

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 3, 2021

Chairman Nate Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7pm at the Sheffield Food Pantry with the pledge of allegiance and the following in attendance:

Supervisors: Nate Lindberg, Robin Copley, and Jay Fitch
Administrator/Treasurer: Kristi Kulka
Guests: John Hanson, John Dipiero, Rick Petruney, Ford Beane, Patti Blum

Rick Petruney reported that Keystone Avenue and 1st Mill Street road and berm need to be fixed and when will something be getting done. He also asked about his property on Cottage Avenue that does not drain properly. He would like a piece of pipe placed there so it will drain. Supervisor Fitch stated that he would have to pay for the pipe and Rick stated that the township originally put the pipe in there. Clyde Yonkie, past roadmaster asked him if he could put a piece of pipe there and Rick allowed it, now the pipe is not working properly, and he feels it is the township's responsibility to fix it. Supervisor again asked Mr. Petruney if he is willing to pay for the pipe and he refused to pay for it.

John Dipierro stated he is making progress on his property at 146 Saybrook Road. He had a copy of a bill for metal roofing from Tack Metal Roofing out of Frewsburg. Supervisor Fitch stated there were several other issues with this property one being the foundation wholes. Mr. Dipierro said he is addressing these as well. He has until May 31, 2021 to have all repairs completed or the house will go into blight. Supervisor Lindberg thanked Mr. Dipierro for his updates.

John Hanson of 2344 Route 666 requesting the fill from the Spicer Road project be placed on his property. He spoke with Mr. Cable of Cable Excavating and he said he would need to talk to the conservation district. Supervisor Fitch informed him that the township is receiving this fill. Supervisor Fitch stated that Quinn Shreve will be cutting down trees and Andy Moore will be doing the bulldozer work at Center Street and Tan Street project.

With a motion by Supervisor Copley, seconded by Supervisor Lindberg the Minutes of the April 19, 2021 Supervisors Meeting were approved and placed on file. With a motion by Supervisor Copley, seconded by Supervisor Fitch the April Treasurer's Report and the Bills for Approval totaling \$20,311.25 were also approved and placed on file.

Complaint received today regarding high grass at 107 Tionesta Street. Jake Spencer's property that has burned has debris traveling over to Linda Gregerson's property and she called and complained about it. Also, they are burning this property after dark, and the Fire Department is contacting DEP. Both issues will be handled at the next meeting. Supervisor Lindberg stated its early to start grass violations, let us give people a chance to mow.

May 11th will be the Arbor Day Program at the elementary school at 2pm. This will be a small event with only the 3 winners of the essay contest, 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Conn, the principle, Nate Lindberg, Jay Fitch, and myself along with somebody from the forestry presenting Sheffield Township with our Tree City USA certificate. Kane Lawn and Garden will be planting a dogwood tree in front of the School in recognition of this day purchased by the township.

50 solicitation letters were sent out to business in and around Sheffield for the playground program. An ad was placed in the Warren Times Observer for program director and put on Sheffield Happenings on Facebook.

Chris Cochran has asked about the track resurfacing. I have a quote from 2019 from Matt Wilson of Vasco Sports Contractors for \$51,737.00. He feels we need to get this done and keep on top of anything at the sports complex that needs repaired. He stated perhaps we could do the runways for the triple jump and long jump when they do the track, maybe put down some millings as a basecoat. We investigated resurfacing in 2015 and the cost was \$47,938.00, both quotes include the striping of the track. Supervisors asked the secretary to obtain quotes and try to get a couple for comparison.

Roadmaster Lester was contacted by Penelec regarding the trees on the property at Tan Street and Center Street and they stated that their lines are not in the way of removal of the trees.

New welcome sign has been ordered at a cost of \$2,875. We will be receiving a check from our insurance carrier for \$2,375.00. Our deductible is \$500. Kristi also ordered a set of the festival signs at a cost of \$300 to put back on the sign.

coming into town from Kane, that have been missing for a while. The original signs were put up in 2011 with a PA Wilds Grant of \$3,000.

The 2021 John Deere 410L Backhoe, along with 3 ditching/digging buckets has been ordered.

Mr. Salter was found guilty of the charges and has been listed as ARD open which will give him the opportunity to comply with the township ordinance requirements. Failure to comply will result in an additional fine of \$600. Currently he owes \$1,231.17 and a payment plan is being set up. He has until May 24th to clean up the property.

128 Tan Street Extension has received a courtesy letter granting them until April 19, 2021 to clean up the mess behind the house and on the streambank. This property is owned by an LLC out of Texas and the tenant is Robin Confer. DEP, Alan Poyer of clean water division stopped into the office on Thursday showing the secretary pictures of the debris and at this time the water was rising, and the debris will soon be washed down the creek. Constable Young will be issuing a citation to Ms. Confer.

Ehrlich forwards us the vegetation management services proposal and agreement for the following areas in Sheffield Township:

- 1 x VMS Treatment to baseball field at sports complex to fence lines and dugouts of the ballfield 450 sq feet \$425.00.
- 1 x VMS to sports complex to treat all fence lines around the football and track areas, inside edge of the track, two long jump pits, handicap parking area, under bleachers and press box, trt gravel along the top of retaining wall behind concession stand end to end & two drainage ditches, one from the end of the retention wall to the end of the parking and one below the parking to the road coming up the hill 450 sq feet \$1,482.00.

The secretary will see the cost of doing the fence lines at Memorial park and Tionesta park and have them added to the contract if they are around \$425.00.

Pending List:

- Right of way Agreement with Mary Linda Goldthwaite, waiting for her signature. She would like a carport on this property, however the agreement states one cannot be placed on this property. Jay will approve whatever type she decides. Linda is now unsure whether she will utilize our property because she wants her driveway directly beside her house. She will keep Jay up to date on this progress.
- 146 Saybrook Road, Blighted Property Resolution 1/24/2021 property ready to go to blight. John Dipierro given until May 31, 2021 to fix the problems with house. John Dipierro presents with update.
- Scuteri/Grubb's complaint Hand delivered by Constable on 1/27/21 giving her 30 days to clean up property. Supervisors granted them until 4/30/2021 to clean property. Property will be turned over to Constable to file.
- Donald & Hilda Haehn has until February 6, 2021 to clean up property at 185 Cottage Avenue. Letter sent granting the Haehn's until 4/30/2021 to clean property. Property is cleaned up and will be removed from pending list.
- Mary Kay Auflick of 245 Cottage Avenue granted until 6.14.2021 to clean up her accumulation of garbage and debris.
- Dick Eck of 12 1st Mill Street given until April 19th to clean up the dog poop in his yard, neighbor Heidi Beane called on April 20th stating the poop is still all over. Constable to file charges.
- Scott Holcomb of 26 1st Mill Street courtesy letter sent for garbage on back porch, had until 4.19.2021 to get a garbage carrier and clean up back porch. Property cleaned up and will be taken off the pending list.
- Tree on Henry's Mills Road: Heeter refused to touch it. Still waiting on Goodfellars, Jordan Copley. Jordan is waiting to hear from Roger Davidson for use of his bucket truck.

- Louis Decicco of Millport, NY, owner of BP Station, blighted property resolution sent to him on 4/6/2021 granting him 30 days to fix the problem. This letter was returned insufficient address. The constable is locating his current address for us.
- Nuisance courtesy letter sent to Rodney & Alice Nicholson for their burned property at 320 Church asking them to secure and clean up this property. May 3, 2021 is their deadline. Next meeting a decision will be made what to do with the house.
- Blighted property Resolution sent to John Hilyer for 61 2nd Mill Street was returned unknown. Constable found him living in Hamburg, NY now and he called him, and Mr. Hilyer told him that the authority owns his house now. The Authority does not own his house; however, he has a large bill with the authority and all he needs to do is contact them and inform them he has no water, and they will abate the bill. The blighted property resolution was sent to Mr. Hilyer at his Hamburg address.
- Dwayne Strazier has an accumulation of garbage at his property at 1001 Austin Hill Road and is burning his garbage. Courtesy letter was signed and will be mailed out granting him until our next meeting 4/19/2021 to clean up and get a garbage carrier. Supervisor Copley will speak with Mr. Strazier and follow up for next meeting.

Patti Blume stated that she has a problem with the log being removed off Memorial Park. Her father and Chris Cochran had a huge part in getting this log out of the woods and placing it at the park from 1985-1986. Supervisor Fitch and Supervisor Lindberg both agreed that they do not want to see the log removed. Patti stated that Chris has fixed the roof in the past and Supervisor Fitch stated that he is going to talk with Chris to get his feelings on the situation as well.

John Hanson mentioned the sink whole on Chapel Lane and what we were planning on doing there. He stated that when we plowed snow, we popped off the shut off valve. Supervisors will speak with Ian about this.

Supervisor Lindberg sated the YMCA Annex at the Ruth M. Smith Center is to be open the week of June 7th. Two A/C units were bought by Chris Cochran and installed at the gymnasium and a new parking lot will be made on the lot beside the gym on the Church Street side also paid for by Chris Cochran.

Other matters discussed:

- Wilmoth Interest will be drilling in Sheffield Township in the Phillips Run area of the Allegheny National Forest near State Forest Road 365.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm with a motion by Supervisor Copley, seconded by Supervisor Fitch and duly carried until Monday, May 17, 2021 at the Food Pantry at 7pm.

Administrator/Treasurer

Nathan Lindberg, Chairman

J. Jay Fitch, Supervisor

Robin Copley, Supervisor
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