

NEW BUSINESS Community Development Director Niewiadomski reviewed his October 12, 2016
RO 16-880002 Kost memo regarding the proposed rezoning

Musselman moved, Ross seconded, to adopt Rezoning Ordinance 16-880002, James Kost BC to R3, on First Reading

AYES: Balzer, Ross, Daggy, Mosier, Galardi, Seeger, Musselman

NAYS: None Motion carried.

Snow Removal Map Manager Taylor and Community Development Director Niewiadomski reviewed
Res 2016-10-62 the staff report dated October 19, 2016 regarding snow removal requirements, which are defined in the Complete the Streets Ordinance. They explained the snow removal plan for sidewalks and shared use pathways, and answered questions from the Board.

The discussion included the following: the Township's responsibility vs the property owner's responsibility, for both sidewalks and pathways; the future Herbison Road project and snow removal for the same; a section of walkway at Four Seasons Apartments which is sometimes under water; snow removal on Schavey Road and Old US27.

Balzer moved, Daggy seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-10-62, based on a finding that it satisfies the criteria under Section 34-7 of the Codified Ordinance for the Township's annual sidewalk and pathway snow removal map.

AYES: Musselman, Seeger, Galardi, Mosier, Daggy, Ross, Balzer

NAYS: None Motion carried.

Renewal MacKenzie Community Development Director Tory Niewiadomski reviewed his memo,
Clark Road Pit dated October 18, 2016, regarding SUP 13-990002- and the renewal request,
SUP 13-990002 from E. T. MacKenzie for their Clark Road Pit where they are excavating soil and minerals. He noted that the site has been inspected and the operation is being conducted in compliance with the Special Use Permit.

Also discussed: how the revised complaint process is working and the one complaint received on October 18th of this year.

Mosier stated that although she feels she must support this renewal request, she certainly understands the exasperation of the residents in the area with an operation that is now approaching 40 years.

Ron Clark, representing E. T. MacKenzie, answered questions from the Board regarding the expected future life of the mining operation.

Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the renewal of SUP 13-990002 for the existing excavation operation conducted by E.T. MacKenzie Company for property located at 1300 E. Clark Road in Section 22 for an additional one (1) year. Motion voted and carried.

Consideration of
IPMC Changes

Chief Building Official Rau reviewed his memo, dated October 19, 2016, which proposed the following changes to Sections of the IPMC: 1)misc changes to landscaping, grounds, and weeds (Sec 302.4); Notice and removal of noxious weeds (Sec 302.4.2)and Motor Vehicles (302.8).

The proposed changes and processes for enforcement of the IPMC were discussed. It was the consensus that the proposed changes should be rewritten by the Chief Building Official and returned to the Board for approval.

The Board thanked Manager Taylor and Chief Building Official Rau for their willingness to keep the Ordinance responsive to the residents' needs.

Police Software
Agreements

Chief Russell explained the agreements and the proposed software purchases which are largely funded with a grant to Clinton County 911. Both Manager Taylor and Chief Russell agree that this partnership with Clinton County will benefit public safety in the entire region. Chief Russell made one correction to the DeWitt Township Police Number of Units.

Mosier moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the following and authorize the execution of the same: 1)the Inter-Local Agreement with Clinton County Communications 2)Memorandum of Understanding with Clinton County 3)Memorandum of Understanding with Clinton County/Supplements Inter-Local Agreement. Motion voted and carried.

2017 Budget
Adoption

Manager Taylor explained the changes to the 2017 Budget which have been added and briefly discussed at the Public Hearing.

Greg Whitlock, 12625 US27 asked questions regarding the budget, and specifically the funding of the MERS Pension liability for Police.

Manager Taylor explained the work to date to define the funding of the plan, and noted that the Board has discussed this issue several times. He will continue to keep the Board up to date on the issue that many government units are facing.

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adopt Resolutions 2016-10-60 and 2016-10-61 adopting the 2017 Budget and authorizing the budget appropriations.

AYES: Balzer, Musselman, Seeger, Galardi, Mosier, Daggy, Ross

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

2017 Wage Scale

Manager Taylor presented a copy of the proposed 2017 Classification and Wage Scale which reflected a 2% increase for non-union employees. He also noted that Department Heads contracts will reflect the same increases as other non-union employees.

Clerk Mosier questioned why the initial 2.5% increase has been reduced to 2%. She provided some additional information for justification of the higher raise that was initially proposed. She also noted the unions' proposed 3% increase for 2017. She pointed out that the non-union employees do not create any future liability for the Township since they have defined contribution pension plans versus the huge liability that the union (MERS) defined benefit pension plan creates. She concluded with stating that even at a 2.5% increase, the non-union employees will again remain lower than the union employees.

In response to the Board's questions, Manager Taylor noted that the 2017 Budget will handle a 2.5% increase. Trustee Balzer questioned whether alternatives to the pension plan might be more appropriate than the additional ½% increase discussed.

Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to approve the 2017 Classification and Wage Scale, with a 2.5% wage increase, and to approve an increase in department head salaries to equal the non-union employees' increase of 2.5% effective January 1, 2017. Motion voted and carried.

Water Improvement
Fund Ordinance-
Discussion

Manager Taylor's memo regarding the possibility of the Township considering a Water Improvement Fund Ordinance, dated October 21, 2016, was discussed at length.

It was determined that Manager Taylor will continue to investigate this matter and report to the Board at a later date.

REPORTS &

Fire Marshal DeKorte reported the following: Bill Purves (former Fire service) has passed, the Fire Department participated in his service, and the Board sent flowers: the Fire Department Open House partnership with the City was a success; the Fire Department participated in the DeWitt Homecoming Parade

and the Band Competition; the Fire Department participated in a Bath Township house fire through Auto-Aid.

Chief Russell reported on an incident that happened today at LAFCU.

Community Development Director Niewiadomski provided an update on recent projects being handled by the Planning Department.

Manager Taylor reported the following: it appears that there will be a Remy Chandler Drain special assessment in 2017; the Clinton County Economic Alliance has been working to bring a new business into Clark Corners; the owners of the former L & L have an approved demolition permit; Zeeb Pet Health Center is also scheduled for demolition.

Trustee Ross commented positively on the Schavey Road project.

Trustee Musselman thanked the Township Board/Staff for supporting the Rotary luncheon which was a success.

Clerk Mosier updated the Board on the upcoming election details for the Township.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor