

## REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Sheffield Township Supervisors was called to order at 7pm with the pledge of allegiance by Chairman, Jay Fitch at the Sheffield Food Pantry, and the following in attendance:

Supervisors: Jay Fitch, Robin Copley, and Nathan Lindberg  
Administrator: Kristi Kulka  
Roadmaster: Ian Lester  
Guests: Carolyn O'Donnell, Debbie Koza, WTO Andrew Close, Rick Petruney, Gerry and Theresa O'Rourke

Debbie Koza and Carolyn O'Donnell were present questioning the closing of the recycling center. Mrs. Koza stated that she brings a car load every week from the Country Manor residents along with her own recycling and would appreciate it staying open. Mrs. O'Donnell asked about cutting something else out of the budget instead of the recycling center. Supervisor Fitch stated that we had to raise taxes along with cutting several other items out of budget as well. He stated that the commissioners will be looking at ways to meet the demands in the county because other townships have pulled this out of their budgets as well. The only townships that are currently running recycling centers are Cherry Grove, Columbus, Elk and Eldred. And Columbus is currently looking at closing theirs too. He also stated that it has tripled in cost since 2014.

With the correction that paving will be done on Keystone Avenue and Bloss Hill, not 1<sup>st</sup> Mill Street the Minutes from the November 16, 2020 Supervisors Meeting, the November Treasurer's Report, the Fall Road Inspection Report, and the Bills for Approval in the amount of \$34,229.98 were all approved with a motion by Supervisor Copley and second by Supervisor Lindberg and duly carried.

The Library Board met on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, the minutes are on hand for your review. Melody Bierbaum's position has been eliminated as her hours were no longer needed. The hours of the library have been changed due to COVID-19. Lexi is encouraging us to write to our state legislators to express our concern to the 2021 budget cuts for libraries. The secretary will send a letter on behalf of the Township Supervisors.

Christmas gifts to the employees was discussed. In the past a \$30 TOPS gift card has been given to the 10 employees. With a motion by Supervisor Copley, seconded by Supervisor Lindberg \$30 Tops gift cards will once again be given to employees for Christmas.

With the closing of the recycling center the boy's scouts metal cage will be moved over beside the other container in Lee House parking lot and the goodwill bin will be moved down beside the township maintenance garage after 12/31/2020.

Stapleford and Byham LLC submits their annual attorney-client relationship according to the Attorneys Code of Ethics. Her hourly rate will once again be \$125. This is not an increase from 2020.

Anzietta Dipierro property at 146 Saybrook Road possible blight. Tarp on roof, tarp in basement window. With a motion by Supervisor Copley, seconded by Supervisor Lindberg and duly carried a nuisance resolution will be sent to the property owner giving 30 days to fix the problem or it will be turned over to the blighted property committee.

Columbus, Elk, Eldred, and Cherry Grove Townships are still running recycling programs. Columbus is considering dropping theirs as well. When the recycling program began in Sheffield Township, we

received funds from the recycled materials. This no longer happens; we pay \$87.50 a trip to dump and sometimes it is \$700 a month for 2 trips each week.

Theresa and Gerry O'Rourke had concerns about the recycling center as well. They are though the idea of a key would be great. Supervisor Fitch stated that that would be an expense we are trying to get away from. If people do not have a key, they will just leave their recycle materials outside the fence and create a mess for the township crew to clean up.

The secretary gave each supervisor a copy of a preliminary right-a-way between the township and Linda Goldthwaite for their review. This will be adopted at our next meeting.

Supervisor Lindberg reported on the YMCA Annex at the Ruth Smith Center. Construction has been going on for 2 weeks now, equipment has arrived, and Bob Sokolowski has secured more funding. Springtime is the projected opening date.

Other matters discussed:

- Russ Marold of 303 Walnut Street in Kane, PA would like to borrow 2 sets of our bleachers for the winter for his hockey rink at his house, this was denied.
- Peggy Pollock has sent us her annual maintenance report for her small flow treatment facilities at her home at 6048 Route 666.
- The secretary updated the State Fund with the liquid fuels correct amount for 2021. We received notification that it will be \$76,736.12 not \$84,000.00 that budgeted. Decrease is due to COVID. Budget was changed for State Fund to reflect this.
- Monthly report from Construction Code Inspectors: Matt Bell for an Accessory Building and Kevin Bell for a roof over existing deck.
- We received the Municipal Authority Minutes from their November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and the November Treasurers Report for your review.
- The contract with Emerge Care has been reviewed by our solicitor and she has several questions that the ambulance will address. The Sheffield Ambulance service will be paying for the coverage with reimbursements from Clarendon, Cherry Grove, and Mead, also Watson is being contacted. Meeting is being set up with Tionesta to see how they work their ambulance service.
- We received a thank you from Sheffield Food Pantry for our annual contribution of \$2,000.

With a motion by Supervisor Copley, seconded by Supervisor Lindberg and duly carried the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm until Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7pm at the Sheffield Food Pantry.

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Administrator/Treasurer

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J. Jay Fitch, Chairman

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Robin Copley, Supervisor

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Nathan Lindberg, Supervisor  
SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

