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> Supervisors Brandon Coleman-Chairman Charles Clukey Jr. John Gradel

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES March 4, 2024

**Supervisors present** Brandon Coleman, Charles Clukey Jr. and John Gradel Brandon Coleman. Called meeting to order at 7:00pm

## **Secretary Minutes:**

Charles Clukey Jr. made motion to accept minutes. Seconded by John Gradel All approved.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance in General Fund	\$ 19,147.62
Balance in General Money Market	\$170,671.93
Balance in Sewer Fund	\$161.438.63
Balance in Sewer Money Market	\$244,791.47
Balance in State Fund	\$ 20,259.88

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

#### **Public Comment:**

1. Art Dion: Asked about the 4 wheelers going up and down Nittany Road to the recycle center and also about the motorcycles. The motorcycles go racing up this street and sometimes they are riding on the back wheel. Brandon said if he can find footage off the camera maybe he can find out who it is.

Art also asked when you are putting the speed bumps down.

Brandon Coleman replied to Art that we will probably put the speed bumps up around April as we could still get snow and cannot plow with speed bumps.

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### **Correspondence and Communications:**

1. State funds: Clinton County Liquid fuel Brandon said will talk about it at work session.

## **Report of Officials and Committees:**

- A 1. Charles Clukey Jr. Read sewer report.
  - 2. John Gradel-when to 2 training for PSATS. Sue and I got web page updated.
  - 3. Brandon Coleman- asked Charles if we got any conformation for the street sweeper.

Charles said we are on the list.

Brandon asked Charles about the Tar buggy.

Charles said he didn't call them yet.

- B. Auditors-Kristy Sellers, Mary Margaret Winton and Bonnie Poorman: Nothing
- C. Engineer-Tom Levine

Brandon reported that Tom was here at last work session will sending out proposal for the main sewer line and that was sent out last week. Charles reported they did not get back to me about the power lines.

D. Code Officer- Jim Phoenix:

Brandon asked Jim if he had anything: Jim replied he is waiting for Paul Ryan on the Ordinances.

Brandon said the wants Jim to go down to Mrs. Brown's property and take pictures due to Mrs. Hess brought another piece of Brown's trash in from her yard. We will go about this in another way.

John Gradel stated that Paul Ryan is working on 5 ordinances for us and the grass ordinance goes way back 1962- 1998-2019 and cannot figure out time schedule so Paul is going to work on Brush, Grass and Weeds and Animals Garbage Disposal and Motor Vehicle and ATV. So we are working on the ordinances.

- E. Zoning Officer-Jeremy Kreiser –Brandon read his report.
- F. Police Office Report: Brandon read his report for Police.
- G. Planning Committee: Nothing
- L. Recreation Committee: Rick Schultze reported he has extra flyers if anyone want them.

Want to make sure the expenses for the Easter Bunny is approved. The back drop and the Easter bunny costume and decorations

John Gradel made motion to pass to pay Expenses for the Easter Bunny program. Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.

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#### L. Recreation Committee continued:

Rick reported that he summited a grant for the PA Chestnut Festival

At the Castanea Fire Company picnic grounds on January 25, 2025

The America the Beautiful PA. Celebration, we are doing a clean up on the Lower Creek Road.

Sign from the Lumber region that would put up sign for the Train Station.

We need a bank account for the recreation grant money that we are getting for the Harvey's Run Park.

Susan reported that Katie was going to bring it over to me the next day but did not hear anything from Katie. Susan said she will call Katie tomorrow. Katie said that it is done and ready.

Brandon asked Rick has Mary Pat said about a time line said no. Rick reported they are having a meeting soon.

Brandon said while we are talking about recreation He asked Mary Margaret Winton if she had any updates on the Chestnut Grove ball park.

Mary Margaret Winton reported that Turn Key Electric has everything is pad ready and Rick Bowman going to paving the entrance way because it has to be compacted and ADA and the pads for the dug outs, and the fencing is coming soon. Mary Margaret said hopefully they can play on it in April.

Mary Margaret reported that the Castanea Township will mow the side of the hill. Brandon said that we did not get anything about that yet.

Brandon replyed we did not hear anything about the deed of ground from First Quality. Now that we have all the permits they said they will give us the ground. Joe Miller asked when the new bridge is going to be done. Brandon reported that it Is being built and we already paid \$130,000.00 on it from the Grant we received. Joe also reported on the red light. Staying red too long

Rick Schulze said maybe we should have a grand opening of the new bridge.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Approve to sell the 2013 Dodge truck.

John Gradel made motion to sell the 2013 Dodge truck to Richard Burchfield for the bidding price of \$27,000.00.

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.

Brandon Coleman made motion to put in the motion if Mr. Burchfield backed out them we will take the second highest bidder.

Seconded by John Gradel. All approved

Brandon made motion to authorized Charles Clukey Jr. to execute all documents for the sale of the Dodge truck.

Seconded by John Gradel. All approved

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#### **New Business:**

1. Pass Resolution 2024-5 Hazard Mitigation plan: Brandon explained what the resolution was about.

Brandon Coleman made motion to adopt mitigation plan.

Seconded by John Gradel. All approved.

2. Wayne Township Tire pickup. May 17-18. We will pick up tires 15, 16, 17 up to 1:00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call township if you have tire to picked up

John Gradel made motion we do tire collection

Seconded by Brandon Coleman. All approved.

- 3. Liquid Fuel Allocation: Brandon explained we received our Liquid fuels and what we can do with the funds.
- 4. Approve payroll schedule change. Will make time for employees to work Sunday to Saturday instead of Thursday to Wednesday.

John Gradel made motion to change pay from Thursday to Wednesday to Sunday to Saturday.

Seconded by Brandon Coleman All approved.

5. Replace building thermostat. Brandon reported that the thermostat in the shop has no cover on it and would like to replace the one in office with an electric one the will turn down heat when Susan leave at night. Brandon said it will cost around \$150.00 to replace.

Charles Clukey Jr. made motion to purchase 2 new thermostats.

Seconded by John Gradel. All approved.

- 6. Weed Control Spray Contract: **Brandon Coleman made Motion to table until we have our work session.**
- 7. Traffic Safety on Brown/Fleming intersection: Brandon said he looked into it and said it will cost us \$3000.00 to do the study. People are complaining that the tractor trailers are getting a lot of close calls. The guy Brandon talked to said it would be \$2500.00-3000.00. John Gradel asked if there is a grant we can get.

Brandon Coleman tabled Traffic Safety on Brown /Fleming intersection for now.

8. Discussion on Insurance: we got notified that our insurance is due next month. John Gradel said that he does that as rate go up. It is free to ask.

John Gradel made motion to get proposal for Insurance.

Seconded by Brandon Coleman. All approved.

**Review and Pay Bills:** 

Brandon Coleman. made motion to pay the bills Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved. Brandon abstain

Brandon Coleman made a motion to close meeting at 7:45 pm

**Attest: Susan Heaton**