

**Board of Supervisors**

**MINUTES**

**February 8, 2022**

**IN-PERSON - VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE**

**Supervisors Present:** Jim Hopkins, Tony Matzura, Jim Nilsen, Raymond Kade and Bill Ryker.

**Also present:** Scott MacNair, Esq. (Township Solicitor) and Jason Wager (Township Manager).

Mr. Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment was given.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Acceptance of Bid for Data Cabinet per Municibid** – Motion by Mr. Kade seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried, accepting the offer of \$75.00 from Shawn Pauley through Municibid for the purchase of the data cabinet.

**Street Lighting Discussion** – Motion by Mr. Kade seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried, authorizing the increase of \$20.00 to every street light bill and further authorize the Tax Collector to make this adjustment beginning with the March 1, 2022 billing.

**Board Vacancies Discussion** – Mr. Wager stated that the Township currently has vacant positions on the Planning Commission, Pension Committee, Environmental Advisory Council, Parks and Land Preservation Board, Agricultural Security Committee, Vacancy Board, Emergency Management and Alternates. A brief discussion was held and the consensus of the Board was to reach out to Donna Holmes of the Palisades Patch and local churches to advertise in their bulletins.

**DCNR Letter of Support** – The Board received a request from Heritage Conservancy seeking a letter of support and contribution for a DCNR project totaling 161 acres in Springfield Township. A brief discussion was held. The consensus of the Board was to not move forward until the Parks and Land Preservation Board could comment.

**CONDITIONAL USE HEARING**

Solicitor, Scott MacNair, Esq., commenced the continued conditional use hearing. The hearing was held in person at the Springtown Fire Hall and made available via Zoom and telephone call. Coopersburg Borough called Charles Myers as a witness and presented evidence concerning the location of the three production wells that are located within the Borough of Coopersburg. Mr. Myers advised that the location of these wells previously testified to by Val Britton was inaccurate. He also provided testimony concerning the importance of two primary source wells and one back-up supply well. Clean Air Council then provided an opening statement and called Owen (“Pete”) Jones as their first witness. Mr. Jones provided direct testimony concerning his property located at 1876 Salem Road in Springfield Township. His property borders the quarry site on the northeast side of the quarry property. Mr. Jones provided information and exhibits concerning the location of certain improvements on his property, the uses on his property, the natural features on the property and the conservation easement on his property. Mr. Jones was then subject to cross examination by the Applicant’s attorney.

The Board of Supervisors announced that the next conditional use hearing would be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The hearing was adjourned at approximately 10:26 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was given.

**OTHER BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Nilsen stated the County Ag Program was not funded by the Commissioners for the 2022 County Budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Nilsen seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Wager  
Township Manager