

The Board of Supervisors met at the Township Office Building for their regular meeting on February 20, 2025, 7:30PM with Lowell Fry, Mark Erb & Randy Fox present. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the February 6th Work Session and the February 6th Meeting were distributed. **Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the February 6th Work Session and February 6th Minutes as presented; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Jason Riggle distributed and reviewed the January statistics which included 217 Incident Reports, 4 Criminal Arrests, 24 Traffic Accidents, 36 Traffic Citations, 38 Traffic Warnings, 3 Non-Traffic Citations and 72 Offenses. Chief Riggle also reviewed the 2024 Manheim Borough Police Annual Report with the Board. The report is online on the Manheim Borough Crime Watch website for anyone to read. In 2024 the department consisted of 17 full-time sworn police officers and an office manager. They are currently in the process to obtain 2 more qualified police officers so that the total full-time police officers would be 19. The department consists of Chief of Police, 2 Sargeant, 2 Corporals, 3 Detectives, a School Resource Officer and 8 Patrol Officers. The 2024 Crime Clearance Rate was 74%. In 2024 there were 15 dogs recovered in Rapho Township with SPCA picking up 5 of those.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Manheim Fire Department

Andrew Kirchner reported that for the quarter November through January there was a total of 129 calls (26 in Rapho) and 28 mutual aid calls to outside companies. The average time per incident was 39 minutes. The average number of members responding on the daytime shift was 5, night shift 7 and weekend shift 7 with the busiest day of the week being Wednesday and the busiest time 5AM – 5PM.

Dan Reif reported the fund drive went really well this year, raising \$152,825. He reviewed the year-end financial reports with the Board. Mr. Reif said the department appreciates the Board's support and the support of the residents. He said the department could not survive without each of them. Mr. Kirchner reported the Fire Department's Truck Committee has not made a lot of progress on their search to replace a truck that is 23 years old which will have a cost of approximately \$2,000,000.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeannette Carter of 1462 Fieldstone Drive presented 2 petitions with signatures from 74 households in The Greens and Elm Tree South HOA opposing the proposed Ball Field Lighting Project in the Rapho Township Community Park because of what they feel will be a negative impact on neighborhood security, noise, light pollution, increased traffic and decrease of property values. Ms. Carter also had a concern for the wear and tear of the park from people outside of their neighborhood and the increased maintenance it may cause. She said their evenings would be changed since the hours of operation for the park would be increased. She is asking the Board to not go forward with the proposed project and to withdraw their grant application for lights at the ball fields. She feels that as elected officials the Board should get feedback from the community when considering projects like this. Mr. Fox said he had been at the park watching youth softball games several times last year. He said as the municipality grows so does the population and the number of families with kids

increases and therefore the need for ball fields goes up. The number of church leagues is also growing. Ms. Carter feels the Board should look somewhere else to purchase land for fields instead of lighting the ones currently in the Rapho Park. Mr. Fry commended Ms. Carter on her efforts but said the amount of money it would take to go purchase and prepare ground for other fields would be too costly. He said with the growing demand he feels it would be better to take the assets the township has and use them to their full potential. Manheim has over 30 teams without counting the teams in Mount Joy. There are multiple leagues with both male and female teams for both youth and adults. Ms. Carter feels the impact is too great for the community surrounding the park and feels that the leagues should be raising money to pay for their own fields somewhere else. She feels the expense should not fall on the township.

David Sauder of 1523 Fieldstone Drive asked if this would bring a change to the park ordinance with the park hours being extended. Mr. Fry said the Board needs to get the grant first and then will need to change the rules and regulations allowing the park to be opened after dusk for scheduled ball games.

Judy Schmidt of 1409 Barrington Drive said her concern is the increased demand for the park this may cause. She asked if there will be a set number of games that are played at Rapho Park during a specific time or if they will be revolving games in which the fields are used constantly. If there is such an increase in field usage it will no longer be fun for those living there. She feels this park was designed for rural recreation. She would like to see more communication concerning what changes are needed for growing demands including what guidelines there will be with increased usage of the park and she would also like to know what the boundaries for this usage would be set.

Robin Price of 1460 Fieldstone Drive said her house looks directly at the park. She said the park is maintained very well and she feels it is a wonderful community. She has a concern about security with increased hours for the park. She doesn't feel ball games need to be played till 10 or 11 in the evening. Ms. Price feels the increased traffic to the park will not only be from ball players and their families but from others since the park will be lit. She also has a concern about parking and feels there will be a lot of traffic congestion.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - None

PLANNING

Justin Rule
1749 Iron Bridge Road
Stormwater Management Plan RT #24-451
Landworks

Mr. Fox made a motion to release the Financial Security for the Justin Rule Stormwater Management Plan #24-451 located at 1749 Iron Bridge Road; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fox made a motion to schedule the Conditional Use Hearing #2025-53 for Jay L. & Carol J. Mylin for property located at 1592 Old Line Road to be held at the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting on April 3, 2025 at 7:30 PM; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the request from Penn Township for Mastersonville Special Fire Police to provide security, traffic, and crowd control for the Penryn Fire Company Mud Sale, on Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 8:00AM to 5:00PM; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

Mr. Fox made a motion to approve the capacity request from Core5 Industrial Partners for 12 EDUs of water service for their project bordered by Main St. (PA 230) and Strickler Road and authorize the township manager to notify the Borough Authority of the allocation; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notification of Request to Amend the West Hempfield Zoning Ordinance

Notification of an Appeal of Local Agency Action with the Lancaster County Prothonotary – Z Team Limited Partnership

Letter from residents with concerns regarding proposed ballfield lighting – 1460 Fieldstone Dr - Gary & Robin Price

PA DEP – Administrative Completeness Letter – 190 Shellyland Rd – Reworld Manheim, LLC

2024 Disclosure State – Pennsylvania Municipalities Pension Trust

APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENT LIST AND APPROVAL OF CAPITAL TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND – Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the disbursement list and pay the bills and to transfer \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

There being no further public business or public comments, the meeting adjourned at 8:14PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melva J. Kready
Recording Secretary