

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Chairman Dan McLaughlin and the assembly stood for the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were Supervisors Dan McLaughlin and John Fratangeli. Police Chief, Lance Malobabich and Secretary Debra Shaffer. Also present was solicitor, Nicholas Urick. Supervisor Wayne Potts was unable to attend.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment on any agenda item.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of April 14, 2021 Meeting were approved with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report and bill list were approved with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

The Police and Road Department monthly reports were accepted with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. The Fire Report was not received in time for the meeting and will be added to next month's meeting packet. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS****RESOLUTION #7 OF 2021 – LIPTAK PLAN OF LOT REVISION**

John Fratangeli made a motion to adopt Resolution #7 of 2021 granting approval of the Liptak Plan of Lot Revision upon the recommendation of the Independence Township Planning Commission. D. McLaughlin second the motion.

Motion carried.

**LETTER OF INTENT**

A motion was made by J. Fratangeli to sign a Letter of Intent to give authorization to The Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) and the Independence Township VFD to conduct a feasibility study on regionalization. This would be of no cost to the Township. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by J. Fratangeli to approve for signature the Settlement Agreement regarding the Southside Area School District and Hanover Township vs. Beaver County Board of Assessment Appeals and Kevin J. McIlwain, Chief Assessor with Independence Township and Hopewell Area School District as Interested Parties. This lawsuit creates a dividing line in the mobile home park located on State Route 30 known as Independence Mobile Home Park between Independence and Hanover Townships. The division includes, separation of parent parcel, mobile homes located thereon, taxes, school districts, voting, police/fire/EMS coverage, permitting, voting, zoning, or any other resources. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #8 OF 2021 – GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND RECREATION PROGRAM GRANT**

John Fratangeli made a motion to adopt Resolution #8 of 2021 granting approval for HRG to apply for a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant from the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED). This grant would be to construct the walking path through the Township Park. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

**1560 TRACTOR TO BID ON MUNICIBID**

A motion was made by D. McLaughlin to put the 1560 Tractor on Municibid for sale. The Township no longer needs this tractor as a new tractor has been ordered. J. Fratangeli second the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW TAX SOFTWARE - LOGITEK**

A motion was made by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin to purchase new tax software and enter into a yearly support agreement which will be split with the Hopewell Area School District. The currently software will no longer be supported after May 28, 2021. Fratangeli second the motion. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following public announcements were made:

- Recycling Weekend – Fri., June 4<sup>th</sup>, and Sat. June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Next Supervisors' Meeting – Wednesday, June 9<sup>TH</sup>
- Office Closed – May 31<sup>st</sup> for Memorial Day

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

J. Durkin from HRG spoke and explained for the grant application, it included benches, signage, etc. and if the Board would like to see anything else added to the walking trail, let him know.

Resident, Ralph Stauffer spoke and asked where the park was located that he had no idea. We explained to him and he was going to take a ride down and check it out.

**ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer