

May 11, 2023  
7:00 PM

The Floodplain Ordinance Hearing was called to order by Chairman Kehoe and turned over to Mr. Pykosh. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

ATTENDANCE

Phil Kehoe, Chairman  
Phil Paetzold, Vice Chairman  
A.W. Castle, III, Supervisor

Greg Rogalski, Engineer  
Darrell Dethlefs, Solicitor  
Karen Lowery, Secretary

Mr. Pykosh stated that hearing is for the updating of the Floodplain Ordinance 2023-01. He entered the proposed Ordinance as Exhibit B-1 and the proof of publication in the Sentinel on May 2, 2023 as Exhibit B-2. He then swore in Mr. Rogalski so he could provide information.

Mr. Rogalski stated that FEMA has revised the floodplain map using specific calculations. The new flood maps have been created and adopted and will be effective in September 2023. As part of the process, FEMA mandates that municipalities refresh their Ordinance with the new regulations to be part of the National Flood Insurance Program. PEMA provided a consultant to review the ordinance and make sure we are compliant. There were not any drastic changes to the ordinance already in place. It is in the best interest to our residents to adopt the updated ordinance.

On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Paetzold, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, the Floodplain Ordinance Hearing was closed.

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kehoe.

SPEAKERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Amy Wolf, 1056 Park Place, said there have been events at the Party Barn the past 3 weekends and one of the attendees ended up in her driveway at 9:30 PM.

Sue Sunday, 1284 High Street, mentioned there will a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Mt. Zion Cemetery on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. There will be a MIA/POW Remembrance Ceremony and the speaker will be Skip Ebert. She added that there is also a collection box at the township office for Cell Phones for Soldiers where you can place cell phones, tablets, and iPad. They will be recycled and the money earned will be used for international calling cards for soldiers. And lastly, the Recreation Board is hosting a Walk of Churchtown on Saturday at 3 PM that she will be guiding.

Karen Dodge, 1090 Sheaffer Road, verified that the Party Barn is still having parties and there has been additions constructed. She is concerned that this will be an every weekend thing.

Rick Line, 381 Criswell Drive, heard that South Middleton Township has discontinued performing inspections at the Porches of Allenberry and wanted to make sure inspections are being done. Mr., Kehoe stated that there was an intermunicipal agreement in place for the building inspections to be done by South Middleton Township. This has ended and the inspections are now being done by Monroe's 3<sup>rd</sup> party firm, Approved Code Services. Mr. Rogalski added that the sewer line inspections are still being done by South Middleton Municipal Authority.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – April 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting
2. Roadmaster's Report 4/1/23 – 4/30/23
3. Engineer and Zoning Report 3/1/23 – 3/31/23 (None provided)
4. Reaffirm Allenberry Resort Plan
5. Reaffirm Fox (Old Stonehouse Road) Plan
6. Approval of Bills (as prepared)

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Paetzold, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Consent Agenda items listed.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### CLOUSER ROAD PROJECT PLAN – CONCEPT DESIGN REVIEW

Mr. Rogalski provided a memo dated May 11<sup>th</sup> in which he explains the one-way proposal and what is required. At a high-level view we meet all of the requirements. We would need to follow up with a survey to check resident approval and we would also need to involve PennDOT in the process. He understands that Upper Allen Township has done something similar to this on Hertzler Road and plans to reach out to Upper Allen to see if they ran into any issues with the process or could give any suggestions. As option 2, he also provided 2 drawings to lower the hump in the road. The first option would be to lower it about 5 feet which could take place within the existing right of way. The second option is to lower the hump about 7 feet, which would impact 2 driveways and additional right of way would be needed. The first option would cost between \$65-75,000 and the second option could cost over \$100,000. Mr. Kehoe asked if this would reduce site distance issues and how would enforcement of the one-way road be handled. Mr. Rogalski said this would help with the sight distance issue of pulling out onto Locust Point Road and traffic control signage would be put in place and could be enforced by the State Police. Mr. Kehoe added that we would also need the fire company and school district to do a formal review. Mr. Rogalski added that option 3 would be to do nothing and the road would continue to be maintained on cycle. Mr. Kehoe asked a few questions about the study requirements. Mr. Rogalski added that there have not been any reportable crashes in the past 5 years.

Mr. Kehoe stated that the original plan was to improve the cartway and hump due to the development on the road, however, the residents opposed the plan. Mr. Paetzold said we are

sitting pretty in a bad spot, as there could be growth at any time. Mr. Castle feels we need to rely on the engineer for which option is the safest and easiest.

Mr. Kehoe suggested getting feedback from the residents with direct communication. He then asked what limits the township liability, option 1 to lower the hump or one-way? Mr. Rogalski said the one-way would improve the safety of the road, but is at the expense of convenience.

Mr. Zeigler, Monroe Fire Company, asked if there have been any further discussions about the closing of Eppley Road at the turnpike bridge. Mr. Rogalski said an elimination study was provided, but nothing more.

Randy Carlson, 207 Clouser Road, wanted to clarify that there are 3 options. Mr. Kehoe said there are 4: one-way, lower the hump 5 feet, lower the hump 7 feet, or do nothing. Mr. Carlson asked about the option of expanding the road to the full right of way. Mr. Rogalski said that was not in the plan.

Andy Dum, 210 Clouser Road, said the wording of the survey is important and costs for each option should be included. Mr. Kehoe agrees and said this is a complicated issue.

The Board agreed to draft a survey letter for review.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### ORDINANCE 2023-01 - FLOODPLAIN

**On the motion of Mr. Paetzold, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to adopt Ordinance 2023-01, the revised Floodplain Ordinance.**

##### GENERAL INSURANCE AND WORKERS COMP RENEWAL

**On the motion of Mr. Paetzold, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to renew the General Liability/Vehicle Insurance for \$32,286 and the Workers Comp Insurance for \$11,097.**

##### BOILING SPRINGS TRIATHLON REQUEST

**On the motion of Mr. Paetzold, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Boiling Springs Triathlon request for August 5, 2023 provided no township roads are shut down.**

##### TOWNSHIP EQUIPMENT RADIO UPGRADE/REPLACEMENT

The radios in the township equipment have not been working properly. The suggestion has been made to purchase a repeater to see if that helps the communications. If not, then it is suggested that we upgrade the radios to digital for better service.

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Paetzold, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to purchase a repeater from ComPros at a cost of \$5,050.**

## GENERATOR FUEL POLISHING AND LOAD BANKING

Mr. Rogalski explained the generators are 23 years old and the fuel doesn't always get run the whole way through before they are topped off again. H.B. McClure, who performs the generator maintenance, has suggested doing this work to keep the systems running better. They would flush and clean the fuel, then run the generator under full load to make sure it will operate properly in an emergency situation. The Authority Board is recommending that Sandy and Spring pump stations be done this year since we have had the most problems there.

**On the motion of Mr. Paetzold, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to proceed with the fuel polishing and load backing at Spring and Sandy pump stations at a cost of \$11,570.**

## RENTAL HALL HVAC REPLACEMENT

Mr. Kehoe shared that there have been on going issues with the rental hall HVAC system, which is now 21 years old. Over the past year just under \$10,000 has been spent on repairing the unit. Mr. Rogalski added that prices were obtained from H.B. McClure and Sponaugle. Sponaugle did a high-level review of the system by looking a building plans and having their engineer reviewed the current system. They proposed keeping the ERU unit to handle the humidity and a control panel to allow the systems to work together.

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Paetzold, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOLVED to proceed with the proposal from G.R. Sponaugle to replace the HVAC system in the rental hall at a cost of \$93,545.**

## STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Kehoe said at the last meeting codifying was discussed. Ms. Lowery said she and Mrs. Wood have talked with a company and provided information to get a quote.

Mr. Kehoe said there has been unapproved camping at the PA Agriculture Center and asked if action has been taken. Mr. Rogalski did a field verification and is going to issue an enforcement letter to the PA Agriculture Center. The enforcement is fining the property owner, and the process takes time.

Mr. Kehoe asked if a reinforcement letter was sent to the property owner building near the Sandy pump station who placed a dumpster on the sewer easement. Mr. Pykosh said a letter was sent.

Mr. Kehoe thanked Mr. Castle for throwing his hat in the ring to run for Supervisor again.

Mr. Castle said it has been a pleasure being a supervisor by serving our great residents. We have a beautiful township and fight to preserve farm land. He appreciates the support.

ADJOURN

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Lowery, Secretary

TO: Board of Supervisors  
 FROM: Greg Hertzler, Road master  
 Date: 5-2-23  
 SUBJECT: Road master's Report

## PROJECTS BEING WORKED ON

PROJECTS	NOTES	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
Spray parks		5/26/2023
Patch roads		On going
Clean out Ms4 inlets		5/30/2021
Mow roads		5/31/2023

## PROJECTS COMPLETED

PROJECTS	NOTES	COMPLETION DATE
Clean up Monroe Acres park		4/3/2023
LTAP class		4/4/2023
Seeded Monroe Acres park	Where pine trees were removed	4/4/2023
Open bids	Oil and chip / Line painting	4/6/2023
Pick up hearing signs		4/6/2023
Roto till gardens		4/10/2023
Stowmwater bills		4/12/2023
Clean up brine equipment		4/12/2023
Meeting White rock	Water line install	4/12/2023
Clean up #2 salt spreader and put away		4/13/2023
Plans to courthouse		4/13/2023
Fix #5		4/13/2023
Storm water bills to post office		4/14/2023
Sprayed around garden area		4/14/2023
Complete MS4 inspections		4/18/2023
Mow sight distance	Intersections	4/19/2023
Install bat and owl boxes	Joe Carr park	4/20/2023
Drug infields		4/20/2023
LTAP class		4/21/2023
Deliver PC packets		4/21/2023
PSATS conference		4/24/2023
Finish sweeping roads		4/26/2023
Get sprayers ready		4/27/2023
Meeting Met ed	Sandy In. pump station	4/28/2023
Work on # 17 salt spreader		4/28/2023