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Regular 10AM Monthly Meeting
Monday, May 15, 2023

Present at the Meeting

Tony Prudenti – Chairman

Katie Orlick - Secretary

Tim Houser – Supervisor

Paul Datte – Solicitor

Glenn Hummel – Vice Chairman

Mike Begis – ARRO Consulting, Inc.

Karen Wittig – Treasurer

I. General

A. Anthony Prudenti called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance & introductions at 10:00AM.

B. Approval of Monthly Bills

Chairman called for a motion to approve our monthly bills. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Tim Houser questioned the PPL bill for lighting at the Leiby's Intersection. He feels the bill is high. Chairman asked the Secretary to look into LEDs for those light.

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items – NONE

III. Land Use - NONE

IV. Old Business

A. Stonehedge Gardens' Proposal for their upcoming event. Attorney Datte said it is the same letter from September 20, 2022, from the prior event. We changed the date & it relates strictly to the Soul Remembrance Gathering, occurring June 8-11 of 2023. The ticket sales will be capped at 125 people. The event will run June 8th through the 11th, 2023. Language was added to the letter, we understand that Stonehedge Garden Inc., intends to submit a Conditional Use application. This letter is for the soul purpose of establishing conditions for your upcoming Soul Remembrance Gathering, June 8th-11th, 2023, that will occur prior to the hearing and the decision of the application. Tim Houser's concern is boundary line issues. Attorney Datte stated boundary line issues are a civil matter and has nothing to do with the Township. Attorney Datte said in this case boundary lines are not the issue. The "Use" is the issue. Chairman said he recently had a couple complaints about the last event about the noise. Tom Moroz said there was a situation on the weekend that he had to run out and it did get a little noisy. When he returned he got it under control. And he apologized. Attorney Datte said there are provisions in the letter stating that music and noise winds down at 9:30PM and completely stops at 10PM. Attorney Datte said we can put in the conditions but then it is a question of compliance and enforcement. Chairman called for a motion to approve the Conditions Letter for the Stonehedge Event, Soul Remembrance Gathering, June 8th -11th, 2023. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

V. New Business

A. Line Painting Quotes

Business	Single Line	Double Line	Total
DE Gemmill	\$1,905.57	\$16,807.52	\$18,713.09
GuideMark, Inc.	\$3,175.95	\$28,812.90	\$31,988.85
DCS- DeAngelo	\$2,117.30	\$19,208.60	\$21,325.90
Midlantic Marking	\$1,905.57	\$17,287.74	\$19,193.31

Attorney Datte asked if we can we award these each separately or do we award as one project. Jeremy Frable said it should be awarded as a single award. Tim Houser asked what was in the budget for Line Painting. Jeremy Frable said we have \$10K in the State Fund & we will use the rest out of the General Fund. Tim Houser made a motion we go with the lowest bid from DE Gemmill for \$18,713.09.

Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. Motion was carried. 3-0

VI. Business from anyone on the Board

A. Board discussed the recycling bin status.

B. Board discussed Manure. Tim Houser feels we need to get an answers from the State or Agricultural Group on how long do they have after they put it in a field and store it there without covering it. Is there an issue with possible water runoff from this especially if it is a Bio Solid? Glenn Hummel references the PA Manure Management Regulations. Mr. Houser feels we should be able to have something in place that will not allow manure to sit in the field for two – three months before you put it in the ground. How long can they store it before application & in what conditions are they allowed to store it there.

Bill Varano said the Manure Management Plan says Dec. 15th – he thinks February or March you are not supposed to land apply and you're not supposed to stock pile during the frozen period unless they can chisel it or injected it in. Attorney Datte said every operation needs a Manure Management Plan.

Attorney Datte said one thing that can be done requiring farms to provide copies of their Manure Management Plan to the Township or maybe setting up a system where we can get those from DEP.

Tim Houser asked if they talked about fines if they are in violation.

Brian McQuillen questioned a comment Tim Houser made about the Mill. Tim Houser said he is unsure. He didn't go over there personally look at what they are doing. Brian McQuillen questioned the Manure Storage at the Mill. Mr. McQuillen's questions are how much can they store and what their requirements are and what do they need a permit for from the Township. Mr. McQuillen feels like they are using it as a commodity. He feels they are not farming that property.

Carl Greves – he said he spent several hours reading on the computer about Bio Solids. Every state has regulations. He asked if we can figure out a reasonable amount of time to get the manure in the ground, not 77 days. Something reasonable for the neighbors even if there is not a law.

Glenn Hummel discussed the Penn Mahoning Ambulance Association. Glenn Hummel said there are still some discrepancies with reports. He said they are still on track to covering only 57% of their calls. The majority of the calls that are not covered are covered by Tamaqua Ambulance. Glenn Hummel said this needs to be fixed. Chairman asked how we can fix this. Glenn Hummel said if we can do it quick fix, if we could designate Tamaqua as the primary server, when they are not in service. Attorney Datte strongly suggests we speak with both Ambulance Associations. We will also have to get Approval from the 911 Emergency Service Dispatch. Attorney Datte said we should see what they prefer to do. Attorney Datte said if they are not on duty it makes perfect sense not to have them as the Primary call. Glenn Hummel said we have money set aside for the Ambulance Association whichever one is our Primary we can divide that up on whoever is on call. Attorney Datte said that payment is purely voluntary on the

Township's part. Attorney Datte said you can divide it or not pay it at all. Attorney Datte said there are two issues, 1. Working something out with dispatch. 2. Is what we do with the Township dollars that are set aside for the Ambulance. Chairman said until our Ambulance can cover 24/7, he thinks that everyone's time is worth money and the Association that is responding should be compensated.

Don Hoppes explained what is already set up with the COM Center's. Glenn Hummel said it is strictly for when Penn Mahoning is out of service. Don Hoppes asked if Tamaqua Ambulance would have the same restrictions of the funds the Township gives to Penn Mahoning about the use of funds. Glenn Hummel is for Tamaqua providing us a bill just like we do with Penn Mahoning.

Delroy Haas asked which Ambulance will be the one doing the billing. You will get billed by whoever responds.

Chairman said that our Attorney advised us that we need to work out an Agreement with Tamaqua & come up with how we will pay them.

Don Hoppes asked are we going to reimburse even if there are no calls in West Penn Township or would the Board pay by calls responded too.

VII. Correspondence

A. PennDOT – we have been going back & forth with PennDOT. The last question we sent to them was would they attend one of our meetings to explain to our residents the speed limit on SR895 (Summer Valley Rd.) Their response was, "We do not attend public meeting for situations like this."

Maybe we can try a nonpublic meeting.

VIII. Public Comment on General Items

Delroy Haas – wanted to personally commend the Police Department for doing courtesy checks when someone is out of state or out of the area.

Brian McQuillen – referenced an article in the newspaper last week about an incident with the State Police and West Penn Township Police. Can the board expand on what this was all about? Chief Boner said it was with a specific officer and he cannot comment on that because it is a State Police Investigation.

Bill Varano – suggestion to farmers to go out and buy 8-10 bags of white hydrated lime. That will take care of the odor & flies. It is not expensive. Chairman said he would like to look at an Ordinance for this and have Bill Varano's input when we do it. He said he would be willing to do that.

IX. Executive Session – Chairman called for a motion to go into executive session @ 10:58AM for personnel issues. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Chairman called meeting back to order @ 11:24AM. Chairman called for a motion to get in touch with 911 Emergency Services to find out what their needs are from us, as far as how to handle splitting the Township into two preferential carriers. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

X. Anything Else from the Board - NONE

XI. Adjournment

A. Chairman called for a motion to Adjourn at 11:32AM. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Transcribed By:

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West Penn Township Secretary