

**Chanceford Township, York County  
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting**

**MEETING DATE AND TIME: March 13, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

Eric Bacon opened the Chanceford Township Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building, 33 Muddy Creek Forks Rd., Brogue, PA. He led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag.

Members present: Eric Bacon Chairman, Vice-Chairman Kent Heffner, Bradley Smith

Others present: Secretary Leah Geesey, Attorney Tim Bupp, Engineer Grant Anderson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Kent Heffner made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 13, 2023 as written. Seconded by, Bradley Smith motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BRIDGEVILLE FIRE CO:**

Ron Witmer stated in February there were a total of 22 calls in the Township, 7 were medical. Upcoming fundraisers, March 15<sup>th</sup> Sandwich and Pizza sale, March 25<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at Fire Hall, April 11<sup>th</sup> Gun raffle.

**ALLIANCE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES:**

Chad Arnold stated in February there were a total of 71 calls, 7 in the Township, 4 were medical. He gave a copy of their 2023 Budget. Tyler Burkins will be the new representative for Alliance.

**SOUTHERN YORK COUNTY EMS, INC. REPORT:**

John Eaton presented the Board with SYCEMS's capital expenses and approximate costs for 2023. They are working on a project to replace two stretcher/lift systems which are 15 years old and no longer serviceable per the manufacturer. The replacement cost is approximately \$150,000.00 and they are seeking alternate funding and asked the Board for consideration. In January there were a total of 38 calls in the Township, 3 received mutual aide. Gave a mutual aide 25 times, and received mutual aide 15 times in total area.

**Wendy Fink** was not present due to illness.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Imhoff representing Cuff's Run Alliance spoke regarding their opposition of the proposed new pumped storage project. They have been in contact with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and plan to file for intervener status to keep abreast of the status of the permit. Regarding the proposed project, Mr. Imhoff sees no benefit for the

Township. Cuffs Run Alliance does have a face book page to share information with the community.

Jack Horton- Kohler asked about the status of permits? Eric Bacon stated the township was only recently made aware of the project from Mr. Argento from the York Daily Record. And has not received any further information. It is a primarily permit at this point.

Mia Sanchez – Good Road/Gipe Road stated she is opposed to the proposed new pumped storage project. She read a statement from the Muddy Creek Region Joint Comprehensive Plan 2009 and she believes we should stand behind that plan.

Ted Evgeniadis, Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper spoke regarding preservation and protecting the river qualities, he personally is opposed to the proposed new pumped storage project. He is here to offer support the Township and assist in any way he can.

Philip Wenger, President of the Lancaster Conservancy spoke regarding the concerns for size, protected farms, energy costs, acres of forest, ecological effects. They are willing to share information received with the Township and Citizens. There is no recreation benefit to the community. And he stated PA is a net exporter of electricity.

No name was given, she stated her concerns that no one was aware of the permit application, and feels the community needs to know.

Harry Cotrell lives on Kohler Road is opposed to the proposed new pumped storage project.

Austin Elfner's family owns a farm on Boyd Road and is opposed to the proposed new pumped storage project.

Clara Shinder Old Bridgeville Road and is opposed to the proposed new pumped storage project. She hopes the Township supports the citizens that are opposed.

Ted Aiken Fishing Creek Road is opposed to the proposed new pumped storage project and asked when are the applicate is going to be held responsible for all the anguish that has been caused.

Lloyd Groff, J&L Groff Farms on Dettinger Road. He has a chicken farm and he has real concerns with the Avian Flu with neighbor's chickens that are coming onto his property and spreading diseases. He has spoken to his neighbor several times and it has not been resolved. It was suggested to contact the PA Department of Agriculture. Mr. Groff stated he wanted his concerns to be on record with the Township.

**SUBMISSION/LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS:**

**A. Safe Harbor Water Power Corp Subdivision Plan**

Stacey McNeal and Lee Faircloth were present to discuss and review the subdivision.

Eric Bacon made a motion to grant the following waivers for the Safe Harbor Water Power Corp Subdivision Plan,

Section 501 and 601- Plan Scale

Section 601.d – Accurate Boundary of Residual Lot

Section 502.e and 602.c – Sewage Planning

Section 703.2 – Waiver from requirement to construct street

Seconded by, Kent Heffner motion carried.

Eric Bacon made a motion to conditionally approve the Safe Harbor Water Power Corp Subdivision pending the following items are completed Surveyor’s Signature, Owner’s Signature and Payment of Fees. Seconded by, Kent Heffner motion carried.

**B. Jacob Stolfus Final Subdivision Plan - Update**

Received DEP Planning Module approval

**C. St. James. Cemetery Final Subdivision Plan – Update**

Received a technical deficiency letter

**ROADMASTER’S REPORT:**

Kent Heffner gave the following report:

The road crew has installed a new inlet box and pipe on Oak Hollow Road and Lower River Road.

They have graded and added stone to various dirt roads.

They have been cutting and trimming brush on various roads.

We have completed all installation of the pipes and inlets on Shoff Road. Kent has a meeting scheduled with the County to finalize our portion of work. We are next on the schedule for guide rail installation.

Equipment update:

Parts are in to complete the new frame install for the Mack dump trucks.

There is a Mack dump truck that is coming up for bid on Municabid.

The 902 Recycling Grant for a new recycling truck, chipper, forks and grapple is moving forward.

The 2023 Materials and Equipment bid is ready to be advertised.

Brad Smith commented on the amount of Township equipment the sits outside all year long, and maybe the Township should look into a project to update the maintenance building and build an equipment storage area.

Kent Heffner thanked the Secretary for doing the paperwork and taking phone calls from FEMA representatives regarding the 2021 Flood. We received approximately \$70,0000.00 with 2 road projects are to be completed when the weather permits.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Grant Anderson reviewed the statements of qualifications received from SAA Architects, Core Design Group, Mula Group.

Grant Anderson will contact all three firms to schedule a time for the Supervisors to interview each, On Monday, March 27th at 7:00 pm as that is a date that has been advertised for public meeting.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Tim Bupp provided the Supervisors copies of information from the past Cuff’s Run proposals. He recommended the Board applies to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) so that the Township is kept abreast of the status of the permits. Brad Smith made motion for Tim Bupp to send a letter to FERC requesting Chanceford Township be kept informed of permit status. Seconded by, Kent Heffner motion carried.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee received a final draft and will be meeting to review the draft on Wednesday.

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION/NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Received a renewal strategy document from McConkey Insurance for Selective Insurance renewal pricing quotations will be available mid to late April.
- b. The Supervisors approved transfer of funds to CD’s to obtain better rates.
- c. District 5 septic mailers have been mailed.
- d. Audits

The 2020-2021 Liquid Fuels audit has been completed and found in order.

The CPA Audit for Township General Funds for 2022 has been scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

The Elected Auditors Audit for Recreation Funds and Tax Collector for 2021 and 2022 is to be scheduled.

e. Information from DandB Broadband regarding wireless internet was received and forwarded to the Supervisors for review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David and Amber Black were present to discuss purchase of the Water's Edge Church on Chapel Church Road and the current outstanding bond. The Blacks have reached an agreement with Water's Edge Church to assume the bond at the current amount. They had questions regarding zoning and placing a temporary mobile home on the property while current building is being finished, and a home occupation. The Supervisors referred them to Kevin Hertzog at South Penn Code.

**ZONING REPORT:**

Kevin Hertzog from South Penn Code reviewed the status permits and of current violations. 7 permits were issued in February. Kevin stated they received a complaint regarding signs blocking view on Rt 74. The State Police contacted South Penn for names of complaint due to the signs being stolen. 3700 Brownnton Rd, cleanup has begun. Reviewed the Agricultural Building form.

Brad Smith asked Kevin to clarify some of the recent violations and decisions. The Building Code Official makes decisions for evictions. South Penn Code does not drive around the Township looking for issues. A resident complaint form must be completed and submitted for South Penn Code to review and act on.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Brad Smith made the motion approve the payment of all of the bills in the manner approved by law. Seconded by, Kent Heffner motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Kent Heffner made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by, Brad Smith the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah R. Geesey

Secretary-Treasurer