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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2023

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

Bid Opening: Later al replacement

Ron Myers \$20,380.00
Pine Mountain Excavating \$51,751.00
Low bidder was Ron Myers

**Brandon Coleman made motion to accept Bid of \$20,380.00 from Ron Myers with the notification first day is April 4, 2023 has 60 days to finish the job.
Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.**

Secretary Minutes:

**Brandon Coleman made motion to accept minutes.
Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. 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:

Rita O'Brien reported on the water leak in her front yard since last August and Rita talked to Hunter Stover from the city and said they would be up first of spring. They said that they would not need to replace line as it is not that old so can't comprehend putting in a new line and will need to get a grant and the Supervisors need to do that.

Brandon Coleman said that yes they did talk to them about that and were to get back to them. Brandon said he doesn't believe that about the line not being that old. We have to apply for the grant and Mr. Stopper came up with getting the grant. And it was around the end of November or December and that is the last we heard from them. Grant progress was in January and we filed for a grant with Steve Gibson to do our sewer project.

Rita said she has called the City office and they don't answer. Brandon said he has been trying to call them and get no answer.

Sierra Dole reported there is a run off drain that is redirecting into our parking spot and water running into the basement. Charles said that is a state road and they said that she should call PennDot and see if they would help them. Brandon gave Sierra the phone number for PennDot.

Sierra also said about the Tractor trailers getting stuck and running in her yard.

Charles Clukey Jr. said he called First Quality and talked to the main man about putting up signs and we bought signs and put up but they just either can't read or don't care. Katie Kishbaugh said that she has seen those tractor trailers were going down the street backward at around 11:00pm.

Mary Margaret reported about parking on the street and wanted to know if maybe could make a few more spaces on the tennis court side for parking. Brandon said that is something we should look into that.

Sierra said she has been having trouble with the trailer court a trailer behind her property and said that they stripped it down and now stuff is flying off of it and landing into our yard. I have been having trouble with people in trailer court cutting down our yard. I called the State police and they said to deal with it. Brandon told Sierra to put up no trust passing signs and next time call the Mill Hall Police and they will take care of it.

Dave Courter reported that the Stop Sign at McElhattan Ave is loose buy Church.

Justin Miller asked what can be done about speeding around the curve. Brandon said that He cannot put the speed trap on a curve.

Communications:

Endless Mountain Race: Want to get approval for the race and the caller said that City might not let them go over the mountain and if they can't get to use it they will not come into Castanea.

Brandon Coleman agreed to send letter to written permission to pass through the township and need Insurance and contact information and date and time.

Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved

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Communications:

Charles Clukey Jr. also asked about the Dirty Dabbers if they could do something for them. **Brandon Coleman made motion for Charles to get some kind of responsibility to use our right of way and contact information and Insurance. Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. all approved.**

Report of Officials and Committees:

A. 1. Charles Clukey Jr. Read sewer report

Charles reported read paper from Levine engineering and he also at Woodward Township. Charley asked if anyone has any trouble to hiring this company, **Brandon Coleman made motion to approve Levine Engineering LLC purpose for project and storm project pending our interview with him at work session in April Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.**

2. Terry Neff Sr- asked about the mirror down on Water St. at bridge. Charles Clukey Jr. said that the bracket is broken off as they only have card board on the back and he was trying to figure out a way to make a bracket to attach to mirror. If can't fix it we will have to pay around \$300.00 for new one.

Terry also asked that thought we were putting a light on the big sign.

3. Brandon Coleman-Reported that the Bridge on Bridge St. has been removed company coming in to cut off the abutments. It might be spring of 2024 before we get the bridge set.

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

C. Engineer-

D. Code Officer-Jeremy said he had complaint of chickens and ducks at a residents on 208 E. Keller street. They have them in a pen stopped twice and no one answers the door. Brandon asked Jeremy if they had any Roosters and Jeremy said he doesn't know the differences. 3 properties about Junk removed on properties. Stack of letters for weeds.

E. Zoning Officer-Jeremy Kreiser –building a house on corner of Logan Avenue. Have house on Quiggle Ave. going to put on solar panels. Joe that bought church is looking to get variance to add other features there. On Pine street had a call some people interested in purchasing that and to put a recycling Thing in and told them they need variance. Had a call that having trouble getting in touch with code inspections.

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Zoning Officer continued:

Mrs. Clukey told Jeremy that the house next to old school house is nothing but Junk.

F. Police Office Report: Brandon Read report.

G. Planning Committee: Joe Miller said he talked to Mr. Ohl on next Tuesday to change something and need to have meeting.

L. Recreation Committee: Mary Pat Dion reported on the grant for the Playground and said she needs a resolution signed by supervisors.

Rick reported we did not have a committee meeting in March. Rick reported that Castanea Days is going to be July 22, 2023.

Rick said he was going to schedule a critter show and petting zoo. And we will get back to you on that. We were thinking about getting a carriage to take people for rides but the price on that is \$800.00. Another thing is some game or rides for kids. Maybe a bouncy house. We have a band Private Stock Trio, Diana Andrus is working on Venders. We are thinking of using that \$500.00 for a banner to put up.

Mary Margaret Winton discussed about Chestnut Grove. We need to get solicitor to make an agreement between Chestnut Grove and Castanea Township to mow the fields. Also that little strip of land from flood protection authority and chestnut grove will take care of that piece of land.

What about the small part of property that First Quality was going to give to us. No she did not hear anything about it.

Charles Clukey Jr. told Mary Margaret when they are ready to dig make sure that don't dig up water line.

Old Business:

1. Resolution 1-2023 for Mill Hall Police:

Charles Clukey Jr. made motion to pass resolution 1-2023 for the Mill Hall Police to increase rate of \$5.00 more per hour from \$55.00 to \$60.00.per hour.

Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved

Terry Neff Sr. wanted to clarify that he was not trying to get rid of Mill Hall Police but was just talking to some people had concerns what was going on in township that was what it was about.

2. Pass Ordinance 2-2023 Quiggle Avenue and Crawford Lane No Parking:

Brandon Coleman made motion to pass ordinance 2-2023 No Parking on Quiggle Ave. and Crawford Lane

Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.

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Old Business Continued:

5. Approve Sewer Meters:

Brandon Coleman made motion to approve sewer meters \$16,425.00 and will be paid out of the sewer fund.

Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.

New Business:

1. Resolution for Harvey's Run Park:

Brandon Coleman made motion to approve Harvey's Run Park resolution.

Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.

2. Approval of Jim Phoenix:

Brandon Coleman made motion to approve Jim Phoenix as part time employee for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 hours per day at \$15.00 per hour,

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. Terry Neff Sr. said NO.

3. Hiring of Gregory Flynn:

Brandon made motion to hire Gregory Flynn as part time work at \$15.00 per hour for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. 6 hours per day.

Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.

4. Approve purchase of a Bobcat Zero Turn Mower from Miller Brothers.

Brandon Coleman made motion to purchase Bobcat Zero Turn mower from Miller Brothers for \$15,011.50 with coming out of ARP money.

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.

5. Volunteer Emergency Services Of Clinton County:

Charles Clukey Jr. made motion to donate \$500.00 to the Volunteer Emergency Services of Clinton County.

Seconded by Brandon Coleman. All approved.

5. Steve Wentzel gave letter to supervisors he is resigning from planning committee as he will be moving out of town. He will work as long as he can.

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Review and Pay Bills:

Terry Neff Sr. made motion to pay the bills

Seconded by Brandon Coleman all approved.

Brandon Coleman adjourned the meeting

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr.

Meeting was closed at 8:45pm

Attest: Susan Heaton

Secretary/Treasurer