

Slippery Rock Township Supervisors

Minutes for: 3/13/2023

Chairman Paul Dickey called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors John Hines and Terry Doerr, plus Engineer, David Neill, whom attended via zoom. Two members of the public also attended.

John Hines made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2023 regular meeting, approve and pay the bills and approve the financial report. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Comment(s)

Terri Schultz- Introduced herself and announced her candidacy for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County.

Justin Zackal from SRU reported that the new SRU President will be on campus March 22nd and there will be a welcome event at 12:30 p.m. and the public is welcome. Commencement will be held May 5th & 6th. Students are on spring break and back Monday, 3/20/23. Enrollment is 7709 students for this spring. The board discussed some issues with students in off-campus sites and the manners that the student act towards the fire company and the police causing a very unsafe environment. Justin indicated that he may speak to some personnel at SRU about this issue.

Engineer's Report- David Neill

Salt Shed – Township to process order through Sourcewell. EADS can assist as needed. Updated pricing to provide 31' of clearance is \$118,142.38. Discussion ensued.

Grants:

- **Kiester Road PennDOT Multi Modal** transportation fund grant application. Announcement pushed until March 2023; have not heard anything yet.
- **BC Infrastructure Bank** – Received \$176,900.00 funding. 10% match with the money to be used for storm sewer and drainage improvements. This grant is impacted by the announcement of the Kiester Road PennDOT Multi Model grant; waiting to move on.
- **CDBG** funds for McCandless Road reconstruction. Waiting for the survey information and then prioritize where to start with that project.

SRU Dams & Stream Restoration Project. Report and plans were received by David showing the process of removing the upstream dams in the stream and make is run straight through adding a riffle banks etc. to create some areas to slow the flow Trying to make it more of a natural looking stream then the straight storm channel. Big concern; they are not planning on doing any work at the East Lake or the outflow under Kiester Road within this project, but may address in 2024. David Neill and Mark Lazzari reviewed the Land Development process – they feel that this is mostly handled through DEP. A lengthy discussion ensued with Paul highlighting that the 2 year plan taking the dams out will increase the velocity not retaining the water, which the dams did retain some flow, if SRU wants to piece mill this project they should start at the low end and take care of the water with the pond and the pipe under Kiester Road then proceed up stream. Dave continued and reported on the NPDES permitting.

The board agrees that the lower end, East Lake and pipe under Kiester Road, needs to be projected first and then proceed up stream plus the stormwater retention needs to be addressed on the campus.

David Neill will draft letter to SRU and the Conservation District that the TWP is not in favor of the project as presented.

Plan(s) submitted for approval- None

Other Business

- **Real Estate Tax Collector** – convention (travel expenses & registration fee). The board would like a summary of the convention (where it will be held etc.) how the new accounting program is to be used and the costs of the proposed expenses.
- **Notary – renew license.**

John Hines made a motion to approve Vonnie Hogg to renew her Notary License with the Township paying for the expenses of all the essentials of the Notary Reappointment package through Pennsylvania Association of Notaries. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- **Salt Shed** – updated pricing of \$118,142.38 to provide for 31’ of height clearance. David Neill and the board reviewed this during the engineer report.

John Hines made a motion to approve the Salt Shed updated pricing of \$118,142.38 to provide for 31’ of clearance. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- **Resolution # 23-3-1** – personal policy changes. The board elected to review at the next meeting.
- **University Village** – 3/4/23 unpermitted outdoor event. A lengthy discussion ensued. Paul will visit the property tomorrow.

Terry Doerr made a motion to proceed to site the University Village for violation of the TWP Ordinance. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- **CDBG** – 1st public hearing 3/27/23 at 2:45 p.m.

Paul Dickey made a motion to set the first 2023 CDBG meeting for 3/27/23 at 2:45 p.m. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- **Unique Stone Construction** – proposal of 3-way light switches in the kitchen and small office. Any drywall patching will be done and painted A discussion ensued.

Terry Doerr made a motion to approve the submitted proposal by Unique Stone Construction, Inc. for 3-way switches and drywall patching and finishing. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- **PennDOT letter of support** – Senator Casey and Senator Fetterman. Paul read the letter to the board and a brief discussion ensued hi-lighting that these projects provide vital links to the transportation network and are very critical to the flow of commerce and commuting traffic in our region.

John Hines made a motion to support the PennDOT letter to Senator Casey and Senator Fetterman as submitted. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- **PennDOT letter of support** – Congressman Kelly. Paul read the letter to the board and a brief discussion ensued hi-lighting in particular projects in Butler County to improve the safety, repair and efficiency of our community roads.

John Hines made a motion to support the PennDOT letter to Congressman Kelly as submitted. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- **Copier for office - Quotes.** A brief discussion ensued. The office to provide additional information for the board to review.

Correspondence

- **DEP – NPDES Stormwater Construction permits.** David Neill noted that this is just a reminder letter on NPDES requirements and the Township has a good history of requiring compliance from developers.
- **ZHB Public Hearing 4/12/2023** at 1:00 p.m. McDeavitt Variance. No action needed.
- **PSATS 2023 Proposed By-Law Amendment** - for dues increase. A brief discussion ensued. *Paul Dickey made a motion to accept the 2023 Proposed PSATS dues increase. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*


Paul Dickey is the voting delegate at the general session being held on April 25, 2023.

Additional or Further Business (add/change by motion) - None


Executive Session

The board went into executive session at 8:54 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 9:09 p.m. No decisions were made at this time.

Terry Doerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



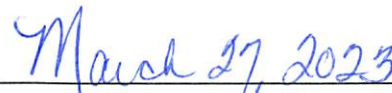
 Chairman, Paul A. Dickey




 Minutes submitted by Vonnie Hogg



 Vice-chairman, John W. Hines



 Date approved



 Supervisor, Terry L. Doerr