

NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monthly Meeting  
December 28, 2020 6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order by Chairman David Kirkpatrick**

Chairman Kirkpatrick called the Special Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Proof of publication was available for public inspection.

**Attendance**

Chairman, David Kirkpatrick  
Vice-Chairman, Maxine Kauffman  
Supervisor, Clair Wintermyer  
Supervisor, Mario Eckert  
Township Manager, Tony Miller

**Public Comments**

Dennis and Kay Smith of Stillhouse Lane wrote an email stating they thank the Township for the letter to Governor Wolf. They are in full support of our action to let Governor Wolf know the feelings of the Township.

Debra Popp, Township Tax Collector, made public comment requesting to know what the special meeting is about. Chairman Kirkpatrick said the board is doing to discuss moving the Tax Collector office to the Sewer office. Deb said the potential move is breaking the lease DCED regulates. Deb explained DCED is the government agency that sets the rules for Tax Collectors. Chairman Kirkpatrick asked if DCED states the Township needs to provide office space and Deb replied it states just office space.

Susan Kantfield of 90 Hunterschase Drive Etters, wrote public comment explaining she understands it's not easy to please everyone. She applauds the board for taking this on. Susan says she noticed watching the last board meeting it seemed to be more about punishment than fairness. The comparison was made that the board took away Deb Popp's benefits with no pay raise but offered up money to the police when they did not request the money for the event. Susan said the Tax Collector is one position that all the residents must work with as well as mortgage and settlement companies. Chairman Kirkpatrick responded to the comment saying the Tax Collector is an elected position. The pay for the elected position is negotiated every four years. Chairman Kirkpatrick stated the Tax Collector was offered to stay on the medical insurance until the end of next year because that is when the term expires. The rent cost will not go up until January 2022. Vice Chairman Kauffman also made comment that the Township has money set aside for Football camps for kids and was not used during Covid. The police event was for giving under privileged children Christmas presents. They did not need the money, but it would have been a one-time gift.

Chairman Kirkpatrick said this special meeting is for real estate matters and will only be listening to comments that pertain to the agenda.

Andrew Popp wrote a public comment requesting all his comments be read out loud. Township Manager Tony Miller referenced the Sunshine Act and elaborated that only comments that pertain to the agenda will be read out loud. He said Andrew Popp can also make a request for in person comment for the January 26, 2021 meeting. Tony Miller continues to read the public comment that references the tabling of business on the December 8, 2020 agenda. Newberry Township Board of Supervisors agreed to table the Tax Collector move until the January 2021 meeting. Andrew Popp posed the question if the Board is having the special meeting in December and violating the Sunshine Law Act. Mr. Popp feels that the agenda for the December 28, 2020 meeting should be held until the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on January 26, 2021 like it was said prior. The comment was made that the move is not about space and is about playing games.

### **Minute Approval**

NONE

## REPORTS

### **Supervisor's Report**

NONE

## Old Business

MOTION by Supervisor Eckert to move the Tax Collector office to 400 Cly Road, York Haven. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously. Vice-Chair Kauffman and Chairman Kirkpatrick made comment that the drop box will still be located at 1915 Old Trail Road and another box will be added to 400 Cly Road.

MOTION by Vice-Chair Kauffman to approve the Township Manager to send a letter to the Tax Collector regarding the move. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Wintermyer, carried unanimously.

**Executive Session**

NONE

**Adjournment,**

MOTION by Vice-Chair Kauffman, seconded by Supervisor Eckert. Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tony Miller, Secretary