

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Business Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2020

Chairman Davis called the regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m. following salute to the flag. Supervisors Lee and Welka were present, as were, Solicitor Christopher Sennett, Engineer Jonas, Secretary Yeast, and five interested persons. Zoning Administrator Cass was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting on February 18, 2020 and the Public work session on February 25, 2020, as presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

2/18 and 2/25
MINUTES

Vote: 3/0

There was no correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to approve the February 2020 Expenditures as presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

FEB. 2020 EXPENSES

Vote: 3/0

Tim McNair, Chairman of Empower Erie made a presentation to the Board in support of and to answer questions regarding a Community College in Erie. Mr. McNair explained that Empower Erie was established to present an application to the PA Department of Education. A public hearing with the Board of Education has been scheduled for March 18, 2020. Funding to operate the college will be generated by tuition, PA State funding, and ECGRA has pledged the County funding for the first (5) five years. A community college can provide a lower cost educational option, and an avenue to a more traditional (4) year college for students by beginning at a community college.

EMPOWER ERIE RE:
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

Supervisor Welka asked what the tuition cost is estimated to be? Mr. McNair responded, \$2,800 – \$3,000 per year for a full-time student.

Secretary Yeast asked if local municipalities will be asked to contribute funding. Mr. McNair responded, no.

Paul Kuzma, 8881 Parson Road, expressed concern that gaming funds currently received by Summit Township will be reduced. Solicitor Sennett explained that as a host municipality, Summit Township receives a share of Gaming Funds, and as a host county, Erie County also receives a portion of funding. Funding for the proposed community college will come from the Erie County portion.

Discussion ensued regarding the beneficial educational and economic advantages a community college may sustain. Mr. McNair added that local manufacturers fully support this effort.

Supervisor Welka asked if a location has been determined. Mr. McNair responded, no, that they anticipate it will be located within the City of Erie.

Larry Jones, 2540 Laurie Drive, expressed his opposition to a community college.
Paul Kuzma, 8881 Parson Road, expressed his opposition to a community college.

Secretary Yeast confirmed with Mr. McNair that he is requiring no Board action in regard to a community college. This presentation is simply informational.

Supervisor Davis asked if the school had full enrollment, would it still require funding from ECGRA. Mr. McNair responded, yes, or some other funding from Erie County.

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Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to adopt Resolution #2020-12 authorizing an advertisement for an RFP for contract services relating to administration and enforcement of UCC and to share in the advertising cost with participating municipalities.

RES. #2020-12 RFP
FOR UCC
INSPECTORS

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road asked if we are currently using BIU. Solicitor Sennett responded that the contract with BIU expires in July 2020 and we are participating with Millcreek, Fairview, Harborcreek, and Wesleyville to obtain quotes for the inspection service.
Vote: 3/0

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to adopt Resolution #2020-13 authorizing Matt Jonas as signatory and project lead for federal-Aid Highway Project #R20010001 Cherry St. Extension Paving.
Vote: 3/0

RES. #2020-13 ENG.
JONAS

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to approve the purchase of a Mack Tandem up fit with Stephenson Equipment using Co-Stars Contract #025-134 in the amount of \$52,846.31.

MACK TANDEM
UPFIT

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, asked for an explanation of this purchase. Supervisor Welka explained that it is to outfit the new Mack Truck with the plow, wing, spreader and hydraulics. Welka added that it includes a discounted plow. Welka confirmed that this purchase is not the truck itself which was approved at the Regular Business Meeting held on February 18, 2020 in the amount of \$122,631.
Vote: 3/0

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to approve the purchase of a portable (4) column lift from rotary Lift using Co-Stars Contract #025-134 in the amount of \$76,900.

LIFT PURCHASE

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, confirmed that this lift is for the large trucks. Supervisor Davis added that the price also includes an adapter to lift smaller trucks.
Vote: 3/0

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to approve expenses for attendance to the quarterly Erie County Association of Municipal Officials (ECAMA) dinner meeting on March 12, 2020. Supervisor Welka confirmed Christene and Michelle will attend.
Vote: 3/0

ECAMA DINNER
MEETING

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to approve expenses for attendance to the Erie County Association of Township Officials (ECATO) March School.
Vote: 3/0

ECATO MARCH
SCHOOLS

Engineer Jonas reported that Presque Isle Downs, Inc. (PIDI) has requested release of their Fireworks Bond. The Valentine's Day event was successful and fireworks were launched successfully without injury to persons or property.

PIDI FIREWORKS
BOND RELEASE

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to approve the release of the PIDI Fireworks Bond in the amount of \$50,000.
Vote: 3/0

Engineer Jonas reported that the proposed Transportation Plan requires a 45-day review period. The Summit Township Planning Commission will review it during the March 9, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting and Erie County Planning will receive a copy for their review.
Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to start the 45-day review period of the proposed Summit

TRANSPORTATION
PLAN REVIEW

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Township Transportation Plan effective March 4, 2020.

Vote: 3/0

Solicitor Sennett reported that the Summit Township Water Authority (STWA) notified the Board of their intention to make pay-off of the STWA loan effective February 28, 2020.

Engineer Jonas reported that he has received an updated survey for Commons Drive, so the paving project is back “on track”.

Engineer Jonas reported that the Cherry St. Extension mill and overlay project from South Hill Road to the I-90 overpass will also progress now that the Federal Aid paperwork has begun. Discussion ensued as to whether the Federal Aid funding will be enough to complete the project. Engineer Jonas confirmed that it may not, but Capital Improvements Funding has also been made available.

Supervisor Lee reminded everyone to turn back their clocks on March 8th, and to also check the batteries in fire alarms.

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, expressed concern that an admittedly under staffed Perry Hi-Way Hose Company (PHHC) had an ambulance out of service sitting at a road closing today for a downed wire. Supervisor Welka explained that he understood, PHHC is the first responder, and until other arrangements are made available PHHC will respond. Mr. Chojnacki further expressed concern that with the amount of funding Summit Township contributes to PHHC; the Board of Supervisors should have some influence in decision making for PHHC. Solicitor Sennett responded that PHHC is a separate entity and the Board of Supervisors have no influence and cannot direct any aspects of their operations. Discussion ensued.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion by Davis, seconded by Lee, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Vote: 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Christene S. Yeast
Municipal Secretary
03/05/2020

SOLICITOR:

- STWA Loan pay-off

ENGINEER:

- Commons Dr.
- Cherry St. Ext.

SUPERVISORS

PUBLIC INPUT

ADJOURNMENT