

December 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry for December 12, 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** – Fred Buckholtz made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Jerry Brosius, motion carried (Harold Best - yes, Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius-yes).

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 11.26.2019 – Harold Best asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting. Being none, Jerry Brosius made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Fred Buckholtz, 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, Jerry Brosius made a motion to approve the expenditures, seconded by Fred Buckholtz. Motion carried. (Harold Best - yes, Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius-yes).

3. PERSONS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

4. STAFF REPORTS

Road Supervisor- Ted Williams reported that his crew plowed roads 7 days spreading 29 (10 ton) loads and 8 (1 ton loads) of salt and antiskid. They also ditched roads 6 days, picked up leaves 6 days, installed 4 driveway pipes, and replaced 1 crossover pipe.

Utility Supervisor- Mike Erwin said his crew serviced the back-up generators, repaired a water main break near the Log Cabin, located curb stops for mapping, and installed a 50hp pump on Ranch St.

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer- Ben Breniman reported that he issued 5 permits with a total of \$760,700 in construction. Ben stated that the McDonald’s renovation was most of the cost. Ben also said that Matt McSparren turned in a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission.

Township Manager –Chad Findlay asked the Supervisors to approve the proposed meeting schedule for 2020 so it could be advertised. Fred Buckholtz asked to add another Park and Recreation meeting for the month of March. Harold Best made a motion to approve the schedule with the correction and Fred seconded the motion. (Harold Best- yes, Fred Buckholtz – yes, Jerry Brosius – yes.) Chad then said he attended a meeting regarding sourcewater prospection and another meeting with the insurance carrier.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Ed Barrett asked for a withdrawal of his money from the Township.

Gordon Bickel asked how much it would cost to rebuild the Township if we had an earthquake?

Barbara Ross pointed out some concerns regarding the latest agreement between Randy Spencer and PennDOT.

Kevin Ross said the Township was hurting a lot of people and mentioned the flooding and junkyard issues. He also suggested doing something with the money.

6. COMMENTS OF MEMBERS –

Jerry Brosius presented his comments, questions and concerns regarding the Township’s reserve money, budget, and overall operation.

Matt McSparren clarified/corrected a point that Jerry referenced from a prior comment that Matt had made.

Gordon Bickel cited the local economic down turn with business closings and suggested that he would rather see the money there for when you need it.

Gary Blair questioned what the right amount of money to have was, but also pointed out that when the money was gone, the Township would be taxing. He also asked what was so important to spend all of this money now?

Bob Betzold suggested that the Township has this money because there is good management.

Fred Buckholtz pointed out the loss of CDBG monies that formerly went to the Parks and Fire Department. He also commented on roads like Wal-Mart and the hospital that need fixed.

Harold Best stated he appreciated and respected Jerry’s opinion, but they all did not agree. Harold said the 2020 budget will be officially passed at the next meeting and the Supervisors will look at a tax increase or decrease next

year. Harold also pointed out the past windfalls and welcomed Matt McSparren as the new Township Supervisor who will be starting in January.

Andy Sentgeorge said he and Scott Snow, who had opposing letters to the editor, spoke that morning and they disagree on the surplus, but both agree on 80-90% of other operations of the Township. Andy also suggested the presence of the State Trooper may not have been necessary.

PA State Trooper James Weaver stated that he was not requested to be there. He stated that they are told to attend local meetings and that meeting happened to fit his schedule.

Matt McSparren commended the Supervisors and stated that they have done an excellent job. He agreed that at some point, there needs to be a cap on the reserve, but he thought Jerry's suggested 1 mill decrease was excessive. He pointed out that it is fortunate to be here talking about it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29AM. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry will be December 26, 2019 at 7:00PM.

ATTEST

Chad Findlay, Township Manager