

The Peach Bottom Township **Board of Supervisors** met on **February 1, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Building. Members present David Gemmill (Chair), Michael Kahl (Vice Chair) and Andrew Jarvis

- **Motion** to accept the minutes as presented was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Public Comment –

John Hash Fawn Township Supervisor paid tribute to David Warner, Supervisor Chanceford Township who passed away two weeks ago and had worked very tirelessly for the community. A fund has been set up in his memory to support the FFA and 4H kids.

Mike Smith noted that the little league season will be starting and in helping DABSY he informed that the field groomer machine is not able to keep up with the field maintenance. Supervisor Jarvis added that in the spring the Township tills the fields to the depth the tiller will reach. Fields 1, 2, and 4 have a decent layer of Diamond-Tex, weather permitting the Township will deliver more to field 3.

Mr. Smith added that the Harford league now allows players up to the age of 20 years old. He also requested “pick-up after your pet” signs for the fields.

Mike Smith questioned the SYCEMS Ambulance Club; if you are a member and another company provides the service will that be covered under the SYCEMS club membership. John Eaton representing SYCEMS informed that there is a Reciprocity agreement inside the SYCEMS area.

Sammy McConnell stated, annual complaint, per the Supervisors in 2010, Delta–Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company was to note, in any solicitation mailings, that Peach Bottom Township helps to fund the Fire Company with tax dollars.

Chip Diamond informed that the Emergency Management radios do not work, a tower is needed to reach York. He also suggested the EOC be relocated to one of the office on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building and a wireless network be provided..

Susan Pritchard, owner 138 Hilltop Road, questioned a Star paper article concerning dirt bikes and ATV’s on Hilltop and Heidi Roads, Has anything been done about this violation? She was informed that letters have been sent. The complainant will need to provide pictures and be willing to testify in a civil action hearing.

John Ray of CS Davidson representing Constellation Energy presented the new Septic Plant Project to the Planning Commission in January, received conditional approval, and requested to be added to the Supervisors Agenda for approval or conversation to avoid delays in the project. Supervisor Gemmill does not want to discuss this project without the Township attorney present. Supervisor Jarvis informed that the Township Engineer is working on reviewing the roads to be utilized for the project.

John Eaton, representing Southern York County Emergency Medical Services provided an update on SYEMS operations. The most recent call sheet provided information on number of calls, mutual aid, uncovered calls and transports. They have hired 3 part time employees, 2 are medics, 1 is an EMT finishing up medical school to become a medic. This leaves three full time

positions still open and one full time will be going part-time. They gave a \$3.00 per hour increase across the board to help retain and recruit employees.

Supervisor Gemmill provided a synopsis on a Delta Borough meeting he attended. He then questioned the original goal of coverage by SYCEMS under the contract and coverage for the past year. His solution is to cut the fee charged to the municipalities for the service not covered per the contract. The Supervisors try to do the best for the community and taxpayers money.

Scott Towson stated that SYCEMS is better than anybody is right now; they are giving more mutual aid then receiving, covering 91% of calls in their area and top notch for salaries.

The discussion continued concerning friction with the contract, amending the contract, dissolving the contract, critical staffing, understaffing, municipalities paying for services as contracted, percentage of budget funded by municipalities, services provided by other companies, mutual aid, reports and HIPPA requirements, cost of employees, equipment & maintenance, keeping the service cost effective and the star paper article.

South Penn Code Consultants Zoning Officer Report

For the month of January they issued 3 Uniform Construction Code Permits and are following up on 2 violations.

New Business

2023 Seasonal Mowing Contract –

- **Motion** the advertise the 2023 seasonal mowing contract for opening at the March Supervisors Meeting was made by Supervisor Kahl & 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Higgins, Rodney & Dee – Delta-Peach Bottom Farmers Market

Mr. Higgins asked for assistance with the DCVFC concerning the market. If vendors cannot communicate, they will go to other venues.

Mike Smith read a letter sent to the Higgins, which informed that the Market would be managed by the DCVFC Ways & Means Committee.

Old Business

Tona Evans – Pikes Peak & Delta Roads – No Show

Zoning Hearing Board Member & Alternate appointment.

Motion to reappoint Mark Hall to a 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board and Sammy McConnell as alternate 1-year term was made by Supervisor Gemmill and 2nd by Supervisor Kahl, vote, 3/0.

Supervisor Gemmill noted several issues with recent Hearings. Sammy McConnell recommended the Zoning Hearing Board handbook be provided to the Board of Supervisors.

Mike Smith - Volunteer Fire Credit,

The state allowed the municipalities, under certain criteria, emergency volunteers to gain points, to earn a credit on their Earned Income Tax. This has been done for several years to help with retention and recruitment of emergency volunteers. For some reason Peach Bottom Township gives the credit to residents that qualify, but belong to Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company, he feels this is wrong. Maryland already gives a pension after a certain number of

years. DCVFC could use these volunteers. Is it legal to give this credit to volunteers from another state?

Supervisor Gemmill, we need to keep our volunteers in the area in which they live.

Supervisor Jarvis, part of Citizens VFC's service area is in Peach Bottom Township.

The ordinance and resolution would need to be amended if changes are approved.

Subdivisions & Land Development Plans

Delta Ridge

Robert Holweck, representing the Delta Ridge Project, discussed the chain of events in the manhole repair project. A cost estimate for asphalt repairs around the remaining high manholes has been reviewed by the Township engineer. They offer to place the cost estimate amount in cash with the Township, transfer the URETEX 2-year warranty, weather permitting complete the remaining manholes, completed any other outstanding punch list item, and provide \$25,000.00 for the purchase of a "Tar Buggy". If agreeable with the Township attorney, all legal & engineering bills paid, the current maintenance bond, held by the Township, which comes up for renewal in July, can be released.

The Home Owners Associations will need to maintain the retention basins. Mr. Holweck provided a drainage map, which shows which lots drain to what basin.

Reports

Solicitor

- Calvary Chapel of Delta – the bond issue was resolved
- Municipal Ball Game date is Friday, May 12th

Manager/Treasurer

- General Fund - \$1,668,308.64
- Liquid Fuels Fund - \$585.42
- Sewage Fund - \$22,769.55
- Recreation Fund - \$5,039.80
- **Motion** authorizing the payment of reviewed bills was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.
- **Motion** approving the 2022 Volunteer Fire Credit for Whiteford & Delta-Cardiff VFC's was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

Public Works

For the past month, the road crew has been boom mowing, cleaning pipes, dirt road maintenance along with a few winter weather salt runs.

Supervisors

Supervisor Gemmill informed the Township received nice thank you notes from the Delta Area Senior Center, Mason-Dixon Community Services and the Youth Group.

- **Motion** to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 3/0.

The Peach Bottom Township **Board of Supervisor** met for a Special Meeting on **February 6, 2023** at 3:30 p.m. in the Municipal Office Building. Members present David Gemmill (Chair) and Andrew Jarvis.

Public Comment

Chip Diamond provided information Emergency Volunteer Credit information to the board.

New Business

Recreation Center Electrical upgrades to benefit the York County BBQ Festival held in June. Bids were presented for review

Mattlin Electric II	\$157,638.40
Precision Construction & Electrical LLC	\$182,152.00
Engles & Fahs, Inc.	\$219,000.00

The York County Commissioners, under the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund, granted the Township \$60,000.00 for the electrical upgrades. Currently remaining, after engineering and legal fees is approximately \$40,000.00. The BBQ Festival is a nice thing for the community. The board discussed spending this amount of money for a weekend event each year; other events do not require such electrical provisions. The organizers may want to consider moving the event to the fair grounds. They currently rent the cables and boxes for approximately \$15,000.00 each event. If the Township purchases the equipment, they may be open to liability.

- **Motion** to reject all bids was made by Supervisor Gemmill and 2nd by Supervisor Jarvis, vote 2/0.

Reports

Solicitor

ARS Realty, through their attorney, contacted him concerning 517 Aubel Road, the Amber Light Inn Motel located in the commercial zone. They are converting the existing 12 motel rooms into 8 units which will all contain a living space, kitchen, at least one bed room and bath room facilities. Their attorney suggested that since the zoning ordinance does not define motel or hotel that the use and occupancy permit allow extended stays beyond 30 days. Dwelling, under the Zoning Ordinance specifically excludes transient occupancy such as hotels.

Motion to inform the owner that the board does not permit stays beyond 30 days.

Supervisor Jarvis withdrew his motion

- **Motion** authorizing the Township attorney to advise the owners the Board has denied their request was made by Supervisor Jarvis and 2nd by Supervisor Gemmill, vote 2/0.

Public Works

Lancaster Truck Bodies will be ready for the 09 dump truck rail repair on February 20 and could take up to 2 weeks to complete. Supervisor Jarvis suggested the Township look into alternate snow removal of Delta Ridge, Poplar View Estates and Roycroft developments if a plow able event happens. The Township has the salt and a local contractor could provide crew & equipment.

- **Motion** to adjourn at 4:10 p.m. was made by Supervisor Jarvis and 2nd by Supervisor Gemmill, vote 2/0.