 2017 Liquid Fuels budget.

**3. Adoption of Resolution 2016-06 – Establishing the General Fund Real Estate Tax effective January 1, 2017 at a Millage Rate of 0.0 Mills, establishing the Fire Real Estate Tax effective January 1, 2017 at a Millage Rate of 0.25 mills on assessed valuation and an Earned Income Tax or Net Profit Tax at a rate of one percent.**

Judy Brough questioned the history of the fire tax. Chairman Imholte said the original tax was .22, and then it was reduced to .084. The 2017 budget proposes to set the tax at .25, which restores the original rate with a slight increase. All indications are that things are moving toward paid fire departments. The township must plan to meet the current long term commitments and also plan for the future needs.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Supervisor Straub and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 2016-06, adopting the 2017 budget and establishing taxes for 2017 for Dickinson Township.

**4. Goodman Logistics Center Carlisle Letter of Credit Reduction Request #1**

Brian Kobularcik was present to answer any questions. He agrees with the figures as presented.

A motion was made by Chairman Imholte and seconded by Supervisor Straub and unanimously passed to approve the Goodman Logistics Center letter of credit reduction request #1 in the amount of \$1,594,490. The balance is \$1,597,303.

**5. Participation and Acceptance of WCCOG salt bid through Capital Region COG from American Rock Salt at \$59.99 per ton delivered.**

A motion was made by Chairman Imholte and seconded by Supervisor Straub and unanimously passed to participate and accept the WCCOG salt bid from American Rock Salt at a price of \$59.99 per ton delivered.

**6. Acceptance of the Roadmaster Don Yost's resignation.**

Chairman Imholte said applications are being accepted until December 9. Mr. Yost had strengthened the road crew so we need to get someone on board. Judy Brough said Mr. Yost was doing an excellent job and it is a shame he is leaving us. Vice Chairwoman Coplen said Mr. Yost is going to a better opportunity.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Supervisor Straub and unanimously approved to accept Donald Yost's resignation as Roadmaster.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Zoning/SALDO Draft Ordinance – Development of the Proposed Zoning Map**

Chairman Imholte mentioned Larry and Glenn were to tour the township and make a list of small business locations to be used in determining if there is an area that could be enhanced for business development. Glenn said this could be completed for the next meeting. Supervisor Straub asked to include locations that had a business in the past. Chairman Imholte said once the map is completed then it is a matter of writing the ordinance to meet the map that has been created.

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

Nothing to report.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Vice Chairwoman Coplen mentioned some of the road projects will be delayed because of losing the Roadmaster. Chairman Imholte asked if the various reports are posted on the website, and the response was no.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was nothing additional to add to the report submitted.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

There was nothing additional to add to the report submitted.

Chairman Imholte asked where the cell tower would be located that was referenced in the report. Zoning Officer Kelso said it would be on Burnt House Road near the golf course. The purpose would be to increase the coverage in that area.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Christian Miller gave an update on Trade Center 44 and having the new entity join in the development agreement. It doesn't affect the township. Chairman Imholte asked if there would be transfer tax involved and Mr. Miller said only if the property is transferred. Zoning Officer Kelso said there is not a lot of outstanding work to be completed. Bob Line mentioned the stone fence that is being rebuilt at the cemetery. The lights will not be as bright as what was expected. He is pleased with the work that has been done. Chairman Imholte asked if a pre-blast survey was completed, and Zoning Officer Kelso said it was.

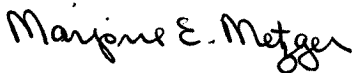
**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Straub expressed his concern with having three vacancies on the Planning Commission at one time. He encouraged Judy Brough to try to generate interest from the south side, and also women, who bring a different view point.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Straub and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Coplen and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Marjorie E. Metzger  
Secretary/Treasurer

