

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors James Bockstoce Joseph Cole Absent Mark Lohr

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Pollock requested copy of minutes before approval and asked that they be updated to include his requests and correspondence. The board advised he can have a copy after approved.

Mike Ornot asked if Township received bids for security wall and Cole responded yes.

Greg Spridik asked reason for security system and security wall and stated these are a frivolous waste of taxpayer money. He also suggested the Supervisors respond to questions although not required to.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve minutes of the August 14, 2024 Meeting. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the payment of the following checks:

CFS General Fund# 2511-2531 SHA Fund# 1867-1874

Procurement Card 9-10-24 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 STATE AID FUNDS RECEIVED TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve distribution of state aid pension funds. Motion passed.

UPDATE SECURITY SYSTEM – SECURITY SYSTEMS \$3,056.16

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Cole, to table item. Bockstoce stated Verizon High Speed Internet will be available soon in the area and may reduce pricing for security door. Motion passed.

INSTALLATION OF SECURITY WALL – ANDREDAS CABINETRY \$11,570.00

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to table item. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Supervisors Bockstoce advised Verizon High Speed Internet will soon be available in Township if anyone is interested.

Secretary The Secretary read the report.

Road Department Cole advised paving and tar and chip are complete.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Paul Myers suggested meeting and discussing items with Supervisors rather than accuse folks. He would like to see all work together as not everyone agreed with previous Boards as well.

Bill Pollock stated the Treasurer is not bonded for the correct amount, \$100,000 is too low it should be \$750,000 as previously. He also asked if Township made a deposit in the amount of \$100,000 as required to cover the bond.

Mr. Pollock also stated that the Somerset Residents for Transparency Group is campaigning for approval of two (2) additional Township Supervisors to be on the November ballot and, if passed, the Somerset Residents for Transparency Group will back candidates for these positions who support allowing only (2) working Supervisors.

Rosemary Stackowicz asked about increase in benefits from 2019 to 2023. Bockstoce advised that in 2019 the Board checked around with local Townships to compare their benefits.

Greg Spridik asked if road crew is licensed to use pesticide and Cole responded no.

Andrew Berchin of Hickory Road requested bridge to be repaired near his home.

Dan Smith asked why office personnel gets overtime pay. He also ridiculed the road department for what they write as

work description on their timesheets.

Rodger Rainey advised the 2024 budget was not advertised, the Secretary works for the Board and the Board works for the residents.

Cathy Hainut asked when Spud Drive will be repaired and will the job be bid. Bockstoce advised 2025 and the project is a dirt and gravel project partially paid through the Washington County Conservation District. Ms. Hainut asked who decided on the repair and Bockstoce advised it is being repaired at the residents request, just as Emery Road was.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson,
Secretary