

Donegal Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes from July 8, 2024

Regular Monthly Meeting

5:00pm

Meeting brought to order

All 3 Supervisors in attendance: Tom Stull, Jr., Dan Pribisco, Jay Siesky and Twp. secretary Trudy Harkcom

Public in Attendance: Amy Mathews, Garnett & Harvey Ream, Karen Temple, Linda Brown and Marcia Ainsley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Dan to approve last month's meeting minutes, Jay sec. all agreed

Motion by Jay to approve payment of bills, Dan seconded, all agreed

Public Comment Period: none

New Business: Motion by Tom to approve Ordinance 2024-2...for regulating the construction, operation and decommissioning of solar electric energy facilities. Dan seconded, all agreed

Township solicitor Dan Hewitt explained that the solar panels usage is only 15 to 30 years. The ordinance will regulate the set backs, must have state permits, and will post bond so that the solar panel company will remove the panels. Dan stated that the 20 to 65 acre panel farms sale their electric generated to West Penn Power.

Marcia Ainsley asked if this will affect the residents....no it will not.

Motion by Tom to approve Resolution # 2024-6...A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Donegal Township establishing an application form and fees in accordance with Ordinance # 2024-2. Dan seconded, all agreed.

Motion by Tom to approve Ordinance # 2024-3...An Ordinance authorizing and directing the condemnation of real property for sewage facility purposes; selecting, appropriating and condemning certain right of way and easements, in and through property situate in Donegal Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. And authorizing the solicitor to institute condemnation proceedings and to file the bond as may be necessary from time to time.Dan seconded, all agreed.

Motion by Dan to approve Resolution # 2024-7...for the execution of a Standard Bridge Reimbursement Grant agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Repair/Replacement Project for the T-880 Donegal Lake Road Bridge that crosses Four Mile Run. This is under the TIP Penn-dot Program...Jay seconded, all agreed.

Letters of Easement will be sent to 7 of the parcels that will need to have connection lines for the sewage project to dig under State Route 31.

Linda Brown asked where exactly is the sewage going? Dan answered from the Turnpike Interchange to the Laurel Mountain Campgrounds.

Supervisor Dan Pribisco asked that if anyone had any questions, to please call the township office and not go by what is being said on the Mountain News facebook page.

Linda Brown asked when is the sewage project to be completed by....expected to be done by 2026.

At this time, we do not know how much the tap fees or the monthly bills will be.

Dan asked if there was any interest on being a member of the panel for the Sewage Authority Board?

The Donegal Township Sewage Authority will run the day by day operations of the sewage project.

Karen Temple asked if there will be any expansion in the future...yes, the sewage area can expand and can accommodate.

It was stated again that this sewage project is a DEP mandated project. Township did not ask for it.

Other New Business: Dan motion to purchase a Pick Up broom for \$8,600.00 from Groff Tractor. Tom seconded, all agreed.

Old Business: none

Motion for adjournment: Dan made motion, Jay seconded, all agreed.

5:20pm