

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Chairman Daniel McLaughlin and the assembly stood for the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were Supervisors Daniel McLaughlin and Wayne Potts, Solicitor J. Julius Bolock, James Durkin from HRG and Secretary Debra Shaffer. Absent was Supervisor John Fratangeli and Police Chief Lance Malobabich.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on agenda items.

MINUTES

The Minutes of October 5th Budget Meeting and October 14, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved with a motion by W. Potts and second by D. McLaughlin.

Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report, including payment of bills and payroll, was approved with a motion by W Potts and second by D. McLaughlin.

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police and Road Department monthly reports were accepted with a motion by W. Potts and second by D. McLaughlin. The Fire Report was not provided

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS**ADOPT 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT**

W. Potts made a motion to Adopt the 2021 Preliminary Budget and advertise the budget for public inspection prior to final adoption at the December meeting. D. McLaughlin second.

Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF INTENT TO USE CPA

W. Potts made a motion to Advertise the Township's intent to appoint a CPA to audit the accounts of the Township for the fiscal year 2020 in place of the elected auditors. The appointment will take place at the 2021 reorganization meeting. D. McLaughlin second the motion.

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following public announcements were made:

- Township Office Closed Nov. 26th – Thanksgiving
- Recycling Weekend – Fri., Dec. 4th and Sat., Dec. 5th
- Next Supervisors' Meeting – Wednesday, December 9th @ 4 pm
- Country Christmas Breakfast for December has been cancelled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne Potts spoke and wanted to state that he found a Ferris zero turn tractor for a very good price. He said that the pricing was around \$8,000.00. That amount is below the bidding threshold so it was suggested he look further into it we would purchase if it fits the need we have for a new mower. Road Master, Jeff Sweitzer, made comment that Backbone is done and paved. Secretary/Treasurer, Deb Shaffer, made comment that she applied for Cares Act funding through the County for the Police Department salaries and benefits per the County's requirements. Jim Durkin from HRG also commented that their fee schedule will be reduced in 2021.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer