

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors James Bockstoce Joseph Cole Mark Lohr

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Paul Myers asked what check number 2350 was used to pay for, Mr. Bockstoce replied paid to Champion for insulation with Covid Funds and Mr. Myers advised that is not allowed. He asked why separation of duties not used for time sheets. He also asked completion of Act 13 report and Secretary advised she will check status.

John Marchezak advised agritourism laws are formed to protect farms and promote uses other than farming. He also stated housing plans are coming to township whether wanted or not.

David Wilttrout berated Bockstoce for resigning from Director of Public Works position and advised him to also resign from Township Supervisor position.

Greg Spridik stated there was a proposal for zoning map update years ago, he would like his map returned that he let the Township borrow for reference, and that the Board should listen to the input from residents regarding the ordinance update.

Joan Pollock advised that the Board and staff need to be replaced.

Michael Lehotsky questioned the budget, proposed changes to the ordinance and advised the Board should represent the majority of residents, not the minority.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Lohr, to approve minutes of the February 14, 2024 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS**

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

CFS General Fund# 2355-2398 SHA Fund# 1830-1835

Procurement Card 3-10-24 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SOMERSET TOWNSHIP PARK PROPERTY SUBDIVISION REVISION**

Motion: Lohr, 2nd: Cole, to approve Somerset Township Park property subdivision revision. Motion passed unanimously.

**OPEN AND AWARD FUEL BIDS**

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Lohr, to table awarding of fuel bid to Supervisor Meeting of April 10, 2024 at 6:00pm. Motion passed unanimously. The township received one (1) fuel bid from Bruceton Petroleum.

**OPEN AND AWARD ANTI-SKID BIDS**

Motion: Lohr, 2nd: Cole, to award anti-skid bid to lowest bidder A&S Landscaping. The lowest bid is \$27.50/ton. The Township received two (2) bids; the other bidder is Morgan Excavating.

**AUTHORIZE PROPOSED ORDINANCE/SALDO PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISEMENT MAY 20, 2024 AT 6:00PM**

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Lohr, to authorize advertisement of proposed ordinance/SALDO public hearing May 20, 2024.

Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION TO APPOINT AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Motion: Lohr, 2nd: Cole, to appoint Joseph Cole, Brian Hrutkay, Frank Lukich, Paul Myers, and John Yates as agriculture security area advisory committee members. Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JAMES BOCKSTOCE, DIR. OF PUBLIC WORKS, EFFECTIVE MARCH 11, 2024**

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Lohr, to accept resignation of James Bockstoce, Director of Public Works, effective March 11, 2024.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **AUTHORIZE ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR 2024 PAVING PROJECT**

Motion: Lohr, 2nd: Cole, to authorize engineer to advertise bids for 2024 Paving Project. Motion passed unanimously.

### **AUTHORIZE ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR 2024 TAR AND CHIP PROJECT**

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Lohr, to authorize engineer to advertise bids for 2024 Tar & Chip Project. Motion passed unanimously.

### **BENTLEYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DONATION**

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Lohr, to approve \$3000.00 donation to Bentleyville Public Library. Motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### Supervisors

### Secretary

The Secretary read the report.

### Road Department

Cole advised crew is trimming trees and completing shoulder back up.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Lohr, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson  
Secretary