

ONEIDA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING

JULY 5, 2023 7:30 PM

ONEIDA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: John Skipper, James Ferrenberg, Stephen Magill, Henry Strong, Chris Carper, Chris Shook, Sarah Hayden

OPENING: Mr. Skipper opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

VISITORS' COMMENTS: Ms. Shook voiced a concern about the solar ordinance. She stated that solar arrays often contain heavy metals that can leach into the soil and water. She suggested including precautions for this in the ordinance.

Ms. Shook also asked if there was any new information about the Stewart property. Mr. Skipper stated that there was no new information at this time. He mentioned that the solicitor had been asked to attend the next monthly meeting in order to address this issue.

BID OPENINGS: Mr. Ferrenberg opened the bid for the proposed road project, received from Russell Standard. He stated that the unit price was \$4.37 and the total bid for the project was \$54,384.65. After a short discussion, Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to reject the bid and it was seconded by Mr. Skipper.

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Strong reported that he will be putting \$50,000 from the Huntingdon Savings Bank account into a 6-month CD with a rate of 5.02% on July 6th 2023. Mr. Strong also asked for approval to work with Mid Penn Bank as a depository because they offer a 3-month CD with a rate slightly over 5%. Mr. Skipper motioned to give Mr. Strong the authority to use Mid Penn Bank as a depository. Mr. Ferrenberg seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to approve the minutes and financial reports from last month and it was seconded by Mr. Magill.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT: Mr. Carper reported that he cut brush, did berm work, and started the 2nd roadside mowing. He also said that the pickup truck had been serviced and fuel will soon need to be ordered. He reported that 1 grinder pump was replaced in the last month, leaving the township with 3 new backup grinder pumps and 2 that need to be sent out for service. Mr. Carper presented a quote that he received for new grinder pumps. Mr. Carper reported that he had been approached by someone in Henderson township asking if Oneida township would mow a 1.1 mile stretch on Gorsuch Road. He also stated that Brett Shope is interested in working for the township on an as needed basis. Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to hire Brett Shope as a per diem employee. Mr. Skipper seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: The Stewart property and solar ordinance were addressed in visitors' comments. There as no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS: The representative from Southern Allegheny did not attend the meeting. Mr. Strong discussed Mid Penn Bank in the financial report. In other new business, Mr. Skipper declared his interest in finding out if there are any grants available that the township would be able to take advantage of.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Magill.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Hayden, secretary