

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Dan McLaughlin and the assembly stood for the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were Supervisors Dan McLaughlin, Wayne Potts and John Fratangeli. Also present were Chief Malobabich, Secretary, Debra Shaffer, and Attorney Curt McMillen.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dub Reinhardt spoke and stated that he was from NIRA Engineering and was in attendance in case anyone had any questions on the AWA Reservoir Plan of Lots. **Don Sawyer** of 457 Longs Run Road spoke regarding the Newman Plan. He stated that he is a member of the Planning Commission and when the plan was reviewed at the Planning Commission meeting on June 26, 2024, the surveyor was giving a list of things to address in order for the recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors to remain in place. He said that he did in fact review the plan and five out of the six items were addressed. The items that wasn't addressed was the placement of iron pins at the boundary lines. He said that there was no way to verify that this was done. Secretary Shaffer noted that she spoke to the owner of the property that stated she would not sign the plan until the pins were in place. **Caroline Hepak** spoke and addressed Range. She stated that this pad could not be built in the location that they had planned that it was too close to her property and the noise, dust, lighting – everything – there was just no way it “wasn't happening”. Range explained the sound wall, paved entrance and lighting issues and told her that any of her concerns would be addressed. **Marcia Porter, Jack Porter and Erin Werner** also voiced their concerns regarding the well pad's proximity to their homes and their concerns regarding water wells and long term health issues. Range addressed each concern and each resident provided contact information and Range promised to send them the drawing and application packet so that they can review all of the information and provided them with their contact information should they want to discuss further or if they had any questions. **Joshua Miller** signed the comment sheet but stated that he did not have any questions or concerns.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the June 12, meeting was approved with a motion by W. Potts and second by J. Fratangeli. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report and bill list were approved with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police, Road and two Fire Department monthly reports were accepted with a motion by W. Potts and second by J. Fratangeli. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #7 OF 2024 – AWA RESERVOIR PLAN OF LOTS

This plan was submitted by NIRA Engineering on behalf of the Ambridge Water Authority. This is a 2-lot minor subdivision with the majority in Raccoon Township. A portion of the residual is located in Independence. It is just cutting the existing dwelling off with 2 acres which is located in Raccoon. The Independence Township Planning Commission recommended approval by letter dated June 26, 2024. J. Fratangeli made a motion to adopt and W. Potts second the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #8 OF 2024 – NEWMAN PLAN OF LOTS

This plan is taking one parcel (66-222-0137.P00) and dividing it in half for estate purposes. Lot 1 has the current home and septic on it. Lot 2 will be vacant land. The Independence Township Planning Commission recommended approval by letter dated June 26, 2024. J. Fratangeli made a motion to adopt and W. Potts second the motion. Motion carried.

RANGE PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING MILLER RALPH WELL PAD

Christina Kramer, Community Relations Manager, Karl Matz, Civil/Environmental Engineering Manager and Andrea Duran, Surface Land Agent were at the meeting and made a presentation with information regarding the Miller Ralph Well Site.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following public announcements were made:

- Recycling Weekend – Fri., Aug. 2nd & Sat. Aug. 3rd
- Next Supervisors Meeting – Wednesday, August 14th
- Office Closed – July 19th & July 22nd
- Independence Day of Celebration (IDC) July 13th 5-10 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer