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Supervisors
Charles Clukey Jr. Chairman
Terry Neff Sr.
Brandon Coleman

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2023

Supervisors present: Charles Clukey Jr., Terry Neff Sr., Brandon Coleman
Charles Clukey Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm following the reorganization meeting.

Bid Opening:

Glenn O Hawbaker \$182,374.00
Charles Const. \$207,806.75
Low bidder was Glenn O. Hawbaker

Brandon Coleman made motion to accept Bid of \$182,374.00 from Glenn O Hawbaker Pending after review and everything is ok.
Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.

Secretary Minutes:

Charles Clukey Jr. made motion to accept minutes.
Seconded by Brandon Coleman All approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in General Fund	\$119,749.01
Balance in General Money Market	\$297,898.56
Balance in Sewer Fund	\$129,526.89
Balance in Sewer Money Market	\$237,632.87
Balance in State Fund	\$ 73,376.84

Terry Neff Sr. made motion to accept Treasurer's report.
Seconded by Brandon Coleman. All approved.

Hearing of Visitors: none

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Citizen Input:

Dave Courter reported that they are moving the steel containers out of Township.

Joe Miller ask if anything could be done about the cars flying down Grape St. could we get one of those speed signs.

Vickie Long ask if Township could put up a bigger sign on Logan Street that has No Trucks. Trucks are going down by her house and getting stuck all the time.

Supervisors are going to update the signs. Charles Clukey Jr. said he called Bill Garbrick at First Quality and asked if they could put up signs.

Judy Courter said the property beside the old school looks bad again. Supervisors told Jeremy to check into it.

Steve Wentzel reported that the one flag blew off the bridge and was in the middle of the road.

Brandon Coleman said that Josh picked it up off the road.

Communications: None

Report of Officials and Committees:

A. 1. Charles Clukey Jr. Read sewer report

Charles reported that we are not able to have taps for sewer and Dan Auman said that they want to put in 4 new trailers in at trailer court and we have other residents that want to build in township that already and we talked to DEP and they said that the residents that are building come first.

2. Terry Neff Sr-Nothing

3. Brandon Coleman-Nothing

B. Auditors-Kristy Sellers, Mary Margaret Winton and Bonnie Poorman: nothing

C. Engineer-Charles Clukey Jr said he talked to two people to see if they were interested in being our engineer.

D. Code Officer-Jeremy said if residents want to get in touch with him they should call or email him and leave a message and Jeremy will get back to you.

Jeremy reported he has letters to send out about the dog barking. Also taking care of the Clean up in township properties.

Calls from resident about burning and told them no go and said they had to check with the Supervisors and the Fire Company to get control burn, or can take to landfill.

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E. Zoning Officer-Jeremy Kreiser –1 Permit for Solvay.

Mr. Lapp on Nittany road wants to put a driveway in and wants to get curb cut. The man that is buying the land up above and he does not want his land sprayed. Trailer park wants to start with 4 homes and wanted to set them in and not hook up Right away. Told them he would not issue permits unless the Supervisors advised him.

F. Police Office Report: Brandon Read report.

Mrs. Clukey reported she thinks there is too much speeding going on in Township.

G. Planning Committee: Joe Miller asked how long we wait after we approve something. Jeremy said what he has to wait after he issues permit. Joe said that they approve that House on Logan Street and it has been over a year. Charles Clukey said he might sell him and extra piece of land. They told Joe to ask his solicitor.

L. Recreation Committee: John Gradel said the community sign was approved last year so Brandon Myers will contact Brownies signs about their sign.

Applied for the grant for tourism and sounds promising.

Mary Margaret Winton asked Supervisors if Township could cut grass down at ball fields. They would like to have kids playing on the fields soon to give them a taste of it. Brandon Coleman said that we don't even get all our mowing done and the tractor we have will ripped it all up. Tabled it until we talk about it.

Old Business:

1. Spraying of trees: Paul Ryan suggest the township should not get involved in the spraying of the trees as it will be a liability on the township.
2. Unemployment compensation rate: PSATS raise rate to 8.45% and Susan wrote the a letter as a certain person was getting unemployment and Supervisors had it stopped, so PSATS adjusted our rate to 6.85% .
3. Storm Water update: both driveways have been completed. And working well and all we have to do is the right of way and that will be done in spring,
4. Water Contractor Update. Need measurement and need to give to contractor to do Repairs to Residents driveways. The city withheld money to pay for repairs.
5. Bridge Street Bridge: Brandon Coleman reported received letter from County that said we are receiving grant money from then to help pay for the bridge. Brandon said he sent a message out to Todd Pysher& Asso. then he forward it to CONTECH Engineered Solutions and they are CoStar contractor and we won't need to put out for bids.

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Old Business Continued:

5. Bridge Street Bridge;

One bridge is Asphalt Decking for Est. \$60,000.00 delivered

Second one is Open Grid Decking for Est. \$100,000 delivered

Brandon Coleman explained what the difference was between the bridges.

We will also need to get contractor to set the bridge.

We will need to send out Bids to set the bridge.

Terry Neff Sr. made motion to accept \$100,000.00 for the Open Grid Decking Bridge. Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.

6. Pickup-Brandon said will be receiving the truck on Friday March 10th and will go to Brownies to get measured up for decal. Charley explained it is a F350 with Utility boxes and plow. The truck is paid with ARP funds and not citizens funds.

7. Update on T-Tag.-Brandon said it is ordered.

8. Update ARP money projects: Brandon reported he ordered a rain gauge from Keith Kern and he is working on updating web page. Electrical system was updated.

Received the Lap top and we are wireless and put in the larger screen for the office Camera system.

New Business:

1. Liquid Fuel Payment: Received our Liquid fuel payment of \$1440.00 and \$49,076.45 total of \$50,516.45 and is in deposited in State fund.

2. Approve and retain Service of Todd Pysher for Bridge St. bridge project.

Brandon made motion to approve and retain services of Todd Pysher for the Bridge Street bridge effective date 2/20/23.

Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.

3. Consideration of Hourly Cost for Police Services.

Mayor Tom Bossert from Mill Hall spoke about the Mill Hall police and the extra cost they will be need to add to bill for the police. It will be only \$5.00 per hour more. For them to go to the cloud system.

Discussion was held and Terry Neff Sr said he has had residents that they have not seen any police in Castanea. Charles Clukey Jr. said he hear the same thing.

Mary Margaret Winton said she likes that she can call verify the police service is out there as she was stopped for speeding.

Joe Miller asked why we need police force. Terry Neff Sr. said that the state police was going to charge us. So we got police and now we jumped the gun.

Brandon Coleman said if you call state police they don't always respond.

Terry told Mr. Bossert that the Express published that the supervisors discussed at their budget meeting and said the rates were going up. Terry said did not remember anything about that being said.

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Mary Margaret Winton said she does like to know that she can call someone if she has a problem.

Terry said he thinks we should table this until we talk about it. Brandon said he can't and Terry said you can answer our questions. Brandon said he can answer any question now. Brandon said because he is an employee of Mill Hall he cannot be involved.

Terry Neff Sr. Table Police Service raise in price until they talk about it at work session.

Review and Pay Bills:

**Terry Neff Sr. made motion to pay the bills
Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. Abstain by Brandon Coleman**

**Charles Clukey Jr. adjourned the meeting
Meeting was closed at 8:40pm**

Attest: Susan Heaton

Secretary/Treasurer

