

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

January 11, 2022

IN-PERSON - VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE

Supervisors Present: Jim Hopkins (virtual), Tony Matzura, Jim Nilsen, Raymond Kade and Bill Ryker.

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

Mr. Matzura called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment was given.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Conduct and Order of Business at Public Meetings for Board of Supervisors, Resolution 2022-04 – Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried adopting Resolution 2022-04 Regulating the Conduct and Order of Business at Board of Supervisors Meetings, as amended.

Conduct and Order of Business at Public Meetings for ABC's (Non-Board of Supervisors Meetings), Resolution 2022-05 – Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried adopting Resolution 2022-05 Regulating the Conduct and Order of Business at Non-Board of Supervisors Meetings, as amended.

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, telephone call and radio broadcast. Val Britton, owner of V.F. Britton Group, LLC was subject to additional cross examination questions by Jonathan Vorchheimer related to the aquifer near the proposed quarry and issues concerning the perched wetlands. Mr. Vorchheimer also asked questions concerning the permeability of the diabase rock and potential impacts of quarrying on nearby residential wells. He also asked questions concerning how Mr. Britton arrived at the designated zone of influence contained in his report. Mr. Britton also testified that well monitoring studies must be performed before H&K Group can obtain a state mining permit. Ms. Pfeiffer asked questions concerning potential impacts of a quarry on residential wells. Mr. Britton then answered questions of the Supervisors and the Solicitor concerning the existing geologic formations that underlay the property and issues concerning his modelling information. Mr. Britton explained how recharge of groundwater works and how fractures and fissures result in water travelling horizontally. In addition, Mr. Britton explained the process of monitoring well water quality during active quarrying. Mr. Britton also answered questions about extending the watershed boundary for his modeling beyond the boundary line and questions concerning the drawdown lines contained in his report.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

OTHER BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Hopkins requested that we do not discuss “expert witnesses” again between attorneys.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Wager
Township Manager