

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 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 January 2, 2024, reorganization meeting was approved with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts. 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 W. Potts and second by J. Fratangeli. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2 OF 2024 – DISPOSITION OF RECORDS

J. Fratangeli made a motion to adopt Resolution 2 of 2024 which is the disposition of records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual. W. Potts second the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 3 OF 2024 – EATON PLAN 2

This plan was submitted by LK Land Services on behalf of Judith Eaton. This is simply moving a lot line between two lots, both currently owned by Judith Eaton. The Independence Township Planning Commission recommended approval by letter dated January 24, 2024. W. Potts made a motion to adopt and J. Fratangeli second the motion. Motion carried.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR ROAD MATERIAL BIDS

J. Fratangeli made a motion to advertise for road material bids for 2024. W. Potts second the motion. Motion carried.

INDEPENDENCE DAY OF CELEBRATION

J. Fratangeli made a motion to set the Day of Celebration for Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. W. Potts second the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following public announcements were made:

- Chili Cookoff – Saturday, February 24th 6-9 pm
- Next Supervisors Meeting – Wednesday, March 13th @ 4 pm
- Recycling Weekend – Fri., March 1st, and Sat. March 2nd

PUBLIC COMMENT

Victoria Carlton and Joshua Worth from RESQRS attended and spoke at the meeting. They wanted to introduce themselves and provide some information regarding the new ambulance/EMT service they have started. Vicky stated that they currently have resolutions with Greene, Georgetown, Hookstown and Hanover Townships. They are still growing, still hiring, and are located behind Jack’s diner on State Route 168 in Hookstown. They currently have one ambulance and a suburban that can do everything but transport. They are already responding to calls in our township that Medic Rescue is unable to reach in a timely manner. They currently are honoring any Medic Rescue memberships but will cease doing so at the end of this year unless Medic Rescue signs a mutual aid agreement with them which they have thus far refused to do so. They would like to begin selling memberships to our residents if we decide to pass a resolution appointing them as our preferred ambulance provider. Currently they only do emergency transports when the County tones them out, but if we pass the resolution then people can use them for non-emergency transports if available. Joshua Worth stated that they have other divisions that resources can be pulled from if needed. Vicki provided a handout with more information for review.

Wayne Potts mentioned that he and Jeff have been discussing options for the equipment building/salt storage, but nothing serious and haven’t called anyone for pricing for anything yet.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer