

FISHING CREEK TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
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Minutes of May 7, 2019 Regular Meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Chairman J. Kline.
- April meeting minutes reviewed. Two small changes made. J. Beishline motion to approve, seconded by E. Bogert. Motion carried.
- The financials were reviewed. E. Bogert made motion to approve, seconded by J. Beishline. Motion carried.

Reports:

Road Foreman:

- Ten ton of cold patch put down. Worked on dirt roads. Stoned ditches. Equipment repairs. Begin box paving soon.

SEO:

- Second phase of sewage module for review.

Floodplain Administrator:

- Administrator Coats submitted grants to elevate or buy out homes three homes. Buyouts are FEMA first priority.

Pre-Construction Permits:

Old Business:

- Interest rate quotes received: 2.96% FCBT; John Deere 4.75%; 1st Keystone 6.2%. The Township will purchase a 2019 John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader for a total cost of \$116,401.50 from Five Star Equipment, Inc., a CoStars supplier. Five Star will allow \$14,000 for the trade-in of the Township's used backhoe, bringing the amount to borrow to \$102,569.50 which includes a UCC filing fee of \$168.00. The loan will be for 5 years with an annual payment of \$22,399.36 beginning on May 5, 2020. J. Beishline made motion to use First Columbia, seconded by E. Bogert. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Resolution 08-2019 Building Inspectors. A resolution to oppose HB349 to force municipalities to retain two or more third-party agencies, effectively removing our authority to administer and enforce the UCC. Tri County COG has been the third party inspection service for the Township. There have been no complaints received regarding their enforcement, nor have there been complaints regarding fees. After much discussion, J. Kline made motion to adopt, seconded by J. Beishline. Motion carried.
- Resolution 09-2019 Amend Right to Know Law. A resolution to amend to RTK law to provide relief from vexatious requestors. Requesters whose intent is to harass and/or overburden the public body and/or public employees. Solicitor Lewis gave some examples of requests that are currently being received by area municipalities that are considered a nuisance and financial burden to the municipalities. E. Bogert made motion to adopt, seconded by J. Beishline. Motion carried.
- Resolution 10-2019 - Snyder Sewage module, Phase 2. While the County has not yet approved the subdivision plans, SEO Powlus indicated there are no problems with the sewage module. E. Bogert made motion to approve, seconded by J. Beishline. Motion carried.
- The purchase of a new computer was discussed briefly. Secretary will get quotes for a new system from several local IT providers. Microsoft will no longer offer support for Windows 7 as of the end of 2019. Current system was installed in 2012. Updates needed.

Correspondence:

Recognition of Guests/For the Good of the Township:

- Resident Filohoski again stated need for committee to explore limited zoning for the Township. Solicitor Lewis stated that is not a possibility. A complete zoning ordinance must be adopted. The simplest ordinance to investigate would be the one adopted by Sugarloaf and Jackson Townships jointly. Lewis recommended zoning for the Township.
- Resident Blakeney asked April minutes be amended to state zoning as agriculture and residential, not either/or. Secretary will make correction.
- Resident Carter stated pipe under road is blocked. J. Kline will inspect. Dollar General store was mentioned again. This is a non-issue for the intersection of Zaners Bridge Rd and SR 487. Dollar General contacted the Township regarding the Township owned lot next to the Township building. Supervisors advised DG that the land in question was not for sale.
- Resident Challingsworth questioned length of Stop Road that is to be vacated. There may be a conflict with measurements. J. Kline will investigate. Will discuss with Municipal Services. Township maintains 2/10 mile.
- Auditor Imbarrato stated that the four invoices questioned by auditors actually were approved at a monthly Supervisor meeting.
- Resident Creveling stated ditch on Honeytown Road need to be repaired. Neighbor wishes to enlarge and pave driveway. Water will need to be diverted into ditch to make this possible.
- Resident Imbarrato questioned when Honeytown Road from Zaners Bridge Road would be repaired. Township waiting for money from FEMA/PEMA to do work.

There being no further business for consideration, E. Bogert made motion to adjourn, seconded by J. Beishline. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Coralee Kindt
Secretary/Treasurer