MINUTES **August 22, 2023**
for
REGULAR MEETING
Rockefeller Township Board of Supervisors

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Rockefeller Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Township building by Chairman, Colin Clayberger

PRESENT

Colin Clayberger, Paula Greco, Julie A. Powell, Craig Fetterman, George Herrold, Ron Bingaman, Robert Tegge, Owners of On the Fly Aerial Imagery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paula made a motion to approve the minutes. Colin seconded the motion. Motion passed without opposition.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paula made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and file for audit. Colin seconded the motion. Motion passed without opposition.

CORRESPONDENCE

SPECIAL INTEREST

Craig Fetterman, a candidate for Northumberland County Commissioner attended the meeting to introduce himself. He stated he has been married to the same woman for 46 years, has 3 adult children, born and raised in Coal Township. He stated he has been on the Township commission for 18 years, the past 10 as chairman. Paula and Colin asked questions of him. He stated that he would work hard, is very conservative for a Democrat. There were questions and answers. He then thanked the Board for giving him the time to introduce himself.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items)

None

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Canceled the meeting for August – no business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Road Status Report – The crew continued to repair road edges, ripped a part of Pine Hill, added stone and rolled it. They put up flooding signs on roads where we have flooding. They got another load of cold patch, helped Upper Augusta and Shamokin Township with projects (Hauled stone), mowed the township lawn, removed and cleaned up downed trees, and maintained the township equipment. Austin met with a man last night to look at our truck that is for sale and took him for a test drive. The oil and Tar and Chip (Seal Coat) will be put down this week or next.

Zoning Investigations – Ed sent an NOV to the farm beside Lantz church for putting up animal shelters without a permit.

a. Using Drone – The owners of On the Fly Aerial Imagery attended the meeting to explain what they are able to do by law. They are able to fly above properties as long as there are no occupants out and about as that would violate their expectations for privacy. There was some discussion about several places the Board is considering. After the conversations the Board stated they would be in touch if they were going to need to hire their services.

Comprehensive Plan Update – Julie wrote to Justin Slavery stating that the township has not received a letter back from the county regarding our submission of the Comprehensive Plan and if they had any comments or concerns. Justin wrote back in an email stating that the Board could use his email as proof that the County had no issues or comments with the updates to our Comprehensive Plan. Julie was told to contact Mike Brinkash and see what dates he has open to have the hearing for the township. Once a date is set she is to contact the United Lutheran church and ask about renting the basement room of the main church for the meeting. The Board told her to look at future Monday nights or the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Government Funds – Nothing more.

Tyler Karycki/Bill Yost – Property Issue – Paula stated that this is taking too long and thinks we should again reach out to DEP to find out where the situation stands.

Stormwater Management Ordinance -Colin is reviewing the information Atty. Greco gave to him.

Replace the Furnace – The Board advertised bids for the furnace two separate times in the Daily Item and did not receive any bids. Atty. Greco researched this and found that if after the second time there are no bids received the township can purchase one. We had received three estimates in the past. Julie was told to contact Miller's and see if they will hold the price they gave to us in May of 2023 for the amount of $25,391. Colin made a motion to purchase the furnace from Miller's at a cost not to exceed $27,000. Paula seconded the motion.

Hazen Road Turn around – Nothing more at this time.

Solar Farm – Julie has not heard from the individuals representing the Solar Farm. It seems to be in limbo at the moment.

Advertise 2012 F550 Truck- The truck sold today for the amount of $39,300. Julie already spoke to the purchaser, and they are planning on meeting on Thursday to take care of the paperwork and for her to receive payment. These funds will go into the State Fund Account.

Garmen DEP – Bridge across Creek – NCCD – Julie stated that she spoke to Nathan Brophy and was told that DEP is handling this. Mr. Garman will need a special permit if he plans on putting a bridge across that creek. This is to be taken off the agenda.

Atty. Karpowich – Ed Wenger is meeting with Atty. Karpowich to go over the files for

Spyglass Ridge Winery/Webb.

Road Bonding – Atty. Greco gave the Board a copy to review from Cascade Township in Lycoming County.

Grant for Broadband – Julie contacted Linda Culver's office after Paula saw an article in the Township News stating that there is a grant offering matching funds. Julie stated that on further review of the article, they only gave townships until August 9, 2023, to apply and this article was in the August 2023 Township News. This can be taken off the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of and authorization to pay all bills – Paula made a motion to pay all the other bills. Julie seconded the motion. Motion passed without opposition.

Other New Business – Julie stated that the crew suggested the township replace the Flagpole that we have. There was some discussion. The pole presently used is not a true flagpole but a piece of pipe. Julie was told to have the crew purchase a Sunsetter telescope flagpole. It was suggested that Cole's Hardware might have them. There was also discussion about the arborvitaes being removed as they are so large and out of control. Julie suggested the Board contact Lloyd's and see if they have any suggestion of what to put there. Paula stated that it might be nice to just have the pole with no plants/bushes. Julie will call Lloyd's for their thoughts.

Colin stated that in a recent copy of the PA Musician's Magazine an interview was done with Spyglass Ridge Winery owner Tom Webb. In the article, Webb stated that the township is trying to close him down and has spent over $100,000. In the process of doing so he himself has only spent $10,000. Julie was asked to review and see what was spent to date on legal fees. To date Colin stated, the township has spent $6400. Julie said that the article also said the township wants a piece of the pie. She stated that the township gets nothing from Mr. Webb except for the $1100. In township taxes he pays annually.

Coin stated that he was concerned that the road is narrowing on Plum Creek between Klinger and Route 890 because of trees and shrubs growing out over the roadway. Julie was directed to contact PennDOT about the issue.

Residents Comments – Resident Ron Bingaman stated that there is an area on Comfort to Shipman, to Foye that needs addressed. There are things growing close to the edge of the road that need trimmed back (trees and shrubs). Julie stated she would have the crew go over and look at the site and take care of it as soon as possible.

Motion to Adjourn- Paula made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Julie seconded the motion. Motion passed without opposition.

FIRST NATIONAL -General	$ 231,427.45*
FIRST NATIONAL Gen. Savings	$ 19,781.30*

FIRST NATIONAL- State	$ 27,395.63 *
FIRST NATIONAL-State Savings	$178,753.72*
EQUIPMENT FUND	$ 391.62
Grant Income Account	$ 231,838.69*

Respectfully Submitted~

Julie A. Powell,
Administrator & Supervisor