

August 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry for August 8, 2019 was called to order at 10:30AM at the Municipal Building by Harold Best, Chairman. This meeting was recorded.

- **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Those in attendance were Harold Best, Fred Buckholtz, Jerry Brosius, Chad Findlay (Township Manager), Ted Williams (Road Supervisor), Mike Erwin (Utility Manager), and Ben Breniman (Code Enforcement) . Guests were recorded in the attendance book.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.
- **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Jerry Brosius made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Fred Buckholtz, motion carried (Harold Best - yes, Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius-yes).
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 7.25.19** – Harold Best asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 25, 2019 meeting. Being none, Fred Buckholtz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jerry Brosius, motion carried (Harold Best - yes, Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius-yes).

2. **EXPENDITURES** – Harold Best asked if there were any questions on the expenditures. Being none, Fred Buckholtz made a motion to approve the expenditures, seconded by Jerry Brosius. Motion carried. (Harold Best - yes, Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius-yes).

3. **PERSONS ON THE AGENDA – NONE**

#### 4. **STAFF REPORTS**

**Road Supervisor-** Ted Williams said that his crew has been working on storm damage clean-up. They also worked 4 days tar & chipping and are now berming the edges of the new paved roads on Upper Sage Run Road. Ted stated that the paving company should be paving on Slab Furnace Road in the next few days.

**Utility Supervisor-** Mike Erwin said his crew also has been working on storm damage clean-up and repairing water lines damaged by flooding wash-outs. He said his crew also repaired an unrelated water main break on Meadow Road and worked on the sewage pumps at the Rhoades lift station. Mike also stated that he believed Terra Works was done with the water line replacement project in the Sage Run area.

**Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer-** Ben Breniman said he issued 10 permits totaling \$227,763 in construction. Ben also reported that he completed hearings for his first round of property maintenance enforcement and he expects appeals.

**Township Manager** –Chad Findlay reported that he estimated and turned in \$1,148,482 in damages to the County Emergency Management office from the July 20<sup>th</sup> flooding event. The total amount is broke down to \$153,520 in road and trail damage, \$64,615 in water and sewer damage, and \$929,347 in residential damages. Chad then announced that the Van Bridge is closed until repairs can be made to the bridge abutments due to scouring. Chad said he has been tied up mostly doing flood paperwork and attending post-flood meetings. Chad then provided the Supervisors with an invitation to attend the 107<sup>th</sup> Venango County Township Supervisors Convention to be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Chad said he needed an RSVP by September 18<sup>th</sup> if they were planning to attend. Fred Buckholtz said he would be attending.

#### 5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

Robert Zacherl pointed out that the gas line crossing Meadow Road needed repairs.

Kevin Ross asked if the cost estimate for clearing up the debris in the river was included in the figures given to the County. He was told no.

Harold Best asked for comments from the DEP or PennDOT representatives regarding the flood debris clean-up responsibility.

Jim Miller, PA DEP Regional Director, stated that DEP was not responsible for the clean-up, but they would remove large barrels of oil if found. Fred Buckholtz and Harold Best specifically asked about camper sewage tanks, oil/gasoline from automobiles, and refrigerants that ended up in the waterways? Jim Miller said those

items are gone, and it would be a civil matter between the property owners where the items were deposited and the individual from where the items came from.

Barbara Ross suggested looking at drone footage to prove where the items came from.

Jim Foringer, PA PennDOT Regional Director, informed the public that PennDOT's losses from the storm are expected to be around \$2.5 million. Emergency contracts are being put in place to repair PennDOT roads.

Kevin Ross asked if equipment will be able to get in creek to clean it out?

Jim Foringer said the work would be limited to road repair.

Jerry Brosius asked about the soil conservation department's role in this situation.

Karl Gross, waterways program director for DEP said that, the soil conservation district is not responsible to go in and correct the problems but could offer permitting and resources to address repairs.

A general discussion took place between Barbara Stack, Mary Norris, Jim Foringer, Chad Findlay, Doug Schoefield, Mary Kay McFadden, Rosie Cunningham, Matt McSparren, Lee James, Karl Gross, Harold Best, Fred Buckholtz, and Jerry Brosius regarding the Sage Run/ Riverside Drive flooding, stream bank stabilization, pipe/ culvert cleaning, and possible solutions.

As a result of this discussion, PennDOT is going to look into the culvert cleaning, Chad Findlay is reaching out to the Army Corps of Engineers, Representative Lee James and Senator Scott Hutchinson office was asked to look into DEP funding, and Chad Findlay was looking into the use of CDBG funds for the repairs.

Gordon Bickel asked about the PA Fish and waterways?

Barb Ross said the agencies need to work together.

Bonnie Summers asked about a central place for residents to call to handle concerns.

Chip Abramovic suggested the County 211 line.

Kevin Ross suggested the agencies go out and physically look at the issues.

Chad Findlay reminded Kevin that Cranberry Township has been there.

Mary Kay McFadden reminded the officials that there is 12 businesses along Rte. 62 that also need consideration.

Joe Eckel provided the Supervisors with examples of how his small automotive repair business was affected by the flood.

## **6. COMMENTS OF MEMBERS – None**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47AM. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry will be August 22, 2019 at 7:00PM.

ATTEST

Chad Findlay, Township Manager