

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
of the  
FEBRUARY 17, 2021  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Supervisor Nancy Lamey, Supervisor Dan Woodske, Manager Mark Taylor, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Rich Bebout, Solicitor George Verlihay, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella, and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark. Chairman Bouril was not present.

Vice Chairperson Nancy Lamey called the meeting to order.

**VISITORS**

Police Chief Eric Hermick and Curtis Walsh of Beaver County Radio attended.

**MINUTES**

Ms. Lamey had the following minutes for review:

1. January 4, 2021 Supervisors Reorganization & Agenda Meeting
2. January 20, 2021 Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting

There were no additions or corrections.

**MR. WOODSKE MOVED TO ACCEPT** the minutes of the January 4<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup> Supervisors' meetings as presented. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

The Supervisors acknowledged the minutes of the following meetings:

1. October 19, 2020 Sanitary Authority Meeting
2. January 12, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting

### ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

1. Camp 23 Land Development:

Manager Taylor explained that this Camp 23 land development deals with a gym/basketball training facility where the car wash is presently located. This item has been to the Planning Commission and it was approved contingent on some compliance letters from outside agencies.

**MR. WOODSKE MOVED TO APPROVE** this development with contingencies. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

### REPORTS

Ms. Lamey had the following January reports for review:

1. Financial Report
2. Police Department Report
3. Road Report
4. Wage Tax/OPT Report
5. Real Estate Tax Report
6. Zoning Report
7. Code Enforcement Officer's Report
8. Fire Department Report

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Taylor had the following items for discussion:

1. Social Media Specialist – Courtney Colaizzi:

Manager Taylor said that the Supervisors approved the hiring of Courtney Colaizzi at last week's Agenda Meeting. She has been notified and will start as Social Media Specialist on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

2. Recreation Director Position:

Manager Taylor said choosing a Recreation Director was a tough decision but he recommends hiring Lauren Blum Doyle. He listed some of her work experience and said she is very qualified. She has a degree in Recreational Management/Business Administration, works at Point Park University doing scheduling, and is an event coordinator. There will be a 90-day period to see if it works out for both her and the Township.

**MR. WOODSKE MOVED TO HIRE** Lauren Blum Doyle as Recreation Director for the Township. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

3. Body-worn Camera/In-car Camera Quotes:

Chief Hermick said that there are two programs regarding cameras. He explained some of the aspects of the different options and the pricing and said he is leaning toward the leasing program. The Chief answered several questions from Supervisor Woodske.

**MR. WOODSKE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE** Manager Taylor and Chief Hermick to get the best deal and the best package for quality cameras for the Police Department. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

4. Ordinance 261 Discussion:

Manager Taylor said there were discussions with Chief Hermick, Supervisor Woodske, and Supervisor Bouril regarding cases involving small amounts of marijuana that are pleaded down in court. He said the Township officers spend a great deal of money, time, and effort and if they are found guilty, we are getting \$25. Chief Hermick further explained this problem and how adopting an ordinance could help. Supervisor Woodske added that at least 15 other Pennsylvania municipalities have adopted ordinances due to the extra hours police officers have to spend on these cases. He said that adopting an ordinance would give our officers an additional "tool" and he said that so far he has found nothing that would prohibit Chippewa Township from doing this. Manager Taylor said that no action is needed this evening as they are just looking into this now. Mr. Woodske said that he has a sample ordinance for Solicitor Verlihay to look over.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Ms. Lamey had the January 2021 bills for review

**MR. WOODSKE MOVED TO PAY** the January bills. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

#### **SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS**

Solicitor Verlihay said that two items regarding litigation need to be discussed at the end of the meeting in Executive Session.

#### **SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS**

Supervisor Woodske said that the garbage service at his home has improved slightly.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice Chairperson Nancy Lamey said that executive session would be called at this time to discuss two items concerning litigation. At 6:52 p.m. Ms. Lamey, Mr. Woodske, Manager Taylor, and Solicitor Verlihay left the room and went into executive session.

At 7 p.m. Ms. Lamey, Mr. Woodske, Manager Taylor, and Solicitor Verlihay returned to the meeting room and back into regular session. Ms. Lamey informed those present that the executive session was called for informational purposes only.

#### **ADJOURNMENT/MEETING DATES**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Ms. Lamey adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

The scheduled meeting dates for March are: Agenda meeting: Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.; Regular Meeting: Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman