

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 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, Police Chief Lance Malobabich and Solicitor, Curt McMillen were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on any agenda item.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 2, 2023 reorganization 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 J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police and Road Department monthly reports were accepted with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts. There was no fire report and the December 2022, January 2023 and February 2023 fire reports will be provided at the next meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2 OF 2023 – DISPOSITION OF RECORDS

J. Fratangeli made a motion to adopt Resolution 2 of 2023 which is the disposition of records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual. W. Potts second the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION

There was an executive session regarding litigation. After which, Attorney McMillen let the audience know it pertained to a Petition to Set Aside a Judicial Sale and that there was a hearing on the same on February 13, 2023.

PETITION TO SET ASIDE JUDICIAL TAX SALE

Wayne Potts made a motion to ratify the decision to file a Petition to Set Aside Judicial Tax Sale on the parcel located at 111 Ranch Street. This decision was made due to the fact that the purchaser owes the township delinquent taxes on three other parcels located in Independence Township and should not be allowed to purchase any others until those are paid in full. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

ZONING HEARING BOARD ATTORNEY AND MEMBER

D. McLaughlin made a motion to appoint Matthew Huffines as the Zoning Hearing Board Attorney and appoint Tom Oros from alternate to Zoning Hearing Board Member filling the vacant position. W. Potts second the motion. Motion carried.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR ROAD MATERIAL BIDS

J. Fratangeli made a motion to advertise for road material bids for 2023. W. Potts second the motion. Motion carried.

INDEPENDENCE DAY OF CELEBRATION

W. Potts made a motion to set the Day of Celebration for Saturday, July 9, 2023, from 3 p.m. – 10 p.m. It was decided to have it be an extra few hours this year as it is the 175th anniversary of the Township so we are going to try to make it special by doing some extra things. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

SPRING NEWSLETTER

D. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the creation of the Spring newsletter with it being available digitally and with hard copies available at the Township Building or mailed by request only. W. Potts second the motion Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following public announcements were made:

- Chili Cookoff – Saturday, February 25
- Next Supervisor Meeting – Wednesday, March 8th @ 4 p.m.
- Recycle weekend is Fri., March 3rd & Sat., March 4th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ashlee Caul spoke and wanted to wish everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day. Wayne Potts spoke and said that the Road Department seems to be getting off easy this year.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer