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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2023

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

Secretary Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in JSSB General Fund	\$ 59,319.03
Balance in FNB General Fund	\$ 13,127.07
Balance in FNB General Money Market	\$300,946.29
Balance in JSSB Sewer Fund	\$162,746.56
Balance in FNB Sewer Fund	\$ 44,183.79
Balance in FNB Sewer Money Market	\$240,024.69
Balance in State Fund	\$ 73,811.24

Brandon Coleman made motion to accept Treasurer's report.
Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.

Hearing of Visitors: none

Citizen Input:

1. Paul Vance asked about the property at 208 Brown Street. Weeds, dogs and the sofa. Charles asked how many dogs they have. Paul said that the Great Dane was out the other day and Paul said if he wasn't paying attention he could have ran over it. Charles said someone called him and said the dog was chasing a motorcycle down the road. Paul Vance said that we should come up with a number of dogs and cats a person can have. That is what Paul Ryan said we could do.

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2. Rose Caprio Bates asked play checkers and chest at playground any more. Rose said she donated checkers and chest and jacks for the kids to play. The playground supervisor said that their boards were wet. Charles Clukey Jr. thanked Rose for the donation.

Citizen Input continued:

3. Mary Pat Dion asked about the rooster and thanked Charles for getting rid of it.

Communications: nothing

Report of Officials and Committees:

A. 1. Charles Clukey Jr. Read sewer report

2. Terry Neff Sr. Not present

3. Brandon Coleman Reported Supervisors had executive meeting on July 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm for personnel issues.

4. Brandon reported last month there was a comment made here about the double dipping and want the people to understand how the township is running.

a. First we had one full time employee and 2 part time employees. The Supervisors are getting a pay that the State sets and if you have any questions you can contact Mary Margaret Winton and she can explain that. That pay is for us coming to monthly meetings.

b. Road master and Inspections: that pay is for when we go out and check roads and meetings or when we meet with contractors and when we go out to get quotes., when we need to go and check on our employees.

c. Hired as an Employee: not Supervisors physical labor need to punch in same as or other employees and they need to mark on time card what they are doing. It also is approved by the other two Supervisors.

With that being said Brandon said if anyone has a concern or want the Auditor to evaluate what is going on here you will need to put a written letter into the township requesting auditors to have a Special Meeting and they will evaluate the pays and responsibilities of the supervisors. Does everyone understand that? No one responded.

d. Brandon: other times we donate our time and are understand of agreement and we are no different than employees we need to clock in and the other 2 supervisors need to agree on it. At nights I drive around and check thing out and take pictures. Brandon said he takes offence to them saying about double dipping.

Joe Miller asked when you come in and do whatever does that classified as part time.

Brandon said that is what the Auditors set our pay. Why don't the part time employees get \$18.00 per hour? Because they are part time and they work 20 hours per day. Brandon said if you have any more question on anything you give a written letter to the auditors.

d. Brandon said that he thinks we should get with the Chestnut Grove group and we had agreement to mowing and we need to get an agreement with them and I was beat up about I was volunteering on Sunday by one of the Supervisors and a resident.

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

C. Engineer-Tom Levine: Not present –Brandon reported Working on a video on sewer lines and have a company come in and clean our pipes and it is part of Corrective Action Plan with DEP. McElhattan Ave, Margaret Alley, power lines, Have ARP Grant out and asked if we could move it back It is \$174,000.00 and we have evaluated our man holes and Tom will seal manholes.

Brandon reported on the bridge Engineer Todd is putting it out for bids and Todd will be making a plating system to put up to bridge as both sides are different one side is foot and one half in height different. So Todd has set up the plating and Pine Creek Township will be the Installer and doing asphaltting to the bridges. Should be done by end of October 2023. Todd said it is going to cost about \$95,000.00 Just for bridge

D. Code Officer-no code officer yet

E. Zoning Officer- Read by Charles Clukey Jr. 2 zoning permits. Application for First Quality roof. Have other applications for various project

F. Police Office Report: Brandon Read report.

G. Planning Committee: Joe Miller talked to some guy last month and he did not call me back. Susan said that when he called she could not hardly understand him as phone had noise in it, I heard he wanted something with planning for land and I told him he would need to call Joe Miller.

H. Recreation Committee: Christine Nestlerode thanked the Supervisors for all the cooperation with our Castanea Days. Read her report and the report is attached. Christine reported that the Ornaments are \$15.00 and you can contact Christine to Purchase.

Rick reported will have a raffle of a handmade quilt and Mary Margaret has tickets and selling 150 tickets

Rick reported October 29th Halloween Parade at 4:00pm. Halloween trick or treat will be on October 31th. Tree lighting will be November 24th...

We had on July 29th cleanup day and filled up 2 roll offs. Next year we are going to have one just for metal and Owner of Big Woods Disposal said he will sell the metal and maybe no cost to the township for cleanup.

Brandon thanked the Committee for everything they do and the Moose for the bouncy house. The Fire Company said that they want to have a band next year.

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Old Business:

1. Agreement for Constable Service

Brandon Coleman made motion to hire Gilbert Stull as our Code Officer.

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved

2. 25 Quiggle Avenue:

Brandon Coleman made motion to table again until next month.

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.

New Business:

1. Approve to sell items on Municibid at work session.

Brandon Coleman made motion to place Equipment on Municibid.

Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.

2. Approved contract with tree cutters for daylighting

Charles Clukey Jr reported McElhattan Ave would like to get trees cut that are hanging out over the road and Quiggle Ave both side and Valley View loop and some of the trees outside of the building need taken out. Charles said he contacted Busy Beaver, Saar, and Loffredo's.

Brandon Coleman made motion to approve the Cheapest quote to trim the trees as if we don't get it done we will need to wait another month and we will be getting into the winter season.

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All Approved.

3. Approve contract to finish sidewalks on Hanna St. need to get rid of trip hazard.

Brandon contacted three contractors and two got back to Brandon and they are both the same prices so I say we go with Ron Myers.

Brandon Coleman made motion to go into contract with Ron Myers to do the repairs on Hanna St. catch basin for \$12,080.00.

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.

Brandon made motion approve the act 13.

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.

4. Approve to install Second door at metal storage building.

Brandon Coleman reported he have a metal storage building we store our trucks and equipment in It and it is hard to get in and out. We have a local contractor will cut the door rough opening and moving electrical, replacing trim after garage door is installed. Material we are buying the materials \$450.00 plus Chris Engel's labor \$1,300.00 total of \$1750.00. and garage door will be 3600.00 for garage door.

Brandon Coleman made motion to approve Hiring Chris Engel to do the work to cut garage door opening and repair electrical and replace trim after garage door is installed.

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.

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New Business continued:

5. Approval to terminate employee Josh Haagen:

Brandon Coleman made motion to approve termination of Josh Haagen.

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.

6. Approve to change hours to work for James Phoenix and Noah Jacobs.

Brandon Coleman made hour change.

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr.

Review and Pay Bills:

Brandon asked to hold the bill for the Police until next month as Terry Neff is not present

Brandon Coleman made motion to pay the bills

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr.

Brandon reported on the survey that is on line and told all residents that they should fill out the survey. Brandon attended a meeting and reported on what was reported.

Brandon asked the committee for all of it in writing.

George Conklin asked about Suburban water they water from city. Brandon said he is glad

George asked that question. Both reservoirs are owned by City Water Company and give

the water to the Clinton County Water filtration and they filter it and 60% goes to Lock

Haven users and 40% to Suburban Water Co. Brandon suggested the residents let

Township know of what they want to do or any ideas we could discuss. Brandon said that

maybe we could create a Southern Water Authority and one person from each Townships

and Boroughs to be put on the authority.

Charles Clukey Jr. Adjourned the meeting

Seconded by Brandon Coleman

Meeting was closed at 8:05pm

Attest: Susan Heaton

Secretary/Treasurer