

Center Township
Board of Supervisors
February 11, 2020
Minutes

A business meeting of the Center Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Office in Rogersville. Present were Edward A. "Butch" Deter, Chairman, Paul Cook, Vice Chairman, Harry Gillispie, Supervisor and N. Dawn Horr, Secretary. Visitors were Michele Katchmark, Jason Henry (Greer Industries), Brian Yocum (Bruceton Petroleum), Tim Mohny (Youngblood Paving) and Dave Brendel.

Paul made a motion to approve the minutes of the January organizational and business meeting as read. Harry seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Harry made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Paul seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Dave Brendel presented photocopies of newspaper articles regarding glass recycling in Washington County. He stated that he would be meeting with the Greene County commissioners to discuss the recycling program. Butch stated that the commissioners attended the township official quarterly county association meeting in January and the recycling program was discussed then as well.

The bids for stone were opened and read. The tabulations follow the minutes. Bids were received from three companies, Greer Limestone Co., Laurel Aggregates and Hanson Aggregates. Harry made a motion to award the bid contract to Laurel Aggregates for all the stone as they were the lowest bidder overall. Paul seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Two bids were opened and read for the diesel fuel. The bid from Stuck Enterprises was \$1.76 per gallon and the bid from Bruceton Petroleum, Inc. was \$1.7312. Harry made a motion to award the contract to Bruceton Petroleum, Inc. and Paul seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Yocum suggested that the wording on the bid documents be revised in the future removing the "opis average" and stating "rack average". He stated that more companies would bid if we did so.

The bids for the road materials and equipment rental were opened and read. Bids were received from Russell Standard Corp., Youngblood Paving and Midland Asphalt Materials. Bid tabulations will follow the minutes. The totals for Russell Standard were \$991,600 for the materials and \$2,680/hour for the equipment rental. The totals for Youngblood Paving were \$931,750 for the materials and \$2,060/hour for the equipment rental. Midland Asphalt's bid did not include the asphalt binder or the equipment rental as required so it was not considered. After reviewing the bids Harry made a motion to award the contract to Youngblood Paving as the lowest bidder. Paul seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Paul made a motion to increase the hourly wage for the operator/laborers by \$.50 per hour retroactive from January 1, 2020 making their hourly wage \$20.25. Harry seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. Harry made a motion to pass the benefit changes given to the working supervisors to the employees. The 1st day of deer season paid holiday is now a floating holiday that can be used at anytime and the maximum amount of sick time/days that may be carried over was increased from 360 hours/36 days to 480 hours/48 days. Paul seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

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The streetlights have been upgraded to new more energy efficient LED lights. The first partial month bill is already \$47.00 lower.

A motion was made by Harry to write letters to Senator Bartolotta and Representative Snyder allowing sheriff's departments to have full police powers and opposing the governor's proposal to impose a state police fee. Paul seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Paul made a motion to include building inspections/permits to the duties of the township engineer Harshman CE Group. Harry seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Harry read the engineer's monthly report and planned EQT activity report.

Harry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Paul and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Secretary