

1 - Some County drainage ordinance call upon a Township to sign off as a downstream landowner for an applicant to get a tiling permit and some Townships are signing off with just one supervisor, some with two and one with all three supervisors needing to sign off???? Can they just appoint one to handle that issue???

No supervisor should sign off on anything alone or even two of them without an official meeting. It MUST be done as a board. If not they have a potential for personal liability. Their only authority and liability protection is as a board. Nothing is so important that they cannot handle it, at the very least, in a special meeting call for that specific purpose. It's the applicant's fault, not the township if it is brought up just before going to the county.

2 - One township supervisor allowing a landowner to charge a culvert to the township for an approach he/she has authorized???

Needs to be done as a board not individually. Township can pay for the culvert if they so decide, but if there is already an approach, they need not pay for a second. They can order it, pay for it and be reimbursed by the landowner.

3 - One Supervisor approving upsizing a culvert during the replacement of the exist one.

Again, Individual supervisor has no such authority. Personal liability possibilities. It depends on county ordinance, does it require county approval?

4 - In most of these situations people are not willing to wait a couple of months until the next Township meeting so the supervisors are looking for some practical solutions to handle these type of situations.

The board can have a special meeting of the board any time during the year with a 24 hour notice if it is just business of the board. Most often, 2 months wait or more is not critical. It must be acted upon in a regular meeting or a special meeting.