

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm by Chairman Daniel McLaughlin and the assembly stood for the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag. After the Pledge, Chairman McLaughlin asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for a resident and dear friend, Herman Schwabe. Chairman McLaughlin stated that Herman passed away Saturday, January 30, 2021. Herman and his wife, Irene, were at many township meetings and were a part of our community for 40 years. Herman was fondly known as "The Mayor". A brick will be installed by the Township in our memorial brick plaza in remembrance of Herman.

ROLL CALL

Present were Supervisors Daniel McLaughlin, Supervisor Wayne Potts, Solicitor J. Julius Bolock, Police Lieutenant, John Villa and Secretary Debra Shaffer. Absent were 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 the January 4, 2021 meeting minutes were approved with a motion by W. Potts and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT & BILL LIST APPROVAL

The Treasurer's report and list of bills paid including payroll, were approved. It was agreed that the recurring monthly bills could be paid on line since they were reviewed and approved at the meetings with a motion by W. Potts and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police, Road and two Fire Department monthly reports were accepted with a motion by W. Potts and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #2 OF 2021 – DISPOSITION OF RECORDS

W. Potts made a motion to adopt Resolution #2 of 2021 – Disposition of Records. The Township shreds documents yearly in accordance with the schedules and procedures of disposition of records set forth in the Municipal Records Manual. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #3 OF 2021 – BCTCC DELEGATE

W. Potts made a motion to adopt Resolution #3 of 2021 – BCTCC Delegates to appoint Debra J. Shaffer as the BCTCC delegate. Berkheimer is contracted through this committee to be the

collector for earned income tax for all municipalities in Beaver County. The committee meets with a Berkheimer representative at their annual meeting. The contract is currently on a 5-year renewal. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF ROAD MATERIAL BIDS

W. Potts made the motion to authorize advertisement for road material bids, to be opened at the next monthly meeting; D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

INDEPENDENCE DAY OF CELEBRATION DATE SET

The Independence Day of Celebration will be held from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, 2021 with a motion by W. Potts and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

SPRING NEWSLETTER MAILING

W. Potts made the motion to authorize mailing the Spring newsletter; D. McLaughlin made the second. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following public announcements were made:

- Chili Cookoff is cancelled for 2021
- Recycle weekend is Fri., March 5th * & Sat., March 6th
- Next Supervisor Meeting Wednesday, March 10th, 4:00 pm at Community Center

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Bill Brunton wanted to thank Jeff and his crew for the great job they have been doing with the snow.

Jeff Pflug the new manager for the Beaver County Conservation District introduced himself and was present in case the Board had any questions regarding the MOU that was sent to them. W. Potts stated that he understood that everything would remain the same as it had been and that they would just be there to provide technical information and they would not be enforcing any of our ordinances unless a request was made. Mr. Pflug stated that was correct and the MOU was just to update records.

Supervisor Wayne Potts asked the status of the amended Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance. Secretary Deb Shaffer states that since the Board reviewed draft and had no changes that it would be on next month's agenda.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm with a motion by W. Potts and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer