**JUNE 2023 MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Muncy Township Supervisors met in the Muncy Township Fire Hall on June 14, 2023. Matthew Doyle, Heath Ohnmeiss, Gwen Pidcoe, and Austin White (attorney) were present. The meeting was called to order by Matthew Doyle at 7:30 p.m.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Matthew Doyle motioned to accept the May minutes. Heath Ohnmeiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** The treasurer’s report for May 2023 was motioned for approval by Heath Ohnmeiss. Matthew Doyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**: Don Reese stated that the sub-division of Big Lots from the Lycoming mall property 2 plus acres has some recommendations. Has revised update but is still in need of a few things.

Stormwater management, NEPDES permit, Stamp from surveyor, decommissioning, fencing height. Donnie stated that final approval will not be given at this time.

Heath Ohnmeiss motioned to agree with the planning commission’s recommendations. Matthew Doyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS**:

Gary Jones Questioned the treasurers report for Christopher McKibben Sam’s club security.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that this was due to the security system at Sam’s Club going down and stating that by law they have to have armed security due to the pharmacy. It ended up the system was down Friday through Monday morning.

**FIRE COMPANY:** Report on File

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Report on file.

**ROAD MASTERS REPORT**: Report on File

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PERMIT OFFICER REPORT:** 0 zoning permits, 2 building permits.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lyc County Liquid Fuels Application**: this is to receive $1988.00 from the county in Liquid Fuels funds. Matthew Doyle motioned to sign the application. Heath Ohnmeiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Lecce Electric Contract for 2023:** The contract is for $8,300 to clean and adjust all 9 red lights in the Township. This needs to be done once a year. Heath Ohnmeiss motioned to sign the contract. Matthew Doyle seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**POND ROAD PAVING BID:** This Bid is to fix what was not done correctly last year in 2022 as well as pave this year. The total is $76,477.50 from HRI at which $40,000 is what is still owed for lasts year because we only made a partial payment due to issues with the final finish. Matthew Doyle motioned to approve the bid for Pond rd. Heath Ohnmeiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT BID:** The winning bidder of the project was Big Rock. To do the lower parking lot down by the fire company doors. The bid came in at $46,178.75. Heath Ohnmeiss motioned to accept the bid from Big rock. Matthew Doyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2023-06 FIRE CO EVENTS:** This bis for June 17, 2023, live burn in State College to finish their essentials class.

Matthew Doyle motioned to approve the resolution. Heath Ohnmeiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**:

* **SAFETY MINUTES**: Matthew Doyle motioned to accept the safety minutes for May. Heath Ohnmeiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**REVIEW MONTHLY BILLS:** Heath Ohnmeiss motioned to pay monthly bills. Matthew Doyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Denise Artley is there any new information on the RCAP Grant?

Gwen Pidcoe stated that the Township has turned in all the information that the State requested. We just wait for the State.

Charlie Bush with what is going on at the mall someone at that table needs to be at the commissioners meeting. This is an important project. I don’t know how you feel about this project. I am part owner of the VIWY we have a vested interest in this township. WYNO Farms still owns a lot of land in this township. We need you to step up, this is why you were elected.

Gary Jones Farmvest was not at the commissioners meeting last meeting. They should be there tomorrow. We have a lot of questions. You can use the Arp money for administrative.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that we are trying to very careful about how the money is spent. If we spend it on something we should not, then the tax payers will have to pay this money back to the federal government. We are trying to be responsible.

Ann Smith questioned why we went with the most expensive medical insurance.

Heath Ohnmeiss stated that we did not go with the most expensive. We picked a plan that was similar wo what the employees currently have.

Ann Smith, any consideration for the employees to pay for their benefits?

Heath Ohnmeiss no, if we want to keep employees and good employees, we kept it the way it has been for years. We could lose employees.

Ann Smith, I do not agree that employees are getting free healthcare.

Denise Artley how long had the employees been getting free health care?

Gwen Pidcoe I will be going on 11 years and this was in affect way before I started for the township.

Paula Miller I don’t think it is fair employees get free healthcare when residents cant afford to pay for their own healthcare.

Marian Charles is the mall in commercial. Does the Township have a say in what happens here, I here they are planning residential.

Matthew Doyle stated that the Township does have a say.

Charlie Bush I have seen Farmvest improvements they have made in other locations. The improvements that have been done, have been done right and they are really nice when they are done. Right now the mall is a blighted area.

Linda Hartley I agree with Ann and Paula. I have no retirement and no insurance. I have been retired for 15 years. The County does not give free health care and they are still bale to run the county and keep dependable people.

Terry Lauchle we are concerned with the developers intentions and what they are planning on doing. I was surprised who showed and the township was not there. We should have the power not them. We are farmers we live paycheck to paycheck. With the healthcare the residents are struggling and just because you have been getting free healthcare for years does not mean it has to stay that way.

Charlie Bush we didn’t know about the tax increase. Why did we need to have an increase when there in money in the treasury.

Matthew Doyle stated that this is all discussed during the budget meeting in which everyone was invited. It is brought up during the meetings as well as advertised in the newspaper.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that we have money put back in savings account to purchase equipment when needed and other repairs that may be needed.

Austin white Attorney: reminder you ask the supervisors a question.

Charlie Bush you just pipe down we own this township.

Austin White this is public comment I can have you removed.

Charlie Bush I would like to see you try.

Denise Artley we had more money at the end of 2022 than 2 years before.

Terry Lauchle We as residents are scrapping by. We hope that you are spending our money wisely. $8,460 a month for health care is expensive. How many employees is this for.

Matthew Doyle stated it is for 4 employees.

Ann Smith stated now it is 8800 a month.

Terry Lauchle this is why this is a concern. We pay a lot in taxes. We are not comfortable with what is taking place.

John Iseley we have to pay our insurance when retired. It is hard on the retired people. A ½ a mill is a lot.

Paula Miller you could ask the residents to help in finding cheaper equipment. We cant keep reaching into our pockets. WE have to pay for health care insurance for employees that don’t even live in this township except for one of them.

Terry Lauchle my husband is retired and we have 10 children, 4 are still at home. We have to pay insurance for ourselves.

Matthew Doyle What you don’t understand is we see these same issues as well. I am just at a lose for words with the comments.

Terry Lauchle we would really like to see your concern.

Heath Ohnmeiss the only issue I see is if we make employees pay for their insurance will lose at least 2 of them and they are great employees

Terry Lauchle then say goodbye to them.

Denise Artley do they not agree to pay for part of their healthcare?

Heath Ohnmeiss We would lose employees that are good at their jobs this is something that I will not budge on.

Terry Lauchle we are good with new employees just deal with it.

Heath Ohnmeiss there are a lot of companies out there that pay for there employees healthcare to retain employees. People don’t want to work and businesses are having a hard time as it is keeping employees let alone good employees.

Gary Jones questioned whether the budget meeting is open to the public. I will be ready. If you took the $3500. Deductible and gave each employee a $1.50 an hour raise we could save $14,000.

Charlie Bush would you be interested in talking to Farmvest I can set up a meeting.

Matthew Doyle stated that they would be interested.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that we did not know that Farmvest was going to be at the commissioners meeting last week. We do not get an agenda from the County and I don’t get a newspaper.

We would like to see them come and talk to us.

Don Reese we can beat this up till the sun comes down. We just want you to watch how the tax payers money is spent. People the hospitals are short staffed. There is something going on, they cant keep employees and other businesses are having the same issue. I think we need to keep our employees that we have so we don’t have the same issues. You have know clue about how much other people pay in taxes in other townships. This township is by far one of the lowest. I have rentals and what I pay in taxes there is double what we pay here in our township. And the school taxes is were the issue is not here. I would like to retain our current employees. I am in the same boat as everyone else, I am also retired.

Charlie Bush, if we have a surplus this year can the taxes be pulled back.

Matthew Doyle stated that could be an option.

Gary Jones stated that we have $190,000 that has not been touched in years.

Gwen Pidcoe stated that we have to keep a percentage in a rainy-day fund per state requirement.

Ann smith can you confirm this signature on the mileage increase.

Adjourn meeting- Heath Ohnmeiss motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm Matthew Doyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.