

Slippery Rock Township Supervisors

Minutes for: 09/11/2023

Chairman, Paul Dickey called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. In attendance was Supervisor, Terry Doerr, Vice Chairman, John Hines, along with township engineer, Dave Neill, and planner/assistant zoning officer, Mark Lazzari. Three members of the public attended.

John Hines made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2023 regular meeting plus, approve and pay the bills and approve the financial report. Terry Doerr seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Comment(s)

Justin Zackal, SRU, reported that, preliminarily, the enrollment at Slippery Rock University is up this year. The enrollment numbers will be confirmed on October 9, 2023 through the State system. The ROTC will have a training activity on September 22, 2023, where they will be landing three Blackhawk helicopters on Dr. Watson's farm off of Route 173 South. The Inauguration Ceremony for the new SRU President will be held on November 3, 2023 at 11:00 am. Fall Break for SRU students is October 8, 2023 – October 10, 2023, classes will resume on October 11, 2023. Homecoming will be held the weekend of October 20 – October 22, 2023.

Plan(s)

McDowell Farm Lot Line Revision #2 – Mark Lazzari reported that this plan was presented at the SRPC meeting. The SRPC gave favorable review of the plan and forwarded to the Supervisors for final approval.

Terry Doerr made a motion to approve the McDowell Farm Lot Line Revision #2, John Hines seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Cozy Homes Land Development – submitted, reviewed and due to items that need to be addressed, the item was tabled.

Engineer's Report – Dave Neill

PennDOT Multi Modal Grant – SR Twp received \$790,000 to continue the drainage, widening, overlay and general rebuild of the entire road section on Kiester Road and potentially some safety improvements at the intersection with Route 8. This grant requires a 30% match of \$237,000 by the Township. Tracy Frampton spoke with the County and PennDOT and PennDOT stated that SR Twp cannot use County ARPA funds for the match due to them both being from the same pool of funding. A discussion ensued.

CDBG funds for McCandless Road reconstruction – 2021 funding is approximately \$90,000 with 2022 being the same. 2022 funding was released from DCED to the County on 7/24/23. The EADS Group is planning for a Winter design, advertising in the Spring and for Summer 2024 construction.

Kiester Road Stormwater, Sewer & Shoulder project update – bids were opened today. Eight bids were received. The low bidder is Mortimer’s Excavating at \$181, 075.00. Other bids received were as follows:

Puryear Excavating	\$188,550.00	Glenn O. Hawbaker	\$337,701.25
Terra Works	\$291,191.00	J. S. Bova	\$380,070.00
Thomas	\$304,345.00	Advanced Contracting	\$569,230.00
Mealy	\$318,150.00		

John Hines made a motion to award the Kiester Road Stormwater, Sewer & Shoulder project to Mortimer’s at \$181,075.00, Terry Doerr seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Planner’s Report – Mark Lazzari

A lot of inquiries and compliance certificates are currently being issued in SR Twp. There is still a lot of activity that is happening in the Township.

Other Business

PMRS - 2024 MMO – Annual report for the Slippery Rock Township Pension Plan – Details the amount which SR Township is obligated to pay toward the PMRS pension plan.

Paul Dickey made a motion to approve the numbers on the Minimum Obligation Worksheet (MMO), John Hines seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Quotes for parking lot crack sealing, paving & line painting – A quote from Pave Care, LLC. was discussed at the last Supervisors’ meeting on 08/28/2023. An additional quote was received, prior to this meeting, from Fulena Pavers, Inc. in the amount of \$9,961.00. A discussion ensued about these two quotes. Other email requests were sent out, but these were the only two quotes received back by the Township.

Paul Dickey made a motion to award the project to Fulena Pavers, Inc. at \$9,961.00, John Hines seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Direct Deposit –A discussion ensued about affording Township employees the option of direct deposit for their pay.

Paul Dickey made a motion to approve allowing SR Township employees the option of Direct Deposit for their paychecks, John Hines seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Local Share Account Statewide Program – grant applications begin September 1, 2023 – discussion ensued.

2024 Budget – possible equipment purchases and projects – Looking into various options for budget items.

SEI quote – hydraulic thumb for JCB backhoe – discussion ensued about different possibilities for this type of attachment.

162 Miller Road – complaint received about the drainage ditch at this address. Road Foreman, Jason Allen and Supervisor, Paul Dickey investigated this complaint. No action needed at this time.

Case Sabatini – management representative letter and engagement letter – Case Sabatini needs the engagement letter signed and the management representative letter for the 2022 audit. Currently their files are incomplete.

Terry Doer made a motion to approve signing the management representative letter and the engagement letter for the 2022 audit completed by Case Sabatini, John Hines seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

BCATO – safety training – 10/11/23 Herman Fire Hall – available for any Township employee that would like to attend.

Paul Dickey made a motion to approve the Township paying for employee attendance, at the cost of \$20 per person, at the BCATO Safety Training on 10/11/2023, Terry Doerr seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Retirement party for past employees – cater in a meal for Karen, Vonnie, Randy & Leroy and families and fellow employees.

Paul Dickey made a motion to approve the retirement party planning and the expense to the Township to host the party contingent on the approval from the solicitor for this expense by the Township, John Hines seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

GPS Receiver approx. cost \$3,000 – Roadmaster would like to mark all of the signs, road drains, roads, etc. via GPS. This can also be used to mark set backs and store information from property investigations and various other uses that will be useful to the Township. The Road Crew has borrowed the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority's unit to test.

Terry Doerr made a motion to approve the purchase of a GPS Receiver unit, John Hines seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Butler County SALDO – proposed updates - informational regarding the updates made to the Butler County SALDO.

Columbia Gas – Etna Road Pipeline Project - received a larger, more readable map and plan from Columbia Gas regarding this project. Columbia Gas will need a Road Bond in place before work begins. May also need to require a maintenance bond for this project.

Capital Projects Fund – Broadband Infrastructure Program: Challenge Process and Local Government Input –Kalie Snyder, Outreach & Engagement Manager for the PA Department of Community & Economic Development, emailed a request for Local Government input on the proposed projects under the Capital Projects fund.

Paul Dickey made a motion to give local input on the proposed project under the Capital Projects fund for this project, John Hines seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

eCodes Organization Analysis – eCodes has stated that they will continue to incorporate ordinance amendments throughout the entire Code project up until they create and deliver the Draft of the Code. If new ordinances are adopted up until that point in the process, they will continue to include them while working on the Code project. The Township has completed this Organization Analysis and forwarded it on to the solicitor for comments.

Doug Duncan tax letter – letter to the IRS stating that Doug Duncan is not reimbursed for any incidental work-related expenses by Slippery Rock Township.

Paul Dickey made a motion to ratify the signing of the letter to the IRS regarding work related expenses for Doug Duncan, Terry Doerr seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Annual Inspection of the fire alarms systems at all student housing developments – recommended by the SRVFD Fire Chief that the Township implement an alarm inspection system for student housing as there is currently not an ordinance in place regarding this topic. Township solicitor, Mike Hnath, advises that the Township not implement an ordinance at this time.

Correspondence

Commonwealth of PA – Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) – SRU Foundation police – ROTC project - correspondence received from Casey Satzler, RACP Associate, acknowledging receipt of the grant application for the ROTC-Police Station Facility project that is being funded under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP).

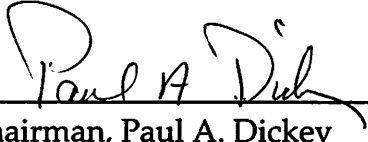
Additional or Further Business

John Hines asked if the issues presented by Cindy Russell-Lynch, 327 Crestview Road, at the 08/14/2023 Supervisors’ meeting have been adequately investigated and addressed. After discussion with Mark Lazzari, it was decided that all issues have been addressed.

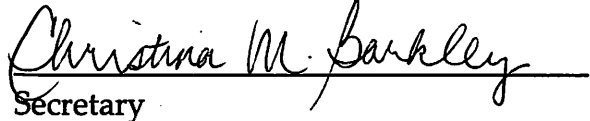
John Hines asked for clarification as to which sections of Kiester House Road and Kiester Road are Township owned and maintained and which sections are PennDOT owned and maintained. A discussion ensued for clarification purposes.

Adjourn Meeting

Terry Doerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. John Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.



Chairman, Paul A. Dickey



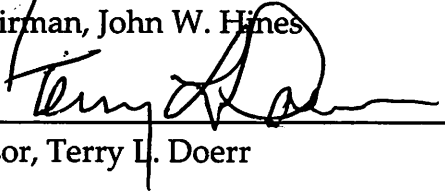
Secretary



Vice-chairman, John W. Hines

9/25/23

Date approved



Supervisor, Terry L. Doerr