

March 16th, 2023 Supervisors Minutes

Chairman Clapper called the March 16th, 2023 Supervisors meeting to order.

The following members were present: Don Clapper, Ted Bittinger, Mike Ferguson

The minutes from the March 2nd meeting were approved as written.

The Treasurers report was distributed to each Supervisor for review.

Chairman Clapper opened with Privilege of the floor.

- Josh Donaldson from the Conococheague Audubon Society was present to thank the Supervisors for their continued support of their garden at Norlo Park. Guilford Township has supplied mulch and maintenance to assist with their garden since its inception. Josh thanked the park staff for all of their help. The Supervisors have supplied an office and conference room, in the Farm House, at no cost to the organization for many years. Josh also announced that the Penn State Extension Master Gardener certified the garden as a "Pollinator Friendly Garden"

On a Bittinger/Ferguson motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors authorized the Chairman to execute four Opiate Settlement participation agreements. They are for (Walmart, Allergan, Teva, Walgreens, CVS). When settlement occurs, the County will receive monies to use to abate, educate and treat the deadly opioid threat.

The Borough of Chambersburg is requesting the assistance of Marion Volunteer Fire Police for the following non-emergency events:

- Saturday, April 22 Boys & Girls Club Fun Run, starts @ 10:00 AM
- Sunday, April 23 Spring Food Truck Fest, starts @ 10:00 AM
- Friday, May 5, Walk A Mile in Her Shoes, starts @ 6:00 PM
- Saturday, May 13, Go Girls Go 5K Race, starts @ 8:30 AM
- Monday, May 29, Memorial Day Parade, starts @ 8:45 AM
- Friday, June 2, Race Against Poverty, starts @ 7:00 PM

On a Ferguson/Clapper motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved the request.

The New Franklin Volunteer Fire Co. is requesting fire police assistance for a non-emergency event (Gun Bash Fundraiser) on May 20th. On a Bittinger/Ferguson motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved the request.

The South Mountain Volunteer Fire Department has requested an \$80,000 loan to purchase a 2008 Brush Truck. Currently we are getting 5% on our monies. On a Clapper/Ferguson motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved the loan to the fire company at the 5% rate subject to verifying that the value of the loan does not exceed the value of the truck over the life of the loan.

Chairman Clapper shared that Billy Wishard from Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Co. visited him two weeks ago requesting aid to purchase \$85,242 worth of extrication tools for on their unit. It will include 2-large spreaders, 1-small spreader, 1-small cutter, 2- large cutters, 1 ram, 2- sets of accessory tips. Greene Township is giving them \$25,000 and they were hoping for a match of funds. The additional monies that Guilford contributed this year for EMS was \$6,000 to FVFD. Billy acknowledged gratitude for those additional funds and expressed hope that more than that would be available. After that request he then added that they would be requesting financial assistance with the purchase of another engine that will probably be in the \$800,000-\$900,000 range, in the future. Chairman Clapper explained that we are supporting 6 different fire departments with a total of \$400,000/year. He also explained that emergency services is one of our larger budget items and we obviously can not support all 6 departments with these kinds of requests. After a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the current amount of financial assistance that comes out of our annual budget for EMS as well as the additional funds that were directed there this year and the amount of departments that we serve that will or are looking to upgrade equipment and will also be requesting assistance. A unanimous motion was made by Bittinger/Clapper to offer Fayetteville Fire Co. a \$20,000 loan at 5% interest to be in line with how extra funds have been dispersed to other departments.

On a Bittinger/Clapper motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved a Sub-Division/Lot Addition plan for Charles & Laurie Hamilton on the corner of McDermott St. and Lehman Dr.. The plan has been reviewed by FCP, GTP and our Zoning Officer. This motion was made subject to all outstanding comments being addressed and all fees being paid.

On a Ferguson/Bittinger motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved the paying of the bills.

Under Old Business

- Mike found a new 144" X-Mark mower that comes in at \$64,450.00, slightly above what was budgeted however \$4,000 less than what the 2023 inflated price was for the Toro unit that was quoted from RC Engines last fall. On a Ferguson/Clapper motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors approved the purchase of this machine from Shanks Lawn Equipment.

Under New Business

- Ted discussed that the paving bid came in under budget and the work that was bid for Spring Side Court to replace the cul-de-sac. He questioned whether we could mill and overlay the rest of the street by keeping the cost still less than 10% over the bid amount. On a Bittinger/Ferguson motion carried unanimously, the Supervisors agreed to include the rest of Spring Side Ct. in the paving bid subject to the approval of Rick Levan.
- Ted shared that he would be looking at storm drains and sewer manholes in preparation for the paving project that is potentially scheduled to start the second week of April.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. on a Ferguson/Bittinger motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Malott, Secretary/Treasurer