

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP
75 WALNUT STREET
MARY-D, PA 17952**

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held on Monday, April 4, 2016, at 7 P. M. in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Hosler and Frank Fabrizio. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

Hosler had stated on the behalf of the Board, he would like to offer condolences to Chuck Fayash and his family for the passing of his father Andy Fayash Sr.

Hosler made a motion to approve the April Minutes. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Hosler made a motion to approve the Emergency Meeting Minutes from April 2nd. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$243,396.74 total in bank accounts. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit by Hosler. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Replies to last month's public questions -

No replies to last month's questions.

Public comment on agenda items only –

Christine Verdier, Mary D, questioned Attorney Slusser the difference between an Emergency meeting and a Special meeting. Attorney Slusser had explained the difference as well as the need for the Emergency meeting at the time. Verdier also questioned the time frame that the meeting was advertised, that it was not within the 24 hour time limit for the Sunshine Law. Verdier also questioned the difference between the trucks that have been in discussion to purchase, regarding the pricing, mileage and the years' difference in the trucks and if there was any discussion regarding those differences before making a decision. Verdier also wanted to thank Chief DiMarco for going out to help clean up the garbage but was disappointed that it could not have been done before the holiday weekend due to the Roadmaster stating he was over his hours. Verdier questioned Chief DiMarco if there was cost for the car decaling to the police car. Verdier also wanted to mention regarding the Treasurer's report that this is the time of year to be getting the tax collection money in between March and April and the amounts are declining.

Road master Report-

No report was given.

Solicitors Report- Christopher Slusser

No solicitors report but wanted to announce that there was an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and possible litigation.

Verdier questioned if there was a follow-up on her question from last month regarding firing an engineering firm in the middle of the month. Slusser stated that it can be discussed during public comment.

Zoning Report-

Benulis stated he has gotten a lot of inquires about pools and discussed the permit fees and also the inspection fees. Benulis wanted to mention that the zoning forms are located on the website or you may contact him for information. One permit was received.

Police Report –

March: Assist other agency; burglary attempt in Mary D; Burning complaint; harassment; disorderly conduct; drug related incident in Mary D; Administrative reports were filed; call for a non-police related incident; 2 harassment complaints; trespassing on private property; neighbor dispute; noise complaint that resulted in the neighbor dispute; harassment complaint; information call and a trespassing complaint; and also removed garbage from Sunny Dr. as per Verdier's complaint; and a citation was filed for \$300 for scattering rubbish due to it not being secured appropriately. Chief DiMarco explained more on the garbage incidents in the township.

Committee Reports

Council of Government— Reviewing business and bills that need to be paid; discussion was made on information regarding security cameras.

Recreation Committee— meeting was Thursday 3/24/16 and it was a reorganization meeting; a poker run is scheduled for May 7th and Tamaqua may possibly schedule one for next year.

Tax Collection Committee— discussion on bills for running the committee and also changed the schedule to be 3 times a year due to the summer months being a quorum.

Communications

Schuylkill County Veterans Trip Organization is looking for sponsors to send the veterans down to Washington D.C. for the Memorials. Hosler stated he wanted to table the subject until next meeting due to the person who sent the information was his brother. Hosler made a motion to table until next month. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved-tabled until May meeting.

Lehigh Carbon Community College is giving scholarships that will cover 90-100% of the training programs for residents within the area.

Ordinances and Resolutions are up to date on the website.

Old Business

PLGIT Procurement Card Process needs approval to open a separate bank account for card transactions and needs a secondary administrator. Natasha is the administrator right now but the PGLIT salesperson recommended having a secondary administrator listed. Hosler made a motion to open a separate bank account for the transactions for the card. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Hosler made a motion to make Fabrizio the 2nd administrator on the card. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

There has been a request to change all the street lights to LED bulbs saving approximately \$55 a month that has been tabled from March's meeting. Hosler stated he checked with Bob Petrozino and that he stated that they have changed all the lights to LED on Second street and when questioned about the lumens he said that they might be going down even more with the lumens which will make the lights more dim. Hosler mentioned to request to have 2 LED lights put in the area to see the difference and go from there.

Forest Township truck that was tabled from March's meeting, is no longer available.

The Resolution 2016-1 for UCC Code fees that was tabled from March's meeting; Attorney Slusser stated that he would like to have a meeting with Paul Benulis to discuss some changes that should be made and then discuss this at the next meeting. Hosler made a motion to table the subject until May's meeting. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved-tabled until May meeting.

New Business

All Supervisors are registered for the PSATS 2016 Conference in Hershey as well as the Secretary.

We have come up with an amount for the garbage fees for 2016. With all the figures of the contract amount with the 2% for the secretary and with postage and dividing that between 517 homes, we have

come up with \$172 per home for garbage. Hosler made a motion to make the garbage fee for 2016 at \$172. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Today we have received a resignation from our maintenance department; it's something that he feels is right for him.

Public Comment

Leonard Buchinsky, Mary D, questioned if there is any land for sale in Mary D and how he can find out if there is any, he is looking to buy some land. Buchinsky also questioned if there is land maps to see if Schuylkill Township has land for sale. Hosler stated numerous times that there is no land for sale. Buchinsky stated he needs to look more into that then.

Attorney Slusser had questioned Verdier's previous question regarding firing or hiring a professional service in between board meetings. Attorney Slusser stated that no individual board member has the authority to hire or fire a task or employee. Verdier had stated that back in January's meeting that ARRO engineering firm was tabled due to there not being a second on the floor which resulted in being tabled until next meeting. On January 24th, Fayash had instructed the secretary to inform ARRO that their services were no longer necessary, that they were not reappointed. This was not in discussion with the board, and this put the zoning hearing board in a predicament when there was a meeting scheduled with ARRO after the notice and the zoning hearing board ended up meeting without the engineers there and then there was question if the engineers were going to be paid for the services that they provided up to the meeting. Verdier stated that this was done very inappropriately and that ARRO deserves an apology. Verdier questioned if anyone is keeping track of the cost of culverts and landscaping, also wanted to mention that someone should attend the meeting for the snow storm reimbursement to make sure that the proper paperwork is filled out in order to get reimbursed. Also, regarding the emergency meeting that was scheduled, questioned why 2 supervisors did not let the Secretary know to put the announcement on the website per protocol. Verdier also stated sending flowers to Fayash and his family also due to Fayash's father being a member of the board. Verdier wanted to thank the residents for attending the Mary D Fire Company Breakfast.

Pat Stefanek, Brockton, wanted to mention that the litter between Tuscarora and Mary D is atrocious. Also wanted to mention if anyone has contacted Penndot regarding the sign that is down on 209. Stefanek questioned Benulis if there were any requests for variances, Benulis stated no. Stefanek questioned where Benulis stands with his issue regarding filing his permit.

Helen Verdier, Mary D, questioned if the township will still be collecting electronics. Hosler stated yes there is room yet, just needs rearranging.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, questioned why some people are talking throughout the meeting and they are not told about it.

Paul Benulis, Brockton, stated that he is willing to help with the specs of the difference between the LED lights and the ones that we have now. Benulis stated that the police car has been everywhere. Benulis wanted to thank Joe and Chuck for the road work being done. He also commented that it would be nice to have a plaque made in honor of Chuck's dad due to him being a previous Supervisor. Benulis applauded the Supervisors for working together and doing a great job.

Pat Stefanek, Brockton, wanted to mention during last months meeting Benulis stated he wanted everyone to be in compliance with the new zoning laws and she stated that it starts with him and feels that he should apply for his variance. Benulis stated that if anyone wants to talk to him regarding this issue, they are more than welcome to come to him after the meeting. He also explained that he feels he did not do anything wrong with the zoning.

Thomas Slane, Tuscarora, understands Joe leaving and commented on his work with the plow truck during the fire at the wax factory as well as the other work he has completed in the last few months and wanted to commend him on his job well done.

Hosler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd Fabrizio.

Adjourned

Attest: Natasha Tyson