

A REGULAR MEETING of the Granville Township Supervisors was held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Those present were Supervisors Mark Ellinger, William Page and Jim Smith, and Mary Herto, Secretary/Treasurer. Also present were Doug Marks, Mifflin County Planning Dept., Jim Steele, Catherine Hester, Travis Symmerman, Jason Ufema, Nick Felice, MCIDC, John Campbell, Matt Cram, John Prendergast and Debra Peffer.

Chairman Ellinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Citizen's Comments- Nick Felice, MCIDC, provided an overview of the Enterprise Zone Credit. He stated that he is working with DLI to expand the program. In order for the State to approve an Enterprise Zone, the zone must have support from all participating municipal entities. The program provides state tax credits in the amount of 25% of project costs, with a maximum amount of \$500,000. The Enterprise Zone has no effect on municipal revenues. Mark expressed some reservations working with DLI. Nick assured Mark that MCIDC provides representation to all municipalities equally.

Travis Symmerman, 2570 Hawstone Road, presented a written request to the Board for review. The Township purchased 2570 Hawstone Road from the Mifflin County Repository with the intent of removing all building and cleaning up the site. Mr. Symmerman is asking the Board to consider selling the property to him. He stated that he owns the manufactured home but it is missing the axles and wheels. He feels that the manufactured home could not be moved without damaging beyond repair. Mark stated the Board would research all possibilities and would contact him in the near future.

The Board adjourned their regular meeting and entered the first CDBG Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m. Doug Marks presented an overview of the CDBG program to the Board and all attendees. The notice of hearing was posted at the Post Office, Municipal Offices and the Mifflin County Library on 5/26/2021. The CDBG program must meet a National Objective in order to be considered for CDBG funding. National Objectives include 70% LMI projects, slum/blight remediation or meet an urgent need. In the past Granville Township have undertaken water/sewer projects, housing rehabilitation, funded public services and street improvements.

FFY 2021 allocates \$105,253 to Granville Township. \$18,945 will be utilized for administration of the program by the Mifflin County Planning Department and the remaining \$86,308 will be utilized for project costs. All interested citizens are invited to comment. The 2nd public hearing will be held on September 13, 2021 at the Township Building at 4:00 p.m. The Township will adopt a Resolution approving the projects. The County Commissioners will approve and adopt the resolutions from all municipal entities on September 30, 2021. The application is due to DCED on 10/28/2021.

CDBG competitive applications are reviewed on a round system. If the project is not funded in the first round it can be considered in the 2nd round. Sewer and water projects are high priorities. Competitive applications are due in February, 2022.

Deb Peffer asked how projects are determined? Doug explained that the Township Supervisors make the final determination on the projects to be funded. The general public is invited to bring projects to the Board for consideration.

The Township, through the assistance of the County Planning Department, will be reconstructing Granville Run Road in 2021. This project will be paid for entirely with CDBG dollars. The project is currently out to bid. Bids are due June 30th at 2:15 p.m. and will be opened at 2:30 p.m.

Grievance/complaint forms can be requested from Doug Marks at the County Planning Department. Doug stated that he will also leave a copy with Mary for request by residents and/or attendees.

Doug provided an overview of projects that are being considered for future funding. Public sewer extensions in the area of Blue Juniata Drive Ext and SR333 beginning at the intersection with Tower Hill Road and continuing to the last house before Hilty House Lane. The Township Act 537 plan identifies both areas as problem areas. Lots are undersized for new systems, which in turn means drain fields are too small or nonexistent. The County Planning Dept. will be sending out the required income surveys to Blue Juniata Dr. Ext. this week. The Dept. is working with GIS and the USPS to get correct addresses for residents and owners. This area has several seasonal dwellings, which must be surveyed. 51.1% of residents must meet the LMI threshold for the project to qualify.

Granville Run Road will be on the Supervisors July agenda for award and then the Commissioner's will approve the project at the next regular meeting. Doug feels that Notice to Proceed will be issued at the beginning of August.

The 1st CDBG public hearing was adjourned and the Township regular meeting began at 7:32 p.m.

The May 3, 2021 regular meeting minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Page, seconded by Supervisor Smith, (3-0).

Bills through 6/07/21 were approved upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Page, (3-0), as follows: General Fund, Ck. #82271-82301, total amount, \$276,091.31; Payroll Account, Ck. #, direct deposits, 84925-84991, total amount, \$88,899.30; Light Tax Account, Ck. #, total amount, \$; Fire Tax Account, Ck. #3990-3999, total amount, \$125,631.83; Ambulance Tax Account, Ck. #232-235, total amount, \$10,198.41; Police Calendar Fund, Ck. #, total amount, \$; Code Administration Account, Ck. #497-498, total amount, \$3,490.95; State Liquid Fuel Fund, Ck. #6171-6182, total amount, \$8,203.87; and Sewer & Water Dept. Clearing Account, Ck. #16908-16949, total amount, \$62,833.31; Junction Debt Reduction Account, Ck. #, total amount \$; Strodes Mill Infrastructure Improvement Account, Ck. #, total amount \$; Granville Fire Tax Reserve, Ck #, total amount \$; Junction Fire Tax Reserve, Ck #, total amount \$.

EFT payments approved upon motion of Supervisor Page, seconded by Supervisor Smith, (3-0), as follows:

May 4, 2021-June 7, 2021

General Fund - Penelec \$470.82; Payroll Taxes \$26,095.85 One America \$371.64; PHMIC \$35,279.78; McGowan Governmental \$; AmTrust \$

Lowe's Traffic Light - \$35.17; Light Tax Account - \$330.54; State Liquid Fuel Fund - \$496.620

Sewer Dept. - Penelec - Junction \$6,089.49; Hawstone \$134.53; Strodes Mills \$1,060.49

Department Reports were approved upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded Supervisor Page, (3-0) as follows:

Cash Flow Report April & May; Road Report for May; Police Report for May; Code Officer, May; Overtime for May; Sewer Department Report for May and Engineer's Report received in June.

The Township approved a settlement agreement through counsel with the heirs of 773 Middle Road. The Board approved the settlement agreement upon motion of Supervisor Page, seconded by Supervisor Smith, (3-0)

Resolution 2021-13, Keystone Community Designation was approved as follows, upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Page, (3-0).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granville Township Board of Supervisors agrees to support DLI's request for a Keystone Community Designation; will collaborate with DLI in the Keystone Communities Program; approve a Five-year Strategy to be developed as part of the application; and authorize DLI to represent Granville Township within the guidelines of the Keystone Communities Program.

Notice to Proceed for the Strodes Run Bridge Project was approved and executed upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Page, (3-0).

Resolution 2021-14 sanitary sewer tap fees to be charged in the event of service disconnection voluntarily or involuntarily was approved upon motion of Supervisor Page, seconded by Supervisor Smith, (3-0), as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, if a property is disconnected voluntarily or involuntarily from the Granville Township Sanitary Sewer System that a tapping fee will be charged to reconnect and that the amount of the tapping fee will be the certified amount in effect on the date of reconnection plus applicable inspection costs.

Resolution 2021-15 Supplemental Budget Appropriations for receipt of the ARP funds was approved upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Page, (3-0), as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Granville Township, makes the following supplemental appropriations for the 2021 budget from the American Rescue Plan Allocation in the amount of \$260,940.35.

The transfer of \$25,000 from State Liquid Fuel Reserve Savings to State Liquid Fuel MMA & the transfer to \$250,000 from General Fund MMA to General Fund Reserve Savings was approved upon motion of Supervisor Page, seconded by Supervisor Smith, (3-0).

Ordinance 2021-2 restating Ordinance 2021-1 with a correction to pension administrator was approved upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Page, (3-0), as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Granville Township, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, that the Granville Township Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan shall be, and hereby is AMENDED, effective January 1, 1986, as follows:

Section 1.02-DEFINITIONS is hereby amended to delete the first sentence in the “Eligible Employee” definition in Section 1.02 and substitute the following:

Eligible Employee means any Employee of the Employer who is hired on a permanent, full-time basis whose employment classification with the Employer is Non-Uniformed class (not employed as a police officer).

In order to effectuate the foregoing amendment, the Board of Supervisors shall execute the attached Amendment. This Ordinance incorporates by reference all of the terms of the attached Amendment.

Oliver Township bid the paving of Sarge’s Lane as a joint project with Granville Township. The Township portion of the project is \$47,256.60. Sarge’s Ln. paving project was approved upon motion of Supervisor Page, seconded by Supervisor Smith, (3-0).

A legal agreement between the Township and Stover McLaughlin, Attorney Jeffrey Stover to serve as representation for the Zoning Hearing Board was approved upon motion of Supervisor Page, seconded by Supervisor Smith, (3-0)

The Hostettler/Yoder subdivision was presented for final approval. Final approval was granted upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Page, (3-0).

The exoneration requests presented for 26 Bailor Dr. were approved upon motion of Supervisor Page, seconded by Supervisor Smith, (3-0).

The Police Body Camera policy was approved and adopted upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Page, (3-0).

Mary requested permission to purchase an upgrade to our payroll program in the amount of \$5,000. The system will allow for internet based time keeping by each employee rather than a time card. The system will then import those numbers into payroll. The system should be a time and cost saver once deployed. The purchase was approved upon motion of Supervisor Page, seconded by Supervisor Smith, (3-0).

Sewer lien/Delinquent list the total amount is just over \$7,000. We have made substantial progress over the course of the last 24 months.

Deb Peffer asked for an update on the MABL/Lewistown Borough situation. Mary explained that at this point everything we have heard is rumor and we are waiting on a factual update or a request for meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Page, (3-0).



Mary E. Herto
Secretary/Treasurer