

Members present at the Regular Business Meeting: Arlind Karpuzi, Chairperson; Beverly Jordan, Vice Chair; Brandon Forbes; Shirley Hollibaugh; and Jennifer Mann. Also present were: Daniel Mator, Township Manager; Gavin Robb, Township Solicitor; and Scott Shoup, Township Engineer.

OPEN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Chairman Karpuzi opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll Call taken by Mr. Mator – Quorum present

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tim Resciniti of 1006 York Way

- Mr. Resciniti requested that the Township inform the Public of when/where the oil & gas hearings will be and for the hearings to be held accessible/convenient for the Public. He asked when the Board of Supervisors will vote on the hearings.
- Mr. Robb explained an extension was granted by Olympus and the Planning Commission is making their recommendations at their June meeting. He stated the hearing dates have not been determined by the Board. Mr. Robb added the hearings will be published - per the law- in the newspaper and advertised on West Deer Township website and Facebook page.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

- None

ACCEPT MINUTES

MOTION BY Supervisor Hollibaugh and SECONDED BY Supervisor Forbes to accept the minutes of the 19 May 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEER
FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

31 May 2021

I - GENERAL FUND:

| | <u>May</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>% of Budget</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenues | 1,742,527.47 | 4,194,346.82 | 58.36% |
| Expenditures | 485,837.97 | 1,926,934.12 | 26.81% |

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

| | | |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Sweep Account | <u>2,593,425.18</u> | <u>2,593,425.18</u> |
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II - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Street Light Fund:

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| Restricted | 90,569.70 |
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Fire Tax Fund:

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| Restricted | 120,564.93 |
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State/Liquid Fuels Fund:

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| Restricted | <u>312,038.16</u> |
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523,172.79

Investments:

Operating Reserve Fund:

| | |
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| Reserved | 1,009,529.93 |
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Capital Reserve Fund:

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| Reserved | <u>1,485,723.09</u> |
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2,495,253.02

III - CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS:

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

0.00

0.00

TOTAL CASH BALANCE 5/31/21

5,611,850.99

Interest Earned May 2021 **23.64**

| | 5/1/2021 Debt Balance | May Principal Payment | 5/31/2021 Debt Balance |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mars National - VFC #3 | \$116,200.20 | \$2,607.94 | \$113,877.54 |
| NexTier Bank VFC #2 | \$402,240.32 | \$2,680.96 | \$400,815.79 |

Restricted – Money which is restricted by legal or contractual requirements.

Reserved – Money which is earmarked for a specific future use.

MOTION BY Supervisor Forbes and SECONDED BY Supervisor Mann to approve the Finance Officer’s Report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

MAY LIST OF BILLS

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Bearcom..... | 292.47 |
| Best Wholesale Tire Co. Inc..... | 591.55 |
| Hei-Way, LLC..... | 254.01 |
| Jordan Tax Service, Inc..... | 2,269.58 |
| MRM Property & Liability Trust..... | 127,793.00 |
| Northeast Paving..... | 3,617.25 |

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|----------------------------------|----------|
| Office Depot | 314.04 |
| Roadsafe Traffic Systems | 75.00 |
| Shoup Engineering, Inc | 2,681.00 |
| Stephenson Equipment, Inc | 2,201.00 |
| Toshiba Financial Services | 494.11 |
| Tristani Brothers, Inc | 1,926.30 |
| Tucker/Arensberg Attorneys | 6,206.12 |

MOTION BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to pay the List of Bills as submitted, and all approved reimbursable items in compliance with generally accepted accounting practices. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Jon Lape was present and provided a summary report of Police Department activities for the month of April 2021. A copy of the report is on file at the Township Building.

Chief Lape requested that the July Regular Business Meeting Agenda include the hiring of a Part-Time Police Officer, the sale of the K-9 vehicle and the Deer Lakes School District Agreement.

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN’S REPORT

Mr. Kevin Olar provided a summary report on the Public Works Department for the month of May 2021. A copy of the report is on file at the Township Building.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

The Board received the Engineer’s Report submitted by Shoup Engineering, Inc. Mr. Scott Shoup represented Shoup Engineering, Inc., and summarized the details of his formal report:

Projects

- 2021 Road Improvement Project
 - Bid documents and specifications have been prepared and bids have been let for the year’s road improvement project. Contracts have been awarded for the hot mix asphalt and bituminous seal coat projects. It is anticipated that work on the road improvement projects will begin in June.

Development/Subdivision Review

- The following subdivision and land development plan projects had been reviewed, and review letters were issued to the Township as noted:
 - Moretti Plan of Lots No. 3 – Reviews of this preliminary and final subdivision was performed and review letters were issued to the Township on March 23, 2001 and June 7, 2021.
 - Leto and Dionysus Well Pads – Additional reviews of these conditional use and land development applications were performed and review letters were issued to the Township on May 21, 2021.
 - Elevated Properties – A review of the conditional use and land development plan applications for a communications tower were performed and a review letter was issued to the Township on May 24, 2021.
 - Jeffrey Plan of Lots – Reviews of this preliminary and final subdivision were performed and review letters were issued to the Township of May 19, 2021 and June 2, 2021.

- Round the Corner Restaurant – A review of this land development application was performed and a review letter was issued to the Township on May 21, 2021.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Bill Payne was present and provided a summary report on Code Enforcement for the month of May 2021. A copy of the report is on file at the Township Building.

CDC STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Karpuzi reiterated that the CDC Steering Committee has finalized the 501(c)(3) applications, and mentioned their alignment with Butler Community Development for support. He stated the Committee will be contacting the Board of Supervisors and Mr. Mator for any required steps for potential legal resources that may be needed.

ADOPTION: RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16 (BRANDING CONSULTANT AGREEMENT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEER, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BRANDING CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH _____.

The Township advertised for these services in the newspaper and on the Township website. In addition, the Township Manager reached out to several firms in an effort to generate interest.

Four firms submitted proposals:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Dorsey Design/Cynthia Cavendish-Carey | \$8,000-\$11,000 |
| Magnum Integrated Marketing | \$23,500 |
| Avant Marketing | \$30,000 |
| The Impact Group | \$53,000 |

Mr. Forbes suggested to table this motion for further review of the proposals.

All Supervisors were in agreement.

Mr. Karpuzi explained the Branding Consultant Agreement and the need to enhance the communication between the Board of Supervisors and Township to the residents.

MOTION BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to table resolution 2021-16 approving and authorizing the execution of a Branding Consultant Agreement. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

ADOPTION: RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17 (VFC #3 Building Purchase Approval)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEER, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING WEST DEER TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY # 3 TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A PROPERTY FOR A NEW FIRE STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,800,000; AND DIRECTING OTHER NECESSARY AND PROPER ACTION TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES HEREOF, INCLUDING

MATTERS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH FINANCING PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 147(f) AND 150(e) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE")

Mr. Karpuzi gave background information on the Special Meeting that was held the previous night regarding this resolution, and read some highlights from the draft resolution.

Mr. Robb clarified that the Township is not responsible for the \$1.8 million loan – nor would there be any liability on the Township’s part – if the resolution was adopted. He explained that the ultimate purpose of the resolution was to permit VFC #3 to receive better loan rates from their bank.

Mrs. Jordan also mentioned the Special Meeting, saying that she felt the meeting was productive. She stated that the available options were outlined for the public, discussion was held with VFC #3 and the public, and said that even though the Board had reservations, they understand the Fire Company’s request.

MOTION BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Mann to adopt Resolution 2021-17 approving VFC #3’s entering into a contract to finance the purchase of a property for a new fire station. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL: RETIREMENT/CONSULTANT AGREEMENT (CHIEF JONATHAN LAPE)

Chief of Police Jonathan Lape submitted his formal notice of retirement effective 30 June 2021, capping nearly three decades of service to our community – and nearly two decades as Chief. To formalize his retirement benefits and to provide a means for him to advise and consult his successor, an agreement was discussed by the Board and drafted.

Mr. Mator voiced that it had been an honor to work with Chief Lape for the last twelve years, and congratulated him.

The Board of Supervisors thanked Chief Lape for his service. They acknowledged that he had gone above and beyond through the years for the Township by creating the Toys for Children Christmas Program and assisting in organizing many Township events.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Mann to approve the Retirement/Consultant Agreement with retiring Chief of Police Jonathan Lape as presented, effective 1 July 2021. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL: POLICE CHIEF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

With Chief Lape retiring, the Board has identified a successor in Sergeant Robert Loper.

The Board of Supervisors received a draft Police Chief Employment Agreement with Sergeant Loper, which memorialized the terms of Sergeant Loper’s employment as incoming Chief. This agreement is effective 1 July 2021.

Dr. Mann thanked Sergeant Loper for taking on the Chief role.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Mann to approve the Police Chief Employment Agreement with Sergeant Robert Loper as presented, effective 1 July 2021, and to authorize its execution by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Township Manager. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL: PROMOTION OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER TO SERGEANT

With Sergeant Loper's promotion to Chief, a vacancy opened within the sergeant ranks. The Board received the attached memorandum from Chief Lape recommending the promotion of Officer Robert Petosky from Patrol Officer to Sergeant.

Chief Lape described the steps that are taken to promote within the Police Department.

Mr. Karpuzi congratulated Officer Petosky.

MOTION BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to approve the promotion of Officer Robert Petosky to Sergeant effective 1 July 2021. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL: PROMOTION OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER TO FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

The process for promoting one current Police Officer from part-time to full-time status has been completed.

The Board received the attached memorandum from Chief Lape recommending the promotion of Officer Trevor Elza to the position of Full-Time Police Officer.

Chief Lape explained the process is the same for every promotion, just with different evaluators.

Officer Elza thanked the Board and added he was excited for the opportunity to serve West Deer.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Mann and SECONDED BY Supervisor Forbes to approve the promotion of current Part-Time Police Officer Trevor Elza to the position of Full-Time Police Officer effective 1 July 2021. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL: TOWNSHIP MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

The Board of Supervisors received a draft Township Manager Employment Agreement with current Township Manager Daniel Mator, which memorialized the terms of Mr. Mator's employment with the Township in compliance with state laws which have changed since his hiring. This agreement would become effective immediately.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Mann and SECONDED BY Supervisor Forbes to approve the Township Manager Employment Agreement with Daniel Mator as presented – effective immediately – and to authorize its execution by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL: FINANCE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

The Board of Supervisors received a draft Finance Officer Employment Agreement with current Township Finance Officer Barbara Nardis, which memorialized the terms of Mrs. Nardis' employment with the Township in compliance with Township laws which have changed since the hiring of Mrs. Nardis. This agreement would become effective immediately.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to approve the Finance Officer Employment Agreement with Barbara Nardis as presented – effective immediately – and to authorize its execution by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Township Manager. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL: GIBSONIA ROAD ASSOCIATES LLC LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Gibsonia Road Associates LLC Lot Consolidation Plan in conjunction with the 910 Flex Building Land Development Plan at their 27 May 2021 meeting.

Property Location: Gibsonia Road and Commerce Drive
Zoning District: SU (Special Use)

This Lot Consolidation Plan will combine two parcels into a larger parcel in order to develop the land in accordance with Township and Allegheny County standards. The proposal has two lots measuring 2.82 and 1.76 acres being consolidated into one parcel measuring 4.58 acres.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Gibsonia Road Associates LLC Lot Consolidation Plan in conjunction with the 910 Flex Building Land Development.

Mr. Shoup stated that this is a simple consolidation of two parcels.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Mann to approve the preliminary and final subdivision of Gibsonia Road Associates LLC Lot Consolidation Plan as per the recommendation by the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL: 910 FLEX USE BUILDING

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use in a Special Use Development (SU) Zoning District.

Applicant: Gibsonia Road Associates, LLC
Location: 4550 Gibsonia Road (State Route 910),
4.58 acres (49,500 sf for construction)
Zoning District: SU – Special Use
Request: To construct a new building for the purpose of a flex use space.

The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of 910 Flex Use Building Development Plan contingent upon addressing all requirements/comments on Mr. Shoup’s letter dated 21 May 2021.

The Township Engineer’s review letters dated 21 May 2021 and 10 June 2021 were received by the Board.

Mr. Shoup stated there are requirements that still need addressed and fees paid prior to a building permit being granted.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Forbes to approve the 910 Flex Use Building Development Plan conditioned upon the successful completion of the recommendations made by the Planning Commission and Township Engineer. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL: JEFFREY PLAN OF LOTS

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Jeffrey Plan of Lots preliminary and final subdivision plan at their 27 May 2021 meeting.

Property Location: 2791 Russellton-Airport Road
Zoning district: R-2 Semi-Suburban Residential

The proposal has two lots measuring 1.165 and 38.58 acres being consolidated into one parcel measuring 39.745 acres.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Jeffrey Plan of Lots subject to following conditions:

1. Address and meet all requirements/comments on Mr. Shoup’s letter dated 19 May 2021.

- 2. Note on plan that there is no access to public sewage on lot.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Forbes and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to approve the preliminary and final subdivision of Jeffrey Plan of Lots as per the recommendation by the Planning Commission with the conditions previously mentioned. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL: MORETTI PLAN OF LOTS NO.3

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Moretti Plan of Lots No. 3 preliminary and final subdivision plan at their 25 March 2021 meeting.

Property Location: Vacant lot west of 259 Shuster Road
 Zoning district: R-2 Semi-Suburban Residential
 Lots to measure 1.34 acre; total parcel to measure 41.052 acres

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Moretti Plan of Lots No. 3 subject to following conditions:

- 1. Address and meet all requirements/comments on Mr. Shoup’s letter dated 23 March 2021 shall be met.
- 2. Add 50’ radius cul-de-sac at the end of the right of way.
- 3. Add septic test pit locations of new lots and back-up site location and existing septic location for lot eight.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Mann to approve the preliminary and final subdivision of Moretti Plan of Lots No. 3 as per the recommendation by the Planning Commission with the conditions previously mentioned. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL: ROUND THE CORNER RESTAURANT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The applicant is requesting approval for land development located in C-2 (Highway Commercial) Zoning District the Round the Corner Restaurant.

Applicant: Smullen property – James Smullen
 Location: Saxonburg Boulevard
 5.44 acres (.98 acres for construction)
 Zoning District: C-2 (Highway Commercial)
 Request: To construct a new commercial building to relocate Round the Corner Restaurant.

The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of Round the Corner Restaurant relocation contingent upon addressing all requirements/comments on Mr. Shoup’s letter dated 21 May 2021.

The Township Engineer’s review letters dated 27 May 2021 and 9 June 2021 were received by the Board. Mr. Shoup stated there are requirements that still need addressed and the impact fee paid to Township prior to a building permit being granted.

Mr. Forbes questioned how the impact fee was determined, and Mr. Shoup explained the process.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Mann and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to approve the relocation of Round the Corner Restaurant conditioned upon the successful completion of the recommendations made by the Planning Commission and Township Engineer. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

AUTHORIZATION: ADVERTISEMENT OF THE DEMOLITION OF 438 ALDER STREET

Attached is information and photographs of the structure located at 438 Alder Street.

Lot/Block #: 2012-S-0102
Owner: Ralph V. & Yvonne V. Patrick

Mr. Payne inspected the property and determined – pursuant to Township Ordinance 172 – that the structure is in a dangerous condition, and that it constitutes a public nuisance. Specifically, the house is in violation of the International Building Code and Article VI of Allegheny Health Department Rules and Regulations (see attached “Notice of Unsafe Structure”).

Mr. Payne explained the house at 438 Alder Street had caught fire in November of 2020, was not covered by homeowners’ insurance, and the owners are deceased. He requested that the house next door – 437 Alder Street – be added to the motion for demolition, as he contended it also had been deemed a dangerous structure.

Mr. Robb responded if there is an appeal then Board of Supervisors will need to have a Public Hearing.

Mr. Payne added notices for the second structure at 437 Alder Street would be mailed.

Mr. Mator pointed out the remaining amount in the 2021 Demolition Budget is \$6,598.00.

Mrs. Jordan voiced that she had been near these structures during the Easter Bunny event and personally felt that it was very dangerous.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Forbes to authorize the Township Manager to advertise and solicit bids for the demolition of the structures located at 438 and 437 Alder Street. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

AUTHORIZATION: ADVERTISEMENT OF PAVILION PROJECT

At the last meeting the Board agreed to begin the rehabilitation process of the Bairdford Park Pavilion.

Mr. Shoup explained the areas of the pavilion that would be rehabbed and asked if this was to be scheduled immediately after the Fall Festival event in October.

Mr. Mator suggested – if Mr. Shoup and the Board were okay with it – delaying the rehab until early next spring. He explained the construction will not be completed before winter with the pavilion being rented till the end of September and the Fall Festival event scheduled in October.

Mrs. Jordan asked if the lights at the pavilion could be replaced. She stated she was there for an event and the lights were not working. Mr. Mator responded the light fixtures have been replaced and the bulbs are now LED.

Mrs. Jordan requested having white aluminum wrapped around wooden poles to discourage engraving. Mr. Shoup responded he would have to look at the pavilion again.

Further discussion was held.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to authorize the Township Engineer to advertise and solicit bids for the Pavilion Project. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

AUTHORIZATION: GUIDERAIL PROJECT

The following quotes were received for the Guiderail Project to furnish and install guiderails on McKrell Road, Short Street, Clendenning Road, and Glasgow Road.

| <u>Bidders</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1) Fence by Maintenance Service | \$20,988.00 |
| 2) Green Acres Contracting | \$30,650.00 |
| 3) Allegheny Fence Construction Co. | \$28,770.00 |

Mr. Shoup recommended Fence by Maintenance Service. He added they have been the lowest bidder for the past five years, and have done good work.

Mr. Mator informed those in attendance that the quote is slightly over the budgeted amount of \$20,000, but that overage is minimal and easily accounted.

MOTIONED BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Forbes to authorize the award for the Guiderail Project to Fence by Maintenance Service in the amount of \$20,988.00 for McKrell Road, Short Street, Clendenning Road, and Glasgow Road. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

DISCUSSION: VETERAN BANNERS

- Mr. Mator requested the Board's guidance for the next step of the Veteran Banner Program. He reported there are about 250 banners that have been placed on the three roads the Board approved for the Program: Little Deer Creek Valley Road, Starr Road, and East Union Road. He explained that the poles on those roads have been saturated, and requested that the Board place future applications on a waiting list until the next round of banners takes place in three years as the Board initially intended.

Mrs. Jordan asked if the Township would hang any banners that have been currently made. Mr. Mator responded there are currently banners in the Township office waiting to be placed, and that any applications that are in process will be honored.

The Board was in agreement to begin the three-year waiting list, and instructed Mr. Mator to institute the moratorium.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chairperson Karpuzi requested the meeting agenda be updated to include two public comment periods – at the beginning and the end of meetings as before – and that the fire/EMS reports that are currently being given to the Public Safety Committee be added as well. He stated this would be done to give the fire/EMS officials an opportunity to have items discussed/addressed if needed.

Mr. Karpuzi added he would like the Fire Study to be added to the July agenda or to at least make it a discussion item.

- Chairperson Karpuzi spoke on the change in the way some people work and how he would like to see better internet, cable and cell service from the current providers. He reported that the Township is partnered with Cohen Law to lobby with these larger companies to give everyone better service driving through the Township and stronger connection at home. Mr. Karpuzi asked Mr. Mator if there is traction gained with AT&T.

Mr. Mator reported in the affirmative, and that all companies have responded.

- Mr. Karpuzi then suggested expanding internet resources to residents by giving free Wi-Fi or "hot spots."

Mr. Mator responded that there is a cost prohibition issue with expanding Wi-Fi service. He reported that he and Sergeant Shurina had been working with internet providers to add service for the cameras in the Township parks. He said it was brought to their attention that there was not a wide enough bandwidth available, and that it would cost \$600 per month for just those parts of the parks to be serviced.

Mr. Mator also informed the Board that he and Mr. Cohen also spoke with the internet providers, and that the current Zoning Ordinance needs to be made less restrictive to allow expansion of service in the Township. He stated that Mr. Cohen is currently drafting the necessary changes for the Board's review, and Mr. Robb added that the timing should work to include the changes in the omnibus Zoning Code adoption.

Mr. Karpuzi asked what areas are having connection trouble. Mr. Mator responded that he had been alerted that Russellton, Monier Road, and the northwest corner of the Township are "dead zones." He added that cell towers are being placed – or exist – in Russellton and Richland, but not near Monier Road, and said providers stated they do not see a need. Mr. Mator therefore advised that residents would need to reach out to the providers directly, and that the Township would gladly provide contact information to the residents.

- Mr. Forbes requested that a shredding event being hosted by Senator Lindsey Williams be advertised on the Township website and Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chief Lape reported the Township received the grant funding for the body cameras and exhibited a camera.
- Chairperson Karpuzi invited Chief Lape to speak. The Chief reflected on his career, and thanked the Board and Township staff for their support. He acknowledged each of the supervisors, Mr. Mator, and Mr. Robb, and expressed joy with working with them. He stated the support of the individuals he worked with every day was invaluable, because were not just officers to him – they are family – and he said he was so proud of them.

Sergeant Loper voiced that being promoted to Chief was an aspiration of his for years. He thanked the Board for the opportunity and their support, and stressed that Chief Lape had been a great friend and mentor.

Mr. Karpuzi spoke on behalf of the Township by expressing his appreciation and continued support of Chief Lape, Sergeant Loper, and the Department.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Supervisor Jordan and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Daniel J. Mator Jr., Township Manager