

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held April 2, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Those present: Dave Mattiuz, Matt Pontzer, and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Rob Singer, Cheryl Ruffner, Don Ruffner, Jim Nissel, Kaiden Bayer, Chi Catalone, Grace Bon and Marilyn Secco, newspaper reporter.

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

Cheryl Ruffner of the Elk County Riders ATV Club stated that they were approached by Joe Keller of DCNR about pursuing a hiking/biking trail along Boone Mt. Road on the Seneca transmission line right-of-way which parallels the road. Ruffner stated that the trail would run from the Seneca well pad towards Rt 153 for a distance of approximately 2 miles. The DCNR representative felt it would be a good project to pursue for grant funding but Ruffner stated that it would not be a project within the mission of the Riders Club and suggested that the Township pursue the project instead. She stated that Seneca has not yet been contacted for their input on the project. When asked where people would park to utilize the trail, Ruffner responded that a parking lot would have to be constructed as part of the project. The Board will look into this further.

Jim Nissel was present on behalf of Fox Manor. He stated that the Manor was having issues with ATVs running through their yard and would like to put up a split rail fence to block their path. The new fence would extend from the existing chain-link fence to the Irishtown Road right-of-way. Since the new fence will border the Township property, Nissel was asking the Board for permission to install the fence. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Pontzer, to approve Fox Manor's request to erect a fence. Motion carried. Randy will meet with Jim to see where it can be placed.

There were no other visitors' comments.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Pontzer to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 3, 2025. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

The Elk County Commissioners allocated \$7,000 of Liquid Fuels funds to each municipality for an approved project. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Matt Pontzer to submit the paving project for County Liquid Fuels funding. Motion carried.

Quotes were received for a boundary line survey of the Toby Water treatment plant property at 138 Kylers Corner Road. A partial survey of just the Northern boundary and a portion of the Western boundary line is quoted at \$1550. A complete boundary survey is quoted at \$2,050. A printed survey map is extra for both options. A motion was made by Matt Pontzer, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to have just the Northern boundary and a portion of the Western boundary lines surveyed. No map is needed. Motion carried.

The road crew would like to attend the annual Equipment Show and Training Day to be held at the Clearfield Fairgrounds on Wednesday, May 28th from 9AM – 3 PM. Registration is free for one attendee and \$15 each for additional attendees. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Matt Pontzer to allow the road crew to attend this event. Motion carried.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #30114 thru check #30136 in the amount of \$73,299.69

From the Landfill Fund, check #2336 thru check #2339 in the amount of \$72,623.23

From the State Fund, check #3236 in the amount of \$2,311.63

From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1705 in the amount of \$75.17

From the Toby Water account, check #1647 thru check #1651 in the amount of \$6,250.15

For a TOTAL of \$154,559.87

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 #30132 and check #1650 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Randy Gradizzi stated that he received a call from a Freedom Road resident asking for his input on what was needed to have Freedom Road meet the specifications to be taken over as a Township road. He will look at the road and advise them accordingly.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz, to adjourn this meeting at 6:26 PM. Motion carried.

The next monthly meeting will be held on May 7, 2025 at 6 PM at the Municipal Building.