

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Chairman Daniel McLaughlin and the assembly stood for the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were Supervisors Dan McLaughlin, Wayne Potts, and John Fratangeli. Also present were Police Chief Lance Malobabich, Secretary, Debra Shaffer, and Attorney Curt McMillen

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on any agenda item.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the February 14, 2024, meeting was approved with a motion by W. Potts and second by J. Fratangeli. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s report and bill list were approved with a motion by W. Potts and second by J. Fratangeli. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police, Road and two Fire Department monthly reports were accepted with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ROAD MATERIAL BIDS

The bids received for road material were opened and read as follows:

	#8 Limestone	#67 Limestone	#617 Limestone	A#2	Cinder	Salt	Diesel
Oliastro	\$31.40	\$31.40	\$26.45	\$31.40	\$18.75		
McClymonds	\$29.41	\$29.41	\$24.91				
EFCC, Inc.	\$29.75	\$29.50	\$24.25	\$28.25			
Heidelberg Materials	\$34.63			\$31.63			
Compass Minerals						\$94.85	
American Rock Salt						\$91.75	
Morton Salt						\$95.96	
Glassmere Fuel							\$0.1815
Bradigans							\$0.1870

Lowest bids were awarded in red with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS**RESOLUTION 4 OF 2024 – KOON SMALL FLOW TREATMENT FACILITY APPLICATION**

J. Fratangeli made a motion to adopt Resolution 4 of 2024 which is the Installation and Maintenance Agreement for a Small Flow Treatment Facility located at 482 Service Creek Road on property owned by Meredith and Adam Koon pending the approval to install the system from the Department of Environmental Protection Agency. W. Potts second the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 5 OF 2024 – PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250PA)

W. Potts made a motion to adopt Resolution 5 of 2025 which is our support of the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (AMERICA250PA). J. Fratangeli second the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following public announcements were made:

- Recycling Weekend – Fri., April 5th and Sat. April 6th
- Next Supervisors Meeting – Wednesday, March 13th @ 4 pm
- Office Closed – March 26, 27 & 28 – Vacation
- Office Closed – March 29th – Good Friday

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave McDonald of 3554 State Route #151 spoke and asked the Board if he would be permitted to plow and plant the small field on the other side of the ditch on the park property. He received previous approval to hay it and this year he wants to rotate and plant corn. The board told him to plant/plow away. **Deb Shaffer** spoke and asked if she could find someone to help in the park this summer. She would ask any of the Road Department if they wanted the overtime to help and if not, look elsewhere. It would only be about 15-20 hours over the entire summer. Wayne Potts spoke and said he wanted to hire a new Road Department employee and they could do all that. Deb Shaffer said she didn't need that much help and she did the weekly maintenance at all the buildings and was just looking for someone to help with other jobs like mulching, replacing shingles and a few trees, etc. It would only be about 15-20 hours. Deb Shaffer also mentioned that the park playground is very deteriorated, and a slide is in need of repair. She suggested that the Board go down and look at it and talk about replacing it or other options. There was discussion regarding the letter that the VFD sent to the Hopewell Board of Commissioners stating that they would no longer be in a mutual aid agreement with Hopewell VFD. There was worry that any emergency responders that were not able to work together would be a detriment to the safety of our residents. Per Solicitor McMillen, the VFD is their own entity and we don't have a whole lot of say in the decisions that they make. We can only express that we want them to try to have a good working relationship with neighboring townships to help aid in any emergencies. Chairman McLaughlin spoke and explained the issue has been going on for quite some time and it is not our department that seems to be the common factor, but it is Hopewell that is having difficulty working with anyone else. Chief Malobabich spoke and told the Board that he would like approval to purchase three cameras to

put inside the Police Department. One in each office and one facing the prisoner bench. He also wants to put one additional camera on his side of the building. These will be installed and will be on their own DVR system and will not need a storage subscription. He would also purchase Lexipol for a 12 month subscription.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer