

**ULYSSES TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 14, 2021**

The Ulysses Township Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting held on the above advertised date at the Ulysses Twp. Municipal Building at 7:00p.m. The following were present: Chairman Richard Tobias, Supervisor Daniel Freeman, Supervisor Richard Erickson, and Secretary/Treasurer Vicki Moon. Guests present were: Tor Swanson representing Swanson Fabrication, Dean Boorum representing JKLM energy, Cheryl Freeman Ulysses Twp. Tax Collector, Ann Marie Cady representing the senior class of Northern Potter, and John R. Stilson, Tax Payer.

Chairman Tobias called the meeting to order at 7p.m. and stated that the meeting was being recorded for accuracy purposes. Supervisor Erickson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2021 meeting. Chairman Tobias seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Tobias opened the floor for public comment. He first stated that the Township's road worker has apparently quit his position and that the Volvo is down for repairs. The repair estimate for the Volvo is approximately \$8900.

John Stilson then took the floor asking if the Supervisors had considered adopting the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance. There are petitions circulating to adopt this ordinance County wide. Mr. Stilson explained the Ordinance and its beginnings. Also gave a web site for the Supervisors to look at called change.org. It is Mr. Stilson's understanding that the ordinance can be passed individually by municipalities. He will forward an e-mail message on to Supervisor Erickson from a gentleman with information regarding the ordinance. He stated that he had spoke with Nancy Grupp and the County Solicitor is looking into this matter. Mr. Stilson left a copy of a sample ordinance for the Township's attorney to look at.

Cheryl Freeman was asked if she wanted to make any public comment by Chairman Tobias. Mrs. Freeman asked if the Supervisors had questions regarding her submitted invoices. Mr. Tobias stated that he did not.

Anne Marie Cady was then recognized. She was there on behalf of the parents of the Juniors and Seniors of Northern Potter. She stated that the school district is unable to hold a prom this year due to state mandates. However, they stated there was no reason that the parents could not. The parents are holding a prom on May 8th and they are soliciting donations to help pay for the expenses and to lower the ticket prices so that more students are able to attend. Mr. Stilson said that he would personally be willing to help with funds. Supervisors Freeman made a motion to donate \$500. Second by Mr. Erickson. All approved. Motion carried.

Dean Boorum, representing JKLM, was asked for comment. Stated that there was nothing new on the gas industry front.

Tor Swanson, Swanson Fabrication, stated that he would wait for bid openings to explain his alternative bid.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

- Grading is done on Kibbeville, Rapley and Telescope Rd.
- Most potholes have been fixed except for Gazdag and Emmel Rd.
- Horseshoe Rd. project will be finished after the first round of road grading.
- Chairman Tobias stated that we are losing Tyler Reynolds. Supervisor Freeman requested his phone no. (Secretary Moon provided this to Mr. Freeman).
- Supervisor Freeman wondered why Burdette Cowburn is working. Chairman Tobias stated that he is working because Mr. Reynolds has not been coming in.
- F550 is still waiting on parts at Kightlingers.
- Volvo is at White's in Westfield for brake system work. The estimate is \$8887.04.
- Telescope Rd. Project – Chairman Tobias stated that the bridge was shut down by the State. Abutments need to be repaired. Supervisor Freeman wondered why the project was put out to bid and Chairman Tobias stated that he had called PSATS and the project needed to be kept moving. Discussion followed regarding an emergency meeting, and communication between the Supervisors. Supervisor Freeman questioned why the maintenance was not done prior to the need to shut down the bridge and what exact work needs to be done. Chairman Tobias explained the work that needs to be accomplished. Chairman Tobias stated that the Township's engineer told him that he does not need to be involved. Discussion followed regarding the need for a Performance Bond. Mr. Tobias made a motion to keep proceeding with the Bridge Repair, reviewing estimates. Second by Mr. Erickson. Mr. Freeman opposed. Stated that he does not agree with it.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- GENERAL FUND: \$191,128.26
- STATE FUND: \$178,806.12
- ACT 13: \$ 94,980.77
- TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE AS OF 03/31/2021: \$464,915.15.

Lists were presented showing checks submitted for payment, bank statements, budgets to date and treasurer's report details. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Supervisor Erickson, second by Chairman Tobias. All in favor. None opposed

OLD BUSINESS:

- We will keep looking for Planning Commission members
- Beavers on Erickson Rd. show no new activity. Supervisors Freeman and Erickson will monitor.
- Blight Resolution – Chairman Tobias made a motion to go forward with the Blight Resolution and contact the Township's Solicitor. Second by Mr. Erickson. Supervisor Freeman opposed. Stated that he does not agree with it. Motion carried.
- County Aid – on hold

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Foreman request for raise and additional benefits. Mr. Tobias stated that he checked with PSATS and that this can be made retroactive to last month's meeting date. Mr. Ramsey has been here since 2018. Mr. Tobias made a motion to give him a \$1.50 raise retroactive to last month's meeting, an additional paid holiday per year and an additional week of vacation per year. Mr. Freeman stated that this should have been done at the reorganizational meeting because the funds for a raise are not in the budget. Mr. Erickson seconded the motion. Mr. Freeman opposed. He questioned where the funds for the raise would come from. Chairman Tobias is also trying to set up a pension plan through PSATS for Mr. Ramsey. This would probably not carry a cost for the Township. Motion carried.

- Ulysses Township Tax Collector invoices that are pending. Chairman Tobias made a motion to not pay these invoices. Supervisor Freeman and Cheryl Freeman questioned this. Stated that the original motion to pay these was approved in 2016. Discussion followed. Mr. Erickson wants to pay the outstanding bills. Mr. Tobias made a motion to pay the two outstanding invoices. Mr. Erickson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman stated that these are annual invoices. Mr. Tobias made a motion that from this point on only invoices required by the State are paid. More discussion followed. Mr. Erickson requests that the minutes granting approval to pay the yearly software fees be shown and discussed at the May meeting.
- Insurance Program for 2021. Discussion was held regarding the two quotes provided by St. Mary's Insurance. Chairman Tobias made a motion to accept the quote from EMC Insurance Co. for \$11,217. Second by Mr. Erickson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Fuel Quotes – there was one fuel quote received. Short's Oil Co. Their quote was \$2.01 for 87 octane and \$1.995 for Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel based on United Refining as of 03/31/2021. Chairman Tobias made a motion to accept the quote, second by Mr. Erickson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Aggregate bids were opened and reviewed by the Supervisors. Awarded as follows:

AGGREGATE ITEM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
2RC DELV&TAILGATED	EARL DEAN	\$14.95
2RC DELV TO LOT	EARL DEAN	\$14.80
2A LIMESTNE DELV& TAILGATED	EARL DEAN	\$28.50
2A LIMESTNE DELV TO LOT	EARL DEAN	\$28.00
#2WASHED DELV TO LOT	HAWBAKERS	\$18.27
#3WASHED DELV TO LOT	WAYNE PAVING	\$21.45
1BSTONE DELV TO LOT	HAWBAKERS	\$20.77
1ARNDS DELV TO LOT	WAYNE PAVING	\$21.55
4:1 RATIO SAND/SALT DELV TO LOT	NEW ENTERPRISE	\$36.00
6:1 RATION SAND/SALT DELV TO LOT	NEW ENTERPRISE	\$32.45
#67 GRAVEL DELV TO LOT	NEW ENTERPRISE	\$21.45

Mr. Tobias made a motion to accept the bid amounts awarded to Earl Dean with a second by Mr. Erickson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Erickson with a second by Mr. Tobias to accept the bid amounts awarded to Hawbakkers.

Mr. Tobias made a motion to accept the bid amounts awarded to Wayne Paving with a second by Mr. Erikcson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Erickson with a second by Mr. Freeman accepted the bid amounts by New Enterprise. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bids were reopened when IA Construction bid was found in other material, but there was no change in the awards. Chairman Tobias made a motion to reconfirm the awards. Supervisor Erickson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Telescope Bridge Project:
Bids were opened and discussed. A bid was received from LC Whitford. East side \$39,400. West side - \$25,800. Does not include cost of bond.
A bid was received from Swanson's Fabrication for \$68,750. They are proposing a design that would transfer the load from the current abutments back to more solid footings. Discussion followed. Mr. Swanson discussed the need for a bond and an Engineer's stamp and some form of warranty. It was decided that the Supervisors would contact the State and see if this design would be accepted by PennDot. Chairman Tobias made a motion to investigate the feasibility of this plan and to possibly hold a special meeting to discuss the plans. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Advertise Road Worker Position. A motion was made by Chairman Tobias to advertise this position. Second by Mr. Erickson. Supervisor Freeman wants confirmation that Tyler Reynolds has quit before the position is advertised.
- Volvo Repairs – An estimate received from White's Repair Service, Inc. for \$8887.04. Mr. Tobias made a motion to approve. Mr. Erickson seconded. Mr. Freeman opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Tobias made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m. Mr. Erickson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Moon
Ulysses Twp. Secretary/Treasurer