**PIATT TOWNSHIP**

**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**March 5, 2024**

Supervisor Dean Edwards called to order the General Business Meeting of the Piatt Township Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, in the township municipal building, 9687 North Rt. 220 Highway, Jersey Shore, PA. He led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

**Present:** Dean Edwards, T. Scott Moore, Dennis Rager, Shelly Davis

**Visitors:**  Officer Fioretti, Officer Fizzano, Dennis Buttorff, and Steve Helm

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**Citizens Comments –** Steve Helm wondered if a permit based on the Zoning Regulations, Section 423 “Commercial Timber Harvesting Operations” had been issued to Shade Mountain Forest Products. Dean stated no, not yet, he stopped at the site but no was there. A permit protecting our roads, through Municipal Solution, has been issued and a road bond has been secured.Steve also requested and received information on our 2024 Road Projects.

**Minutes –** Dean moved to approve the February 6th General Business Meeting minutes, Dennis seconded, motion carried.

**Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department –** Officer Fioretti presented the February 2024 Piatt Township Police Activity Report. There were 19 calls for service (incidents), 1 arrest, 11 speeding citations and 4 other violations.

**Act 537** – Nothing new to report.

**Planning Commission** – Nothing new to report.

**Roadmaster**

* Dean called our Municipal Service Representative, Greg Dibble, regarding the wooden post used for signed along Route 220. We are allowed to replace with the typical steel post.
* Greg Dibble also told Dean that we are permitted to use 88,000 from our Liquid Fuels funds to purchase equipment.
* Dean intends to hire Pine Mountain Excavating to fix Plank Road and several driveways which are causing issues on Township roads.
* The Township needs to purchase quite a few road signs.

**Tax Collection –** Statewide Tax Recovery, LLC, who has collected our delinquent per capita tax for over fourteen years, recently realized a resolution appointing them to was not in their file and may have never signed. A signed addendum that allows Statewide to collect the delinquent per capita tax was also not in their files. They are requesting the Township to enact both the Resolution ad Addendum. A discussion regarding the Per Capita Tax ensued. The Supervisors decided they would like to abolish the Per Capita Tax and requested Shelly to research how this is done. Neither the resolution or the addendum was signed.

**Solicitor –** Nothing new to report.

**SEO & PUCC –** Jeff Kreiger declined the appointed as the alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer, he already has 30 townships and is afraid he cannot handle additional. The Supervisors requested Shelly to contact Bob Bertin.

**SEO & PUCC cont’d**

Jami Nolan requested to be appointed as an alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer so he can finish up applications he started. Scott moved to appoint Bob Bertin and Jami Nolan as the Township’s alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer, Dean seconded, motion carried.

**Zoning & Building Permits –** Nothing new to report.

**EMC & Fire** – Dennis gave the Supervisors a fire report for February 2024. Scott suggested we compensate Dennis, all the Supervisors agreed. The amount will be determined and approved at the April meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Stormwater Management Ordinance** – Nothing new to report, still working on it.

**2010** **Ford F-550 Truck Purchase from Marion Township** – At our February meeting, the Supervisors submitted a sealed bid of 25,000 to Marion Township for a red 2010 4WD Ford F-550 Super Duty XL Package Truck. The truck is equipped with a 6.4-liter diesel engine with 50,000 miles. A 10’ plow w/double blade cutting edge and Flink spreader is included. As well as a safety tailgate light bar and beacon lamp. Marion Township rejected our $25,000 bid because it was too low. After some additional discussion with Marion Township, they agreed to sell the truck outright to us for $30,000. Dean moved to purchase the 2010 4WD Ford F-550 Super Duty XL Package Truck from Marion Township for $30,000, Dennis seconded, motion carried. The Supervisors instructed Shelly to pay for the truck with Liquid Fuels money.

**Conference Room Entrance Door –** The conference room entrance door was fixed by the guys; Nate, Steve & Ronnie.

**Solar Ordinance** – The Supervisors are reviewing mode solar ordinance provided by our solicitor, Zach Dugan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Subdivision Plan for Property owned by Tyler & Susanne Morse and George & Janet Force –** The Supervisors reviewed and approved, with no comment, a lot-addition subdivision plan for property owned by Tyler & Susanne Morse and George & Janet Force.

**2024/2025 Salt Contract –** Our COSTARS Salt Contract Participation Agreement must be submitted each year for inclusion in the State’s sodium chloride contract. The contract runs from August 2024-July 2025. In order to be included we must commit our needs prior to the contract bid, the deadline is 3/15/24. Our requested tons are not an estimate. We must purchase at least 60% of our stated needs. Suppliers will provide up to 140% of the tonnage requirements. We must specify our Initial Tons Required (defined as the estimated amount of salt required from August 1st to October 31st to replenish/fill stockpiles in advance of the winter season) and Winter Tons Required (defined as the amount of salt required after November 1 through July 31). The Initial Tons Required plus the Winter Tons Required will equal the Total Tons Required (defined as the total amount of salt required for the whole winter season).  This is to allow suppliers to better plan and anticipate member requirements and will help to ensure members are better prepared for the winter season to cut down on last minute or just-in-time orders.  Dean moved to request 24 tons for our Initial Tons Required and 106 tons for the Winter Tons Required, Scott seconded, motion carried.

**Stone Bid** – The Supervisors approved the stone type and quantities. Shelly will advertise and bid according to the purchasing policy requirements; bids will be opened and awarded at the April meeting.

**Correspondence File –**

* Representative Joe Hamm invited all elected official and staff to a Municipal Summit on Tuesday, April 2 at 6 pm at Independent Hose Fire Company. Dennis will attend prior to coming to our April Monthly Meeting.
* PennDOT is holding a County Maintenance Municipal Outreach Program on Thursday, April 11 from 9:00-11:00 am at the Montoursville Borough Office. Dean and Dennis will try to attend.
* Lycoming County Voter Services sent an email to the Township regarding Small Games of Chance. Piatt Township is on a list that the County has no record of the referendum being passed and therefore cannot issue small games of chance for any group or club located in your municipality. The Local Option Small Games of Chance Act (10 P.S. 328.101 et. seq.) authorizes the licensing of various clubs, nonprofit, and charitable organizations to conduct small games of chance. Licenses can be issued only for municipalities which have approved their issuance in a referendum. The question may only be placed on the ballot at the primary preceding a municipal election. The question can be placed on the ballot in two ways. It can be initiated by a resolution of the municipal governing body, to be filed with the county board of elections. Or, it can be initiated by a petition signed by registered voters equal to at least 25 percent of the highest total vote cast for any office within the municipality at the preceding general election, also to be filed with the county board of elections. The Supervisors do NOT wish to initiate by resolution the question of Small Games of Chance put on the ballot for the primary election.

**2006 Ford F550 Truck –** Dean moved to sell the 2006 Ford F550 Truck, Dennis seconded, motion carried.

Dean moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Scott seconded, motion carried.

Dean moved to approve payment of all bills, Dennis seconded, motion carried.

Dean moved to adjourn, Scott seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Shelly S. Davis

Secretary/Treasurer