

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

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October 28, 2024

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

The October monthly meeting of the Bloomfield Township Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Those in attendance were:

SUPERVISORS: Bill Croker and Stanley Shreve
SECRETARY: Karen Brozell
ZONING OFFICER:
SOLICITOR:
CITIZENS: 14

MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to approve September 9, 2024 monthly business meeting minutes was made by Supervisor Croker, seconded by Supervisor Shreve. With both Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND BILL LIST HAVING A TOTAL OF \$67,146.72:

Motion to pay the general fund bills was made by Supervisor Croker, seconded by Supervisor Shreve. With both Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

STATE FUND BILL LIST HAVING A TOTAL OF \$16,143.53:

Motion to pay the state fund bills was made by Supervisor Shreve, seconded by Supervisor Croker. With both Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Supervisor Croker, seconded by Supervisor Shreve. With both Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Discussions:

Bloomfield Township Supervisors' Bike Trail Position:

Creating a bike trail is an idea of the Bloomfield Township Lake Authority. It is not a plan. No specific routes, facilities, or other details have been brought to either the Bloomfield Township Supervisors or the public and therefore the idea does not arise to the level of a plan.

The Supervisors do support the concept of a bike/walking route around the lake.

The Supervisors do not support the taking of any private property for such a route.

The Supervisors do not see this as a priority project, largely due to financial constraints, and therefore will not commit tax dollars from our budget to such a project. The Supervisors would support efforts to receive additional funds for such a project through grants from county, state, federal, or private agencies or organizations.

Motion was made by Supervisor Croker, seconded by Supervisor Shreve, to accept the bid of \$11.50 per ton from Hasbrouck Sand and Gravel for 1,700 tons of antiskid for a total cost of \$19,550.00. With both Supervisors voting yes, motion carried. Additional bids received were IA Construction at \$17.40 per ton, Girts Sand and Gravel at \$18.60 per ton, Allegheny Aggregate at \$16.35 per ton, and Jamestown Macadam at \$30.85 per ton.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussions:

Motion was made by Supervisor Croker, seconded by Supervisor Shreve to advertise for sealed bids for 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel for calendar year 2025 stating no averages on fuel prices or it will be rejected. With both Supervisors voting yes, motion granted.

Motion was made by Supervisor Croker, seconded by Supervisor Shreve to approve the subdivision of Barry and Connie Greeley. With both Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

Note: 2025 preliminary budget should be available for review at the Township Office on November 19, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pam Roberts from the Lake Canadohta Historical Society spoke about purchasing the property that was Our Lady of Fatima on Lake Road for the new historical location. Mrs. Roberts stated that they are a private non-profit organization requesting donations from the public and the Township to finance the building and the activity center. The LCHS will also be seeking grants as they become available. Ann Berheim also stated that the activity building needs the roof replaced before rentals can be scheduled. Supervisor Croker commended the work they're doing but financially cannot commit to donating taxpayers' dollars as many other township projects take priority. The Lake Canadohta Historical Society has also cleaned headstones at the Bloomfield Burial Grounds and currently has a fundraiser selling dog bowls at \$5 each available at the Frog Pond Restaurant. All profits benefit LCHS.

Denny Sabot asked if there will be funds in the 2025 budget for seal coating township roads. Mr. Sabot stated again that the Maple Street bridge needs to be addressed for repairs. The right-hand side has a large pothole before the decking and vehicles are hitting steel when it is crossed. Supervisor Shreve will examine and evaluate.

Jim Ploss addressed the Supervisors regarding the issue of access to his property. Mr. Ploss stated that the association for his area is not acting/responding to resolve his request. Supervisor Croker stated that the Supervisors will have another conversation with the association and suggested that Mr. Ploss continue to try to work with them.

REPORTS:

*****FIRE DEPT*****

Nothing new to report per Booie.

*****PLANNING COMMISSION*****

No meeting per Bill Easterlin.

*****LAKE AUTHORITY*****

No one present to report.

*****REC. BOARD*****

Allison Nowakowski reported that the 2024 Pumpkin Hunt was a success, however, asked for the light by the shed to be repaired since it was extremely dark on the playground. The Rec Board continues to plan for Cookies with Santa taking place in December.

*****ZONING HEARING BOARD*****

No hearings per Jan Chavlovich.

*****SEWAGE AUTHORITY*****

Rich Chavlovich reported that the Sewage Authority received \$150,000 (out of the \$1 million that was requested) from the Local Share Account Grant. Those grant monies may be spent on new blowers at the Treatment Plant. Mr. Chavlovich also stated that the Authority has recovered approximately \$50K in arrears for sewage fees. The legal actions by our Solicitor and the local sheriff have proved successful.

*****ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER*****

No one present to report.

*****ROAD MAINTENANCE*****

Supervisor Shreve stated that the backhoe was in for repairs totaling approximately \$13,500.00; the Mack truck for \$4,500.00 and that Matteson replaced the sluice pipe at the dam property.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm was made by Supervisor Croker, seconded by Supervisor Shreve. With both Supervisors voting yes, motion carried.

The next meeting of the Bloomfield Township Supervisors will be held Monday, November 11, 2024, at 7:00pm at the township building social hall.

****PLEASE NOTE: PRIOR TO EVERY SUPERVISOR'S VOTE, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR "DISCUSSION" INCLUDES ANY MEETING ATTENDEE'S COMMENTS. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ALERT THE BOARD THAT YOU WISH TO COMMENT, EVEN IF THEY INITIALLY DO NOT RECOGNIZE YOU.****

****Please note: Bloomfield Township now has a website where information can be found regarding meeting documents, boards, committees and authorities, businesses, etc. at www.bloomfieldtwppa.com. Please peruse the site and contact us with input and/or suggestions.****

Karen Brozell, Secretary/Treasurer