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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 19, 2019**

**PRESENT:** **LORELEI COPLEN, TOM IMHOLTE, ROBERT LINE III - SUPERVISORS;** Larry Barrick, Manager; Marge Metzger, Asst. Manager/Secretary/Treasurer; Glenn Kelso, Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer/Public Works Director, and Christian Miller, Solicitor.

**ABSENT:** Jason Reichard, Engineer.

**VISITORS:** Greg Bretzman, Charles Wescott

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor Imholte and unanimously passed to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor Imholte and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 Regular meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and unanimously passed to approve the February 19, 2019 Bill List.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** None

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Greg Bretzman said there were 10 calls for the month. He and Charles Wescott attended training at the Cumberland County Emergency Operations Center. Ivan Bretzman was recognized for his years of service at the Union Fire Company annual banquet, and a brick in his honor will be placed at the firefighter's memorial. Greg has placed an iPad in the Chief's vehicle to be used to access information on the scene of incidents. An incident report has been formulated and will be placed in the vehicles.

**GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT (non-agenda items)** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

**PLAN REVIEW/CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS** None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Discussion and direction to eliminate the Elected Auditors position from the Township Ballot**

Manager Barrick explained the difficulty in getting individuals to run for the position, the cost of advertising the required meeting, and the problem of meeting a quorum. Surrounding Townships are removing the Auditor position from the ballot if they have a certified public accountant performing the annual audit. The only purpose of the elected Auditors is to set the rate of compensation for any Supervisors who would work for the Township, such as on the road crew during a storm. Solicitor Miller said the Supervisors who are not working for the Township could set the rate of wage for the Supervisor who would work for the Township, if that situation would arise. He has reviewed the Second Class Code and the DCED requirements and finds nothing that provides a reason for or against eliminating the position from the ballot. Vice Chairman Line said he would volunteer his time if he would ever assist the Township during a storm, as long as there was liability insurance coverage, which there is.

**A motion was made by Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Supervisor Imholte and unanimously passed to remove the Elected Auditor position from the ballot.**

Manager Barrick will send a letter to the Cumberland County Election Bureau and the information will be shared in the Township newsletter and on the website.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Barrick mentioned the work that is being put into preparing for the disposition of records and asked about the Right-to-Know information, which must be kept for 2 years. The Board agreed not to keep any records more than what is legally required. Once the documents are compiled, a Resolution will be presented for the Board's approval and then a shredding company will be brought in due to the volume of documents.

Manager Barrick will provide a copy of the pension report from the audit performed in January and explained the minor discrepancy that was due to the number of employees who entered and exited employment during the numerous years that were covered by the audit.

## **ASST. MANAGER - TREASURER'S REPORT**

Nothing additional to add to the report.

## **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Nothing additional to add to the report.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Nothing additional to add to the report.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**    None

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Nothing additional to add to the report.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Vice Chairman Line announced the Bowling Night that will take place on Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 6 – 8 PM at Midway.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Proposed Nuisance Ordinance – Discussion and Direction**

Vice Chairman Line will provide his comments to the Manager so they can be considered in the draft. He was concerned with the diversity of the Township and one set of rules doesn't fit all circumstances or zones, so there may be a need for the ordinance to be refined for different uses. He mentioned the number of vehicles that are permitted on a property, the height of grass or weeds, and loading or unloading trucks within a certain distance of a residence as some examples. There may be a need for some exemptions for the farmers.

**2. SALDO Draft Ordinances – Final review and direction**

Article 1 – In section 1-6, the word “the” needs to be aligned.

Article 3 - Chairwoman Coplen pointed out inconsistencies with the use of Arabic numerals, lower case and upper case letters.

On page 3-19, there is a reference to “pdf” that is in small letters, but in other places it is shown in capital letters.

Article 5 – Manager Barrick explained the position on cul-de-sacs to remain as is at 80’.

On page 5-25 a reference to a hyperlink will be added.

On page 5-34 there are inconsistencies with the upper and lower case letters.

Vice Chairman Line liked the addition of the reference for mulching.

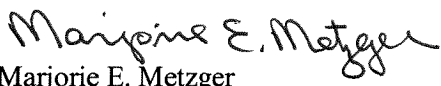
Article 6 – In section 603.C the symbol “ should be ‘ (foot not inch).

Manager Barrick will provide a clean copy of the Zoning Ordinance and the SALDO, along with the Nuisance Ordinance for the Board’s final review at the March 4, 2019 meeting. Then the documents can be forwarded to the Cumberland County Planning Department and Dickinson Township Planning Commission for their review and comment, within 45 days. Then a hearing date can be set for final adoption consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marjorie E. Metzger  
Secretary/Treasurer

