

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held March 2, 2022, at 6:00 PM. Those present: Matt Pontzer, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Robin Singer, Amy Cherry, newspaper reporter and Jim Nissel.

Chairman Mattiuz called the meeting to order and began by acknowledging the visitors.

Jim Nissel had read the proposed solar ordinance and expressed his concern about solar panels shading adjoining properties. He felt that this was something that the ordinance should address. Feeling that this was something that should be investigated, a motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Matt Pontzer, to postpone the adoption of Ordinance 2022-03, regulating solar energy systems, to review Nissel's concern. Motion carried.

There were no other visitor comments.

A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 2, 2022. Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Matt Pontzer stated that the streetlight in Dagus should be installed within the next month.

Randy Gradizzi stated that quotes were received to replace the stairway at the concession stand at the park with Dagher Construction being the lowest labor quote at \$6,220. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Pontzer to have Dagher Construction do the stairway re-construction at the park for a cost of \$6,220. It was noted that this was only the cost of labor. The materials for the project were quoted at \$5,822.48 from YBC, Randy Gradizzi amended his motion to include the material cost into this project, seconded by Matt Pontzer. The amended motion carried.

Gradizzi continued by stating that price quotes were also obtained to place a roof over the side door of the Township building near the sewer office. The roof will be 8 ft x 10 ft with a gable roof and extend to cover the drop box near that door. Dagher construction submitted a price of \$,795 for labor and materials. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Ponter to hire Dagher Construction to install a roof over the side door of the Township Building at a cost of \$4,795. Motion carried. Randy noted the landscaping stone would be removed and replaced with cold patch.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Fox Township Planning Commission submitted proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments for the Board to consider for adoption. Dave Mattiuz stated that he read the proposal and had several questions/concerns and would like to meet with the Planning Commission. The Board agreed to table this item until they could meet with the Planning Commission.

The following Use of Facilities applications were received:

- Judy Shuttleworth, Community Park, June 4th, birthday party
- Val Mattiuz, Main Street Park, July 30th, family reunion
- Roxanne Skryzpek, Main St Park, June 26<sup>th</sup>, birthday party
- Concert Choir of Elk County, Community Park, June 12<sup>th</sup>, concert
- Fox Twp Women's Club, Community Bldg, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chinese Auction

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Pontzer to approve these applications as submitted. Motion carried.

After discussion with one of the candidates being considered as the Township's new pension administrator, it was discovered that the State Pension aid unit value has increased over the years and that the Township's current defined contribution amount could be increased with no monetary impact to the Township. Kathy Dowie researched this amount and found the ten-year average to be \$4,300 per employee. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Matt Pontzer to increase the annual defined contribution amount allocated to each employee within the Township Pension Plan to \$4,300 annually. Motion carried.

The Elk County Riders requested a letter of support for a grant for the Byrnedale ATV Kersey Run Connector Bridge. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to submit a letter of support. Motion carried.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #28871 thru check #28905 in the amount of \$62,899.23

From the Landfill Fund, check #2089 in the amount of \$43.95

From the State Fund, check #3205 and check #3206 in the amount of \$23,526.53

From the Toby Water account, check #1390 thru check #1395 in the amount of \$15,016.01

For a TOTAL of \$101,485.72

A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with Pontzer and Mattiuz in favor. Randy Gradizzi was in favor of the motion but abstained from check #1391 and #1394 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Randy Gradizzi reported that they will be conducting a traffic count on Keller Road in order to apply for a Low Volume Roads grant.

Gradizzi also reported that tree trimming will be conducted on Ridge, Cuneo and Shelvey Roads.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Pontzer, to adjourn this meeting at 6:21 PM. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held April 6, 2022 at 6 PM at the Municipal Building.