

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Dan 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. Secretary, Debra Shaffer and Police Chief Lance Malobabich were also present. Solicitor, Nicholas Urick was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on any agenda item.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the March 9, 2022, meeting were approved with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. 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 and Road Department monthly reports were accepted with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts. The Fire Department report was unavailable and will be provided at the next meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1979 MACK TRUCK BID AWARD

The winning bid for the 1979 Mack Truck on Municibid was \$10,100.00 from Jean H. Louis, 594 Lenox Rd. 2, Brooklyn, NY 11203 – 347-756-8036. Dan McLaughlin made a motion to approve the sale at the \$10,100.00 amount and authorize Deb Shaffer to sign any documents needed to facilitate the transfer. Wayne Potts second the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP PARK FUNDS TRANSFER

W. Potts made a motion to transfer \$5,000 from the General Fund into the Park Fund to cover the operational expenses. J. Fratangeli second the motion. Motion carried.

MARY ELLEN OROS, TAX COLLECTOR RETIREMENT

Chairman McLaughlin recognized Mary Ellen Oros for her 28 years of tax collection services to the Township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following public announcements were made:

- Township Office is closed Friday, April 15th – Good Friday
- Recycle weekend is Fri., May 6th & Sat., May 7th
- Next Supervisor Meeting Wednesday, May 11th, 4:00 pm at Community Center
- THIS WEEK IS CLEAN UP WEEK
- Saturday, April 16th is the Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Center

PUBLIC COMMENT

Secretary Deb Shaffer stated that she is having trouble getting volunteers for annual clean up. A resident made a suggestion to initiate a “Adopt a Township Road” program. Deb Shaffer printed some examples of other townships that have launched the program in different ways. The Board granted her permission to create a program and present to them for approval.

Jeff Sweitzer stated that the zero turn tractor that was approved for purchase during the 2022 budget meetings was on backorder and they requested a letter to give to Burk’s stating that we would purchase the first one that became available. Secretary Shaffer will compose the letter for Jeff to give to Burk’s. Jeff also stated that with that purchase, the 6 ft finish mower that attaches to a tractor was no longer needed and asked if it could be put out for sale on Municibid. It was agreed to put it on Municibid with Board approval of the sale.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer