

Brooklyn Township Meeting Highlights for September 19, 2019

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Monthly township Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM

Next Township Meeting date October 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Township Building

8 Township residents attended and 3 Supervisors Bill Brewer, Bryce Beeman and Graham Anthony

Minutes and Treasurers report read and approved: 8/15/2019 meeting minutes and September 19, 2019 monthly Treasurer's report can be viewed on the Brooklyn Township website. On report an adjustment of 347.50 dollars issue in general fund will be found and rectified by next meeting.

Public Comments: Resident asked about clarification on water issues reported in meeting minutes in front of other resident's house and ponding water near their driveway. Water on edge of driveway needs a pipe. Resident stated where is the water going to go. If it is the driveway I am thinking about the driveway is below the lawn and why is this a township issue.

Old Business or Open issues: Independent audit to be completed on books for past secretary and treasurer not completed. Selected auditor has not returned calls. Resident stated they have talked to this auditor and auditor is completing big audits. Will have to wait or hire someone else. Supervisor stated we can have our auditors complete audit. Resident stated that the books are not going any place and can be done any time Yes, it needs to be done so do you wait for this auditor or look for a big firm to complete audit. Supervisor's agree it needs to be completed as soon as possible. Supervisor will reach out to firm which completes audit for county organization. Resident who is a township auditor stated it cannot overlap with state audit of 2019. Resident asked when is the state audit completed. It is completed around April and the township auditors complete their audit in February and March. If audit not completed by next meeting the Supervisors will turn it over to the current township auditors and no independent audit will be completed.

Broadband coming to area. Resident handed out information on service.

Zick Hill road grant submitted and one township employee is certified with dirt and gravel roads was certified in 2014 and a class will be held in May of 2020 for re and new certification. Met with conservation district on Zick Hill on grant plan. Grant submitted for 201,767.00 and conservation will provide 50,000 dollars towards work. Overlook for bridge work completed by township for historical Society. Supervisor asked about No trespassing signs on trees at area. How do people know they can stop at this site. Resident stated many cars stop at location owner put signs up for hunting purposes. Resident will talk to owner about this. Resident asked about talking to solicitor in regard to an easement for township completing work on private property and liability/ responsibility of the township. Resident stated that the historical society will have a liability policy to cover the property. Resident asked if the historical society has a written agreement or lease on the property with the landowner. Resident stated the historical society has no lease or agreement with the landowner. It was agreed that they would talk to solicitor about liability issues. FEMA/ PEMA grants money starting to be received and funds replaced in accounts. Federal portion 75% of total about 100,000 received to date. Stahl drainage issue our solicitor has sent a letter in response to possible lawsuit. New survey map for township building property. Meeting with the conservation district to correct situation on building site property.

All fill on easement area needs to be removed and property reworked. New building would be put where blue house is currently however need to discuss this with the engineer. Supervisor stated cannot disturb more than an acre or need retention pond. Resident asked is it a retention pond or a water study. Supervisor stated engineer provided information they would need a retention pond. Resident stated all gas pads need a retention pond. The garage with the blue house is in good shape and can be used. No timeline set for when fill will be removed. Resident asked is this the best site for a new building. If you are going to take down this current building can the new one be built on this site. It was stated the lot size is not adequate to store all equipment. The church owns most of the ball field. Resident asked does the township own any other property. Yes, the lot where the cinders are located and small piece across for current

building. Resident stated that the historical society would if it falls within a certain economic parameter be in favor of salvaging the current township building. Resident asked if the supervisors contacted solicitor about liability issues with surveyor and engineer do to missed easement and work, material and labor cost associated with completed work, rework and fill removal. Supervisor stated that fill was on property and had no cost this was from prior owner and we put very little fill on lot with limited cost. Resident disagreed and stated you said debris and material from August 2018 flood was used as fill on the lot. Supervisors see no reason to seek advice from solicitor on this matter. Resident asked if fill is clean fill or has lots of debris in it. Supervisor stated that the fill they put on the lot was fairly clean and they do not know what is in other fill on lot.

New : Durland subdivision approved for subdivision and septic

Dennis Farm Symposium at Keystone College on Oct 10, 2019. Need to make reservations. If not raining will have bus trip to farm. Road to Dennis Farm is in good shape

Lippincott well pad plans- applied to DEP for sediment control plan

Teddick well pad plans- planning commission compressor station on well pad asked for waiver for blow down silencer which was approved by planning commission

Corbin pad plans- applied to DEP for additional wells on pad

Graham Anthony read a letter of resignation effected immediately. Supervisors have 30 days to appoint new supervisor. Will advertise for open supervisor position and place it on webpage. If anyone is interested in being a supervisor please contact Bill Brewer or Bryce Beeman