

LeBoeuf Township Supervisors Meeting – April 26, 2023

The LeBoeuf Township Supervisors meeting was held April 26, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were James Glover, Michael Porter, Michael Whitman, Drew Francisco, Tim Pietrasewicz and Catherine Wise. Also in Attendance: Ginger Bollinger, Ed Falconer, Joe Kosienski, Ron McGahen, Brandon Allen, Rodney Morris, Chris Truitt, Bill Phillips, and David Russell.

Michael Whitman motioned to approve the April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes with correction: scrap will be transported for recycling. Michael Porter seconded. All voted yes. James Glover moved to submit for audit the Treasurer's Report for April 20, 2023– General Fund: \$68,519.90, State Fund: \$115,456.63. Health Reimbursement Fund: \$6,451.07, ARPA Funds: \$75,396.62, Capital Reserve Fund: \$5,000.45. Michael Whitman seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Joe Kosienski asked when Union LeBoeuf Road will be fixed. Engineer Mark Corey is working on a drainage plan and then the road will be fixed.

Ron McGahen was present to discuss Ditching and Grading for Church Road and McGahan Hill Road.

David Russell (Old Plank Road) discussed drainage, crowns, gravel and ditches.

Discussion was held on the costs for Tar & Chip Roads.

Brandon Allen offered to attend County Council Meetings to help acquire funds for roads.

Ron McGahen, Brandon Allen, Joe Kosienski and David Russell left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Edward Falconer and the Supervisors discussed drainage ditches and pipes for Dutchtown Road. The Mill Village Borough Council will discuss this project at their next meeting. The Township Supervisors recommend adding a ditch.

Erie County Council has released ARP funds for Volunteer Fire Companies to apply for.

The Secretary called the DEP concerning the application of Brine on Gravel Roads. A letter was submitted concerning this matter. DEP does not feel that Brine can be spread on roads.

Supervisor Michael Whitman would like to discuss the Comprehensive Plan with a representative from Erie County Planning. He would like to amend the Comp Plan to use it to apply for grants.

Michael Porter motioned to appoint Michael Whitman to sign the Insurance Policy cancellation forms, Michael Whitman seconded. All voted yes.

James Glover motioned to sign the Suit-Kote Seal Coat Contract. Michael Porter seconded. All voted yes.

The contract for the Union LeBoeuf Road Bridge Project has been reviewed by the Union Township Supervisors. The LeBoeuf Township Supervisors would like Solicitor Gery Nietupski to review it before the Final Approval is submitted. They will agree to his assessment.

Road Forman report: Drew presented his final report – All but 4 roads have been scuffed.

Ditching was done on South Willey Road and Old Meadville Road. The International truck is at Steveo's for new brakes. The Bed Floor in the Mack Tri-Axle is "shot" – it will need repaired at this time. The Backhoe needs a new tire. Quotes will be acquired for Brine, in the event a certified company can be found to spread brine on roads.

Discussion was held on Trees within Right-of-Ways. Supervisors stated that trees are the property owner's responsibility, unless the tree falls on a Township owned road, or the tree branches are a deterrent to a functioning ditch such as tree roots. Drew Francisco suggested splitting the cost of removal with landowners, when trees are within the right of way and need to be cut back to extend the life of the roadway.

Supervisors Michael Whitman motioned to hire Bill Phillips as the new road foreman with a starting wage of \$28.00 per hour and 3 weeks of vacation, he will start on May1, 2023. Michael Porter seconded. All voted yes. The Health Savings Account and Sick Days will be pro-rated.

Tim Pietrasewicz presented 1 permit. Volunteers are needed for Clean-Up Day. Joe Cunningham would like to erect a pole building, but it may be too close to the property line.

The Township received the Vincent Road Clean-up plan from Mr. Ploss.

Secretary Catherine Wise sent a letter to State Representative Jake Banta, State Senator Dan Laughlin, County Council Representative Charlie Bayle and County Executive Brenton Davis, along with the DEP Representative, asking for funds to improve Township Roads from Gravel to Tar & Chip. The dust from the Gravel Roads is a health hazard to residents and the Township cannot raise taxes enough to fund the improvements to over 38 miles of roadway.

Ginger Bollinger asked about Weight limits on bridges. The weight limit on Old Route 19 Bridges is 10 ton.

The Mill Village Volunteer Relief Association Audit was received.

Discussion was held on a Resolution for the County of Erie Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Correspondence was read & reviewed.

Michael Whitman motioned to Ratify Bills & Payroll for April 20, 2023. James Glover seconded. All voted yes.

Michael Whitman moved, seconded by James Glover, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Catherine Wise
Secretary/Treasurer