

TOWNSHIP OF RESERVE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2020

Commissioner Ron Neurohr called the meeting to order on October 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm. This meeting was inducted thru the Zoom Application due to Covid-19 restrictions. Residents were welcome to participate by submitting their comments and participate by audio remote through Zoom.

ROLL CALL - Indicated Commissioners Ron Neurohr, Daniel Giebel, John Kaib, Ed Vincent, Sharon Sweeney, and Engineer Gordon Taylor were present. Solicitor Nate Boring was present (via zoom). Manager Donna Kaib was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Commissioner Ron Neurohr reported the Board of Commissioners held an executive session tonight at 6:00 pm., wherein the following topics were discussed: employment and personnel matters, contracts and policies, actual and ongoing litigation as well as potential litigation and identifiable complaints.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA MAY – Commissioner Daniel Giebel made the motion for the Approval of Consent Agenda as submitted, with a second by Commissioner Sharon Sweeney. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED – None

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED – None

ORDINANCES TO BE ENACTED - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER SWEENEY – Halloween is Saturday October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30. Please follow Covid-19 guidelines.

COMMISSIONER VINCENT – None

COMMISSIONER KAIB – None

COMMISSIONER GIEBEL – None

COMMISSIONER NEUROHR- Read Police Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT – None**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – None

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Spoke about the CBDG will be out for bid soon. Awarding next month.

GIRTYS RUN REPORT – None**COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS** – None**OLD BUSINESS** – None**NEW BUSINESS** - None**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –**Keith Armstrong 3416 Mt Troy Road (Question emailed to the Township)**

Asks why does it take so long for meeting minutes to be posted on the website, what triggered the farm ordinance and why is Mt Troy Road not monitored better from speeders? Commissioner Ron Neurohr stated the meeting minutes have to be approved at the next month meeting and then they can be posted on the website, the ordinance for the chickens was properly advertises and was also discussed at the two previous meetings, and if you see speeding on Mt Troy Rd to call the police station or try and get a plate number. Township Admin. Assistant Lisa Pisanko also comment the Chief Etherington stated that he has numerous citations for speeding and that once the police leave the area the people will speed. Commissioner Sharon Sweeney stated she had residents calling her about Spring Garden Road speeding and the police have also cited numerous cars in that area. Commissioner Daniel Giebel commented that the police cannot sit in one area for hours at a time.

Coleen Campbell 105 Willowood Dr (Question emailed to the Township)**Arlyn Kalinski 211 Joyce Dr (Question emailed to the Township)****Bethany and Richard McClean 213 Joyce Dr (Question emailed to the Township)**

All three residents have an issue with the consumption of the water being so high on their water bills. Commissioner Ron Neurohr stated a lot of residents have had a jump in the water consumption due to covid-19 and the stay at home order but we can look into this issue for each individual resident and will make any adjustments if there is negligence on the Townships part. Report any issues to the township office and the water clerk can investigate them. Lisa Pisanko stated she is working on a resolution for a few residents with a few possible options to address the issue.

Donna Zivic 14 Fornof Lane (Question emailed to the Township)

States the Rusty Hook Auto Recycling business is now fully on display for residents of Reserve and visitors travel the detour forced by the gas line repair on Mt Troy. We have been asked numerous questions and had many comments by passing motorists on this eye sore. We have had the increased opportunity to share our concerns about the negative impacts on our health, the environment, and a right to a peaceful existence in our homes. Other residents and I will continue to share our concerns with any agencies or individuals who will acknowledge that the activities in the former junkyard have escalated to an unacceptable level.

Karl Poruben 2879 Mt troy Rd (Question emailed to the Township)

Commented on County Hauling missing the recycling this week and he will just leave it out to see if they come back, also stated he is receiving letters from the anti-junkyard crowd. He is torn because the lot beside his property is empty and the Gas Company has been using it, but he does not want it to become another parking lot for junked cars.

Ron Shaffer 128 Fornof Lane (Question emailed to the Township)

He is very dissatisfied with living in Reserve Township. The Boards failure to uphold its ordinances on the Rusty Hook Junkyard is making the quality of life unhealthy and unsafe for residence. Several Violations to the Rusty Hook, tires and hazardous materials which can be dangerous, and he feels the Volunteer Fire Company cannot handle the fire if one would happen. He states the junkyard was sold for a dollar in early 2020 which would make Grandfather Act not eligible. Material stacked over the fence is visible, also a gate that was not previously used is a hazard to traffic on Mt Troy Rd.

The solicitor Nate Boring commented on the ordinance issue for Rusty Hook and he stated the ordinance is an old ordinance and it is a police power ordinance which makes the enforcement of it discretionary. Some of the provisions of that ordinance would not withstand the legal challenge. We are in the process of preparing an Operating Agreement which the permit would be conditioned on which would give the township more power than if we just tried to enforce the existing ordinance. Rusty Hook is a viable business, and It cannot just be dismissed. The DEP and Allegheny County have also been involved and we are doing everything we can to regulate it. Once the operating agreement is signed, we can share more details at that time. He also stated that when the property was sold, it was sold as a non-conforming use and to lose that you would have to change the business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT – Commissioner Ron Neurohr announced the next public meeting would be on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Daniel Giebel moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Commissioner Ed Vincent. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32PM
Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Pisanko