

The December 6, 2022 regular meeting of the Cogan House Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Howard Fry with Supervisor Daniel Roupp and Supervisor Lori Douglass attending. There were approximately 11 residents attending the meeting. Pledge of allegiance was given with Public Comment following. Jerry D. advised that the Christmas in Cogan House event was a huge success. There were approximately 200 people attending this is with adults & children combined. She stated the cost of the printing the mailer was more expensive this year at \$292.50, Door to Door mailing \$111.64, Santa was \$100.00 and cookies & drinks were \$200.00. Children colored their own ornaments; books were given out as gifts and other prizes. Darla K. asked if it would be ok to put a committee together and see what it would take to possibly build a community center so people could rent it during winter months, and fit it with a full kitchen. The Supervisors discussed it and said it wouldn't hurt however Supervisor Roupp advised that the Township has reached our maximum impervious area for the amount of the acreage we have. Darla wanted to put a committee together after the holidays to discuss further. Kathy R. made a mention that she did not understand why we needed the new building for the trucks & plows. Supervisor Roupp advised that the buildings are needed to keep the plow trucks warm and out of the weather so the fuel does not gel up and have them ready to go out the door when a storm hits, instead of trying to get them started when left outside. Public comment was stopped to open bids for Equipment with Operator for 2023.

The Township had 2 bids submitted, one was from Tobias Machining & Welding from Snow Shoe, PA. Their bid was complete with the required forms; however, they did not bid the sod belt loader and 10-wheeler dump truck with plow. Tobias also made note that they would not be able to give a performance bond due to the fact that they work first with the gas companies in the area and are obligated there first. They were happy to give their hourly rates however if they are needed. Total of their bid was \$69,500.00 based on 100 hours plus or minus. The second bid was from CUZ Excavating LLC from Canton, PA. Their bid was complete with the forms required. Their total bid was \$72,460.00 they agreed to the performance bond and all other forms of insurances. Supervisor discussed and made a motion to accept CUZ Excavating's bid of \$72,460.00 based on 100 plus or minus hours, Supervisor Roupp made a motion, Supervisor Douglass seconded, voted 3 – 0 MC.

Correspondence: Tabor Museum sent a thank you for the yearly donation. Keystone Collections advised they are sending out letters for the extensions for 2021 that have not paid yet. The township received information that the insurance company will not request additional payment for Workman's Compensation from Trout Run Fire Co. until its renewals in 2023.

No report from Janice L. for EMA/HAZARDOUS MITIGATION.

Road Master report given by Road Master/Supervisor advising that Cutting Edge has started and Cogan House Road will be closed during any cutting during the day. The times and detour areas will be on the website and he asked that everyone follow the signs. Road closed means road closed. On Friday the crew went down by Blackwell's to salt the wooded areas where the tree crew were working. He also stated that some of the electric may need to be shut off while cutting. Tri County will send out email and phone blasts, also on their Facebook to advise of days and times.

New Business: The Supervisors acted on Act 57 which allowed the tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain situations when the bills are not received in a timely fashion. Chairman Fry made a motion to accept the Resolution of 12-2022 Local Tax Collection Law, Supervisor Roupp seconded, voted 3 – 0 MC. The Board reviewed the proposed budget for 2023 for the final time. No additions or corrections. Chairman Fry made a motion to accept the Budget for 2023 Supervisor Douglass seconded, voted 3-0 MC. The Supervisors then discussed the Meetings and Times for 2023. They will need to be advertised for next year. Secretary advised that Organizational Meeting will be on Tuesday January 3, 2023 instead of the required Monday date due to it being the Holiday. July Meeting date will be on the Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> due to the Fourth of July being on Tuesday and November meeting will be on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> due to election. They then discussed the time of the meetings. The Supervisor would like to have winter hours and start the meeting at 4:00 PM instead of the usual 7:00 PM. This is due to weather conditions and the crew may need to plow in the evenings and need to be rested for the next day. Some residents stated not all people may be able to come that early, the Supervisors said they will try for a year and see how it goes. Winter times will be for January, February, March, November and December at 4:00 PM. All other meetings will be at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Roupp made a motion to change times for winter hours, Supervisor Douglass seconded, voted 3-0 MC. No letters of Intent.

Signed Payroll

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 PM

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