

The regular July meeting was called to order by Chairman James Zefran on July 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building garage. 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 June 12, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting** – *Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bates to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2024 meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.*
- D. Public Comment** – *Items on Agenda Only* – Ray Vogt thanked the supervisors for calcium on Town Hill Rd. He noted, that because of the potholes, parts of the road will need to be graded. Vice Chair Bates said that it would be addressed during the road master’s report.
- E. Correspondence**
 - a. **Right-to-Know request from American Transparency** – *Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Brian Non that the letter be submitted to and handled by the Solicitor. All voted yes. The motion carried.*

F. Road Master Report

- a. **Vehicle Mileage and Usage Reports** – Supervisor and Road Master Brian Non reported the following:

Vehicle	Total mileage during the month
2015 Ford F550	391
2018 Ford F550	306
2022 International Dump Truck (CV)	128
2018 Peterbilt 580 (purchased in 2023)	0
580	28 hours

- b. **Road Reports** – Road Master and Supervisor Brian Non reported that Tom Merrigan should be done with mowing soon. A public thank you was given to him for doing a good job.
- c. **Town Hill Road** – Vice Chair Bates said that Town Hill Road will have to be closed when grading and roadwork is done. It must be advertised. *Vice Chair Bates made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran, to close Town Hill Road on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, from 8:00 am to 3:00. All voted yes. The motion carried.*
- d. **Prompton Borough’s rental of mower** - It was explained that Clinton Township is renting the mower from Bradco. For an economic benefit, we rented it for more time than we needed it. Rates are \$500.00 a day, \$2,000.00 a week, or \$6,000.00 a month. Prompton Borough would pay Clinton Township to rent the mower for roughly two days, as well as pay Tom Merigan’s wage to run the mower. A question of insurance coverage was raised. A representative from Prompton was present and he said that Prompton’s insurance will cover it, but it would be better if the mower and operator was rented as a package deal, as they had last year with

Canaan Township. Chair Zefran made a motion to rent the mower to Prompton for up to two days, as per the advice of the Solicitor that insurance would cover it.

e. **Smith Road Bids**

i. **3" of 25mm base**

Company Name	Activity	Bid Amount Break Down	Bid Total
Wayco Inc.	3" of 25mm base	\$ 433,000.00	\$ 433,000.00
Kobalt Construction, Inc.	3" of 25mm base Mobilization/Demobile.	\$ 484,070.40 \$ 5,000.00	\$ 489,070.40

ii. **Single coat of tar and chip**

Company Name	Activity	Bid Amount Break Down	Bid Total
Pocono Spray Patching, Inc.	Single coat of tar & chip Extra Option: Dust Suppressant/stabilizer	\$ 64,463.00 \$ 17,033.00	\$ 81,496.00
Wayco Inc.	Single coat of tar & chip Prime coat prior to t&c	\$ 66,460.00 \$ 17,000.00	\$ 83,460.00

iii. **Double coat of tar and chip**

Company Name	Activity	Bid Amount Break Down	Total
Pocono Spray Patching, Inc.	Double coat of tar & chip Extra Option: Suppressant/stabilizer	\$ 117,840.00 \$ 17,033.00	\$ 134,873.00
Wayco Inc.	Single coat of tar & chip Prime coat prior to t&c	\$ 129,536.00 \$ 17,000.00	\$ 146,536.00

Bids were opened for the three different options of road treatment on Smith Road. Supervisor Non spoke of millings gotten from the state saying that it was unknown if we get tons more or if what we have now is all we will get. To use them, they would be put down on the road, compacted, sprayed with oil, and let sit for a year. Chair Zefran said that some of the millings are extremely large, and he asked if they would be ground. The response from Non was that once you put them down with a grader and make a few passes with them, they are good. Supervisor Non suggested that we use the millings we have for Burrier, Cirelly, and Scubeck Roads, and possibly Little Keen Road if the millings will spread that far. Chair Zefran agreed that it would be good to try them out for those three roads because they are short roads and that would allow the township to see how they hold up for a year. He continued that the township doesn't have enough money for paving Smith Road. Josh Debevec commented that the township had the money for Smith Road, and then they purchased the trucks, which depleted funds. Supervisor Non said that, as things stand, the township has enough to do half of Smith Road. Ron Poska asked if we got more millings, would they be delivered to the road they will be used on, to which Vice Chair Bates responded that it was unknown. Dan Fitzsimmons commented that he did not understand why it was planned to do Smith Road, and now the supervisors are talking about doing three other roads. Chair Zefran clarified that the one coat price of \$64,463.00 was for all three miles. Ron Poska said that you must put enough emulsion oil on it to make it stick. Bates noted that it would add significantly to the cost to move the millings. Non said that Canaan Township would help haul because we have helped them with plowing

in the past. He also noted that the township did core studies of Smith Road but had never gotten the core samples back. Chair Zefran expressed concern about the content of the core, saying that if it's clay you've wasted money. Bates said that if it's a good base, you keep the crown, and are careful to not mix a clay base in with the new road surface, the road will be good. Chair Zefran asked Non what his recommendation was. Non said he wanted to do millings on the shorter roads. Bates asked who would be hauling the millings, and Non responded that we would and that Bill Goodwin would grade and roll the millings. Bates said that there were a lot of variables, and that having the millings dumped on the intended roads would save the township a lot of money. *Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Chair Zefran to put 4"-6" of millings on Cirrelli, Burrier, and Scubeck Roads, with a possibility of Little Keen Road, and then compacting them.* Chair Zefran asked if there were any other questions on the motion only and there were none. *Supervisor Non and Chair Zefran both voted yes. Vice Chair Bates did not respond. The motion carried.* Supervisor Non said that the township would save a lot of money on grading, rolling, and dust control if we could do Smith Road. Doing half of Smith Road has a downside as you can't spread hot load ice control on a dirt road. Ron Poska asked if Non intended on chipping over what's already there. Non referred to Jim Rowe of Pocono Spray Patching, Inc., and asked how he felt that one coat would hold up. Rowe responded that it wouldn't hold up and that roads that held up well that were being referenced in the conversation had been finished with a fog seal coat. When asked for a rough estimate for three miles of fog seal coat, Rowe said probably somewhere between \$12,000 - \$15,000. *Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bates to tar and chip a mile and a half of Smith Rd from this side of Route 296 toward Cirelly road using dust suppressant, two lifts, and fog seal. The bid is awarded to Pocono Spray Patching, Inc.* Chair Zefran asked if there were any questions concerning the motion and there were none. *All voted yes. The motion carried. Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bates, to accept the road masters report. All voted yes. The motion carried.*

- f. **Prices on Blowers** –A blower is for ditch maintenance. This is a more expensive one, as it has a fixed angle for blowing up the bank. Supervisor Non said that he got a price of \$7,880.00 through Medico, which serves Blue Buffalo out of Springfield, NJ. He had a telephone call into another dealer but has not yet heard back from them. Chair Zefran said that he would like to see one or two more quotes. Vice Chair Bates agreed.

Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment – Secretary Droppa added the following two bills have been added to the treasurer's report: check number 2153 for Joseph M. Alu for \$150.00 and check number 2154 for Jeffrey Treat for \$185.00. *Supervisor Non made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bates to accept the Treasurer's report, and pay the bills as listed, including the two additional bills. All voted yes. The motion carried.*

The presented bills list is on file. Bills totaling the subsequent amounts were presented and paid as follows:

General Acct. Bills Total	State Acct. Bills Total	Sewer Acct. Bills Total	UCC Acct. Bills Total
\$48,423.78	\$25,052.03	\$0.00	\$1545.00

- G. **Browndale Fire Department** – Fire Chief Debevec was on hand to give an oral report. A written report is on file. Chair Zefran took the opportunity to thank Fire Chief Debevec for the fire company's transparency with the previously sent in fire company accounting report.

H. Old Business

- a. **Modifications to license agreement with Adams CATV, Inc.** – When questioned by Chair Zefran, Solicitor Treat said that he was working on it and he would be sending a draft to the township.

- I. **Public Comment** – Vice Chair Bates reported on the Wayne County Commissioners’ Information Session that he and Lisa Lopatofsky attended. A written report is on file. One of the issues brought up in the session was the need to financially support and keep fire and EMS support. Chief Debevec said that he was grateful that the township supports Browndale Fire Company with a \$25,000 donation per year, but that he wanted everyone to realize that each set of fire gear has a cost of greater than \$10,000. By law, gear routinely needs to be updated. Chair Zefran said that at the beginning of his term, it had taken him several meetings to convince the board that supporting the fire company in that way was the right thing to do. Jacky Skubic asked for a “Single Lane Road Ahead” sign as well as a stop sign for Long Pond Road. Supervisor Non said he would take care of it. Mrs. Salak commented that she had been in the township building and at the new flooring is very nice. Chair Zefran agreed and said that the August meeting would be in the renovated township building.

- J. **Adjournment** – *Chair Zefran made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Non to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Droppa
Secretary / Treasurer