

THE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2021

A Special Meeting of the Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on December 1, 2021, at the Smithfield Township Municipal Center at 1155 Red Fox Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301, and via Zoom.

Present are Supervisors Jacob Pride, Robert Lovenheim, and Brian Barrett.

1. Chair Jacob Pride calls the meeting to order at 2:07PM. A quorum is present.
2. Public Comments on the Agenda – None.
3. New Business
 - a. Consider: Approve Proposed 2022 Budget. Jacob Pride reviews suggested budget changes submitted by Leslie Pinto of Holly Corcoran’s office, leaving a surplus of \$11,211.19 in the General Fund and a balanced Highway Fund. Jacob Pride states that the budget makes investments in important areas, namely the highways and meeting room upgrades.

Robert Lovenheim questions if line item 402.312 is for Holly Corcoran’s Office. Jacob Pride and Brian Barrett confirm this. Robert Lovenheim asks if \$66,000 allocated in line item 439.245 is for the purchase of the right-of-way from DLP for the Green Mountain Bridge project. Jacob Pride confirms this. Robert Lovenheim asks what “Sewer Authority Clerk” refers to in the budget. Jacob Pride and Brian Barrett confirm this is Russ Albert’s Sewer Authority position and that all Sewer Authority expenses are reimbursed to the Township. Robert Lovenheim states he has no additional questions.

Brian Barrett expresses concern for raising taxes, acknowledges that it makes sense, but feels that he will not vote for it; now is not the time to raise taxes. Robert Lovenheim asks Brian Barrett what he would cut in the budget. Brian Barrett states he would cut the Vision Loss Trail – Phase 3 grant. Jacob Pride confirms this expense is covered by the DCED LSA grant, item 354.601. Jacob Pride motions to send the budget to the Pocono Record per advertising requirements, Robert Lovenheim seconds. Vote: Jacob Pride and Robert Lovenheim in favor, Brian Barrett opposed; motion carries.

- b. Consider: Contract for Vision Loss Trail – Phase 3. Jacob Pride references an email sent to the Board. Brian Barrett states the project is worthwhile, but the timing is not appropriate. Robert Lovenheim states that the project is covered by the recently announced grant received for the project through the LSA program. Brian Barrett does not feel that is the case. Robert Lovenheim explains that the Township is responsible for the engineering fees. Jacob Pride states this amounts to \$21,450. Robert Lovenheim motions to approve the contract, Jacob Pride seconds. Vote: Jacob Pride and Robert Lovenheim in favor, Brian Barrett opposed; motion carries.
4. Public Comment – None.

5. Robert Lovenheim motions to adjourn, Brian Barrett seconds; meeting adjourned at 2:20PM.

Minutes recorded by Jacob Pride

Respectfully submitted:


Brian Barrett, Secretary