

Township of Crescent  
**Board of Commissioners**  
**Monthly Business Meeting**  
**January 14, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the Crescent Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:31 P.M. Via telephone Zoom.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Joe Sabol, Jerry Keller, Arthur Buccigrossi, Todd Miller, Rich Withee  
Secretary: Patty Christian

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Sabol asked for a motion to approve the December 10, 2020 business meeting minutes, and the December 31, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Miller. A roll call vote was taken and found all commissioners in favor of the motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Sabol asked for a motion to approve the December 2020 Treasurer's report. Commissioner Miller made a motion and was seconded by Commissioner Keller. A roll call vote was taken and found all commissioners in favor of the motion.

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

Commissioner Sabol asked for a motion for the approval of the bills for January 2021 and any other bills that may be forthcoming in the month of January 2021. A motion to pay the bills was made by Commissioner Withee and seconded by Commissioner Keller. A roll call vote was taken and found all Commissioners in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Sabol asked for a motion for the approval of the following Reports all of which are on file:

- a) Secretary's Report
- b) Solicitor's Report
- c) Engineer's Report
- d) Public Safety
- e) Finance
- f) Public Works Department Report
- g) Fire Department Report
- h) Secretary's Report
- i) Emergency Management Report
- j) Valley Ambulance Authority Report

Commissioner Keller made a motion and was seconded by Commissioner Buccigrossi. A roll call vote was taken and found all commissioners in favor of the motion.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The first item under new business was a motion/discussion to approve Resolution R-01-21 to approved the increase in the Garbage Collection Administration Fees for 2021. Commissioner Buccigrossi abstained from the vote. Commissioner Miller made the motion Seconded by Commissioner Keller. A roll call was taken and the remaining commissioners were in favor.

The second item under new business was a motion Motion/discussion to approve Resolution R-02-21 authorizing the adoption of an intergovernmental cooperation agreement pertaining to establishment of a Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals. This agreement is with the Char-West COG. Commissioner Keller made the motion Seconded by Commissioner Miller. A roll call was taken and all commissioners were in favor.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Miller wants everyone to please stay safe. The hospitals are filling up with Covid patients. Please pray for our Road Department we have two men out with Covid-19as well as our Solicitor Rick Start.

Commissioner Keller wanted to inform the Commissioners of steps our Public Works Department employees and Patty decided on and took upon themselves when they were working "on call" for those few weeks. I know there was some concern Public Works was getting paid by the township to be on call at home and also getting overtime to come out for snow control. Here is what payroll shows:

If Jesse was the person assigned to come in on a given week and had to stay over or got called out for snow control, Jesse wrote up the overtime for anything over 8 hours. The other two employees who were also called out wrote it up as their regular work hours, not overtime, even though they were also available as instructed during the day and sometimes came out to assist the one person who was working.

I asked Brian if they filled payroll out correctly when I noticed this and he said they decided among themselves to do that since the Commissioners thought enough of their safety and the safety of their families/relatives to allow them to work from home for a few weeks.

Also, during those weeks Patty made countless trips to the municipal office filing paperwork and doing things in the evening and on the weekend to keep our township running as smoothly as

possible. Nothing showed up on her payroll sheets and when asked she said the same thing about appreciating our concern for her safety.

To me this shows dedication and commitment to their jobs in spite of the inconveniences created. I know we often complain about our employees not doing enough but I can tell you without a doubt, after observing this behavior, and, considering they tried to avoid any recognition for it, when the cards we are dealt look bad, they will go beyond the call of duty to take care of business for us.

I feel this should be mentioned during our Monthly Meeting so it is in the minutes and any residents who tune in, watch the replay or read the minutes will be aware of the value of the employees working for them.

One other comment, from a personal viewpoint I think we should be very careful if we make the assumption that someone who has had COVID-19 is automatically immune for a month or two months or any length of time. There is so far no scientific or empirical data to substantiate that; only guesses. We don't even know for sure if a person who has had COVID-19 can still be an active carrier and if so for how long. It pays to take all precautions all the time. My son-in-law who was fanatical about protecting himself was diagnosed with it and is now in quarantine running a temperature of 104, has no energy, no desire for food and can't smell or taste. He moved his Office from RMU to his home when the virus hit last year and two weeks ago went back to his campus office. RMU tests those on campus once every week and on his second test he tested positive. Go figure.

Commissioner Buccigrossi wanted everyone to please be safe to all of our employees and God Bless.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Sabol asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Withee and seconded by Commissioner Keller. A voice vote was taken and found all Commissioners in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Certified as a true and correct copy

Patty Christian  
Crescent Township Secretary

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