

The regular September meeting, was called to order by Vice Chairman Brad Bates on September 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building. Vice Chair Brad Bates, and Supervisor Brian Non were in attendance. Solicitor Jeffrey Treat was also in attendance.

- A. **Pledge of Allegiance** - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- B. **Hearing Check** – The hearing check was done.
- C. **Minutes of the August 16, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting** - *Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bates to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2023 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.*
- D. **Public Comment –Items on Agenda Only** – No public comment was made
- E. **Correspondence**
 - a. **Wayne County Association of Township Officials’ Fall Convention is October 11, 2023 at Lukans Farm Resort. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Registration is needed.** – Brian Non, Brad Bates, Donald Salak, and Ronald Poska will be attending
 - b. **Township Acknowledgement Letter to be signed for minimum use driveway on Kuznetsov property** – Attorney Treat explained the intent of the letter. *Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bates, to sign the letter in agreement as long as it meets PennDOT requirements. All voted yes. The motion carried.*
- F. **New Business** – no new business was discussed
- G. **Road Master Report**
 - a. **Vehicle Reports** – No vehicle report of mileage and usage was given. Supervisor and Road Master Non said that there has already been a safety recall on the International that hasn’t even left the garage yet.
 - b. **Road Reports** – Ron Poska inquired as to why there was a car counter on Town Hill Road. Josh Debevec answered that it was put there by PennDOT in consideration of a detour for work on the bridges.
 - c. **PennDOT Road Millings** – Road Master Non explained that PennDOT had millings at the Honesdale shed that would need an excavator to load and trucks to haul. It was explained that the millings had been sitting too long. He expressed that he thought we should grab some and keep them here to use in the spring. Discussion ensued to calculate the true cost of “free millings”. Ultimately it would cost roughly \$20,250 for five days for use of a triaxle and dump trailer. A small loader would be needed to break the millings up, and oil would need to be put on top. Vice Chair Bates suggested that the issue be revisited after other business was addressed. At the end of the meeting, the millings were re-addressed. Supervisor Bates said that he agreed with Debevec that it was too late in the year to lay millings. According to PennDOT the no cost millings could not be stock piled. Supervisor Non said that he felt that the idea of getting millings should be forgotten. Both Supervisors were in agreement.
 - d. **Cinders** – Cinders will be put out to bid.
 - e. **PSATS compliance for CDL Testing** – Secretary Droppa explained that Supervisor Non had been chosen randomly for a CDL urine test back in July and that he has yet to comply. Non said that he did not want to drive all the way to Wilkes Barre for a test that he previously could have done at Wayne Memorial Hospital. Droppa explained that she had inquired about that and that Wayne hospital was not in network and that the testing site was not in Wilkes

Barre, but at Lake Scranton Urgent Care, Moosic Street in Scranton. Non resisted taking time during the work week. Fire Chief Debevec said to just get it done or the program will drop Clinton Township. Non said he would call PSATS tomorrow. Solicitor Treat's advice was to get it done.

- f. **Tar and chip up to three miles of road** – Supervisor Non said that the roads being considered were Burns, Ravnika, Town Hill and Smith. He reported that past Supervisor Ken Burns said they did a traffic study on Burns Road where the speed limits are. Salak asked why Burns Road was being done again. The reply from Non was that we were trying to preserve it, and that only the far end had been done. Solicitor Treat suggested dividing the three miles between Burns and Little Keen Road. The response from Vice Chair Non was that the township would get hit with enormous equipment hauling fees. It was noted by Non that Little Keen was done after Burns Road, and that they were preserving from the bottom of the hill to Fobes driveway. The Proposal from Midland Asphalt Materials Inc. for chip seal of Ravnika, Smith, Town Hill, and Burns Rd at a total estimated cost of \$54,500.00 was discussed and it was noted that Midland was Costars approved and does not need to be put out for bid. *Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bates made a motion to accept Midland's proposal for chip seal as stated. All voted yes. The motion carried.*

H. Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment – *In response to a question by Mr. Lopatofsky regarding the General Account check for Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. for \$64,071.80, Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bates that the money comes from the ARP account instead of the general account. All voted yes. The motion carried. Secretary Droppa said that she would make the correction. Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bates to pay the bills as presented. All voted yes. The motion carried.*

I. Browndale Fire Department – Fire Chief Debevec gave an oral report. A written report is on file.

J. Old Business

- a. **Solar Panel Ordinance** – Solicitor Treat explained that the ordinance is not intended for residentially owned solar panels. It contains a definition of what a solar farm is. Supervisors need to consider things such as the minimum acreage, amount for application fees, height of fencing or fencing covered with evergreens, setbacks of 100' or more, and if decommissioning costs would have to be put up as a bond or line of credit. Treat suggested that a paragraph be included to revisit fees as costs go up. He also noted that some townships require a safety class put on by the local fire company yearly for safety. Other concerns included what kind of heat the panels throw off, and wanting the panels to come in (on truck) the same way they go out. In other words, smashing them for removal is not allowed. He said that the Supervisors need to make these kinds of decisions. It is his (Treat's) observation that most of these companies come in, get approval, and sell the company, all in quick succession. He noted that the pay back is in seven or eight years. He said that most townships are trying to get the ordinance passed by the first of the year.
- b. **The October monthly meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm.** – This was noted
- c. **Building Renovation (Exterior Ramp, Interior Flooring, Bathroom) – Bids are due by October 3** – It was explained that Secretary Droppa could be contacted and she would set up a time to let contractors in

K. Public Comment – Solicitor Treat gave an update on the lawsuit, saying that counsel was assigned for the township by the insurance company and that the township's interest were covered. Don Salak

asked if there was any complaint about blasting on Scubec Road. He said that as Nuisance Ordinance Officer, he would have to have a constable with him and it only happens on weekends. Supervisor Non said that they were shooting Tannerite. Salak then said that there was a monetary dispute for a \$130 mistake that he made on a permit. He had charged a citizen, who then had to pay UCC permit officer Bates for the permit. He was told to have it put on the agenda for October. Mrs. Salak asked about the Curtis land violation. The report sent to the township by Pennsylvania DEP was read in part. Glenn Abello said that on October 15 it will be eight years since the government destroyed a dam that never broke and he wanted to know when it will be fixed. The Supervisors did not have an answer. It was noted that Midland will be up on Ravnika Road at 7:00 tomorrow morning (Thursday, September 14) and road workers will be there to direct traffic.

- L. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.