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March 20, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The March 20, 2020 meeting of the Madison Township Supervisors was called to order by Robert Deihl at 7:00PM. Also attending the meeting were Ron Sheatler and Terry Rider.

Pledge

Guests in Attendance: Diana Leighow, Sandy Whispell, Connie Crawford, Matthew Sheatler, Nancy Welliver

New Business:

F550 Replacement Truck – Spent a day travelling, looking at trucks and realize that \$25,000 is not enough for a decent truck for the township. Looked at 2 trucks for \$10,000 that needed new box and had electrical issues. Mt. Pocono had \$32,000 truck that was worse than what we have. Found a 2019 Ford F550 Diesel Heavy Duty with gross weight 19,500 for \$59,700 at Sunbury Motors. Also found a 2019 Ford Gas with gross weight 18,000 for \$49,300. Current truck has gross weight of 17,500. Terry Rider says need more than one day looking at trucks. Ron Sheatler is partial to the Gas because it is less expensive initially, as well as, less upkeep each year in comparison with the Diesel. Robert Deihl's first choice is the Diesel because it will perform the tasks that the township needs with the extra power. Terry Rider says it would be good to do some more looking around. He spoke with some other municipalities and businesses for information on gas versus diesel. Some went with gas and some with diesel so it is all dependent on personal use and opinion. Lengthy discussion on the differences between diesel and gasoline engines and what the pros and cons are of each.

Motion: Ron Sheatler makes a motion to take a vote on gas versus diesel for this truck purchase. Nancy Welliver states that would limiting the options by voting like that. Ron Sheatler agrees and **rescinds** his motion to vote gas versus diesel.

Discussed options for temporarily putting off the purchase of a new truck by adding a coal shoot or side discharge spreader belt to one of the larger trucks the township already has. This would give them time for more research and shopping around for the best price and options.

Motion: Terry Rider makes a motion to table the purchase for research of 2 or 3 different trucks until one of the next 2 meetings. **No second** is provided.

Secretary inquires if a coal shoot or belt spreader are added to one of the larger trucks, do we really need another 550. All supervisors say yes. Ron Sheatler states he came on to the board to help with finance and put more money towards the roads but feels that is not happening and he is done. Once a replacement Supervisor is found for Terry Rider, he is planning to resign.

Motion by Robert Deihl 2nd by Ronald Sheatler. Terry Rider opposed. Motion Carried.

Motion: To buy the 2019 Ford F550 Diesel truck

Other Township Business

Terry Rider reads resignation letter from March 11, 2020. He is resigning for health and personal reasons.

Motion by Robert Deihl 2nd by Ronald Sheatler. Motion Carried.

Motion: Accept Terry Rider resignation.

Motion by Robert Deihl 2nd by Ronald Sheatler. Motion Carried.

Motion: Advertise for interested supervisor.

Terry Rider provides information he has been working on that will be taken over by the other supervisors.

Diana Leighow inquires when the Valley road culvert work will be starting. Terry Rider said they were to start assembling the culverts on March 16, but they are working on Steves Road pipe for now, hauling in shale first then starting.

Meeting for Dust Oil is to be held on March 25th at 1:00pm.
Connie Crawford says her office is closed currently.
Audit is still in progress.

Adjournment:

Motion by Robert Deihl 2nd by Ron Sheatler. Motion Carried.

Motion: Adjourned at 8:23PM

Respectfully submitted,


Rachel Young
Secretary/Treasurer