

The Board of Supervisors held executive session May 8 from 5:40 to 6:00pm to discuss personnel matters.

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 8, 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 Mark Lohr

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Myers stated that during the last meeting, Mark Lohr was appointed to Director of Public Works. He said Mr. Lohr was to meet with the Board of Auditors regarding the request to allow them to approve the pay rate. Mr. Myers stated the Auditors can retain legal counsel regarding the matter if necessary. He also asked if Board was bidding stone and asked Lohr how long it takes to mow grass at Township properties and Mr. Lohr advised it is taking longer as he is the only one cutting at this time.

Bill DeBlasio asked if a wedding barn was located on Red Mailbox Road that required the road to be expanded, who would pay the cost. Bockstoce advised the planning commission would give their input and then the Township engineer and solicitor would review and advise of necessary upgrades. Mr. DeBlasio is concerned that patrons of the events will drive drunk and that emergency vehicles will not make it through if cars are parked along the road.

Bill Pollock stated he is also concerned that costs for the required road upgrades and tree cutting will cause the Township taxes to increase. He also asked about public water status and Lohr advised the Board is still working on getting water installed in the Township including on Somerset Drive. Mr. Pollock said he is concerned that the cost for the water installation will be exorbitant, also leading to a tax increase.

Bockstoce advised he is stepping down as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the remainder of 2024.

Bockstoce advised items number 1 and 2 are tabled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Lohr, to approve minutes of the April 10, 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# 2406-2433 SHA Fund# 1840-1845

Procurement Card 5-10-24 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

AWARD 2024 ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Motion: Lohr, 2nd: Cole, to table item to June 12 meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Engineer to review bids.

Bockstoce read bids aloud:

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| 1. Tresco | \$338,796.00 |
| 2. Morgan | \$339,394.35 |
| 3. Redstone | \$348,018.25 |
| 4. Pave & Plow | \$358,860.88 |
| 5. El Grande | \$387,762.75 |
| 6. A. Liberoni | \$388,762.34 |
| 7. Mele & Mele | \$399,525.50 |

OPEN BIDS AND AWARD 2024 SEALCOAT PROJECT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Lohr, to award project to lowest bidder Russell Standard. Motion passed unanimously.

Bockstoce read bids aloud:

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| 1. Russell Standard | \$79,737.35 |
| 2. Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. | \$99,875.75 |

NEW BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE KEVIN RUSE HOURLY RATE \$24.00

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Lohr, to set hourly rate at \$24.00, effective immediately. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Supervisors Lohr advised public water installation still in talks for Hixon to salt shed.

Secretary The Secretary read the report.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator The Planning and Zoning Coordinator read the report.

Road Department Lohr advised crew is finishing tree trimming and cutting ditches. Cole advised crew is installing cross pipes and mowing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Lohr, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson,
Secretary