

**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 3, 2017, at 7 P. M. in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Hosler, Charles Fayash and Frank Fabrizio. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

Hosler made a motion to approve the March Regular Meeting Minutes. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$237,052.13 total in bank accounts. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit by Fayash; 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Replies to last month's public questions -

Fayash stated that St. Clair could not give a price on rental of the street sweeper until after their meeting tomorrow. Fayash contacted Tamaqua; their rental charges with operator is \$150.00 per hour. Hosler wants to wait until township hears from St. Clair.

Public comment on agenda items only -

Mary VanPelt, Brockton, asked if it would be cheaper for the township to operate the street sweeper. Fayash stated Tamaqua will not allow anyone else to operate their street sweeper. Fayash also stated St. Clair will not allow anyone else to operate their street sweeper.

Police Report -

March: Chief DiMarco stated officers received 24 calls. Chief DiMarco stated three citations were issued: inspection, registration, and speed. Four warnings were given. Speed was done on Valley Street and in Newkirk. The signs were ordered but not received yet. Fayash questioned information about positioning them. Chief DiMarco stated they should be placed where the existing ones are. Chief DiMarco stated behind the guard rails and place on the poles. Fayash stated they could not go on the telephone poles.

Code Enforcement Report-

Chief DiMarco is investigating two complaints. One on 44 Dodson Street and one from Newkirk. Newkirk has a large hole approximately 15ft deep. Chief DiMarco is investigating whose property it is. Chief DiMarco stated it may be Farber's property but may be in the process of being sold, therefore Chief DiMarco is uncertain of the property owner at this time.

Road master Report-

Fayash thanked everyone for their cooperation with the snowstorm and not parking in the snow emergency ban. Fayash stated the trucks did break down towards the end of the storm. Fayash stated people thanked him for the job with the snow and that their was only one complaint.

Solicitors Report-

Not present to give a report

Zoning Report-

Paul Benulis was not able to make meeting. Fayash stated there were five permits issued

Committee Reports

Council of Government— Committee did not have a quorum to meet on May 22nd.

Recreation Committee—Meeting was cancelled.

Tax Collection Committee—Committee did not meet.

Communications

None

Old Business

Fayash stated the township did not receive any individual applications for zoning officer. Lehigh Engineering, LLC submitted an engineering application for zoning services. Fayash and Barrett spoke to Bill Anders at Lehigh Engineering, LLC to see if they would be able to provide services to the township at \$150 per month. Bill Anders declined. Anders stated the lowest he could go would be \$55 per hour, which would only provide approximately two and a half hours of service. Fayash stated Paul Benulis has agreed to stay on until the end of the year as Zoning Officer, but the township will still continue to accept applications.

New Business

Fayash stated Resolution 2016-7 that was approved on December 12, 2016 at the regular monthly meeting has a typographical error. Natasha Tyson, township secretary had the year 2017 instead of 2016. For the record it was signed and approved on December 12, 2016. Fayash made a motion to approve the date change on Resolution 2016-7. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Fayash stated there are two documents signed titled Resolution 2016-3. One is regarding using dotGrants to file Liquid Fuels forms and the other is the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Police Services. The Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Police Services will now be Resolution 2016-8. Fayash made a motion to approve the change of Resolution 2016-3 for Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Police Services to Resolution 2016-8. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Fayash stated Berkheimer is requesting a confidential contact resolution be passed: Resolution 2017-2. Hosler stated it is appointing a liaison between Berkheimer and township. Hosler made a motion to appoint the chairman as liaison and approve for Resolution 2017-2. All approved.

Fayash stated Karen Parish, Senior Project Manager from Mullin and Lonergan Associates, Inc. emailed stating the revision we signed as Resolution 2016-7 needed to be revised again. Resolution 2017-3 with the attached letter to be signed with the new revised amounts. Hosler made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-3 revising Community and Development Block Grant for Tuscarora waterline. 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Paul Delpais is requesting reimbursement for tax collector training classes taken in 2015 (2 receipts total \$70.00). Fayash made a motion to pay the reimbursement to Paul Delpais for \$70.00. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Pottsville Materials, LLC submitted a material quote for the 2017 Costar Contract 5610-36. Fayash stated it was for the asphalt. Fayash stated it was \$45 last year and \$45.50 this year. Fayash made a motion to accept the contract with Pottsville Materials, LLC. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Propose putting question regarding LED lights on the ballot. Fayash stated he talked with Joe Baranko and that it could not be put on ballot. Fayash stated the township could put a petition at the Post Offices and Cluster Boxes. Hosler stated it should be put on the petition how much money was involved. Fayash stated it should state that it would cost approximately an additional \$50 per month. Hosler questioned as to why township would do this since the board already made the decision not to get the LED lights months ago. Fayash stated the township should leave it up to the people of the township. Fayash made a motion to allow for petitions to be placed at Tuscarora and Mary D Post Offices and Brockton's cluster boxes with yes and no choice and the cost to upgrade \$600 and some and \$50 per month increase included for a month. 2nd Fabrizio. Fayash and Fabrizio approved. Hosler nah.

Solicitor's Report

Atty. John Solt reported that Atty. Baranko had sent an email what was on the agenda: relative to the Middleport Borough Police Service Resolution, we apparently had two resolution numbers assigned to two different resolutions originating back in December. On the agenda this evening is a resolution which will authorize the Board to renumber the Middleport Borough Police Service Agreement Authorization to correlate to the last resolution number for 2016. The Board expressed an interest in potentially timbering certain municipal owned land and I had circulated a memo on March 7, 2017. The second class township code authorizes the Board to selectively harvest forest products. Once Atty. Baranko has a greater understanding of the Boards' intent and what they indeed intend to selectively harvest we can make further recommendations. Atty. Baranko had circulated a memo on the Eastern Schuylkill Planning Region Zoning Ordinance suggesting that the Supervisors and myself meet for a informational session that I will present before we meet with the Eastern Schuylkill Planning region representatives on the zoning concerns.

Fayash wanted to get people in for pricing on the timber. Hosler stated it was a once and done deal. Fayash stated it was better to get something for it rather than leave it stand there and get nothing by doing nothing. Fayash made a motion to possibly talk with people who harvest standing timber for a quote. Atty. Solt stated Atty. Baranko wanted to discuss with the board in more detail the areas the township was considering for the timbering. Fayash stated the areas were mostly surrounding MaryD. Hosler stated the Mary D Community Association owns a lot of the land surrounding Mary D. Fayash stated the property owned by the township is a wooded section up behind Mary D and runs along the silk damn up to a corner roughly 5 acres. Fayash stated a large section is behind South Main Street that is approximately 10 acres. Fayash also stated another section runs Sunny Drive which runs down and around Tewksbury's house that is approximately 4 acres. Hosler stated they usually send a forester out to check the property and then give a price. The board discussed whether or not the township could contact the foresters instead of Atty. Baranko at Atty. Solt's suggestion. Fayash made a motion to consult with Atty. Baranko about which parcels they would be timbering and that the board would contact foresters for quotes on select cut of certain areas. 2nd Hosler on the pricing quotes. All approved.

Chief DiMarco asked the board about purchasing an ipad for inside the police car for checking registrations and taking pictures. The ipad cost is \$359.00 and a data plan of \$14.99 a month. Chief DiMarco stated eventually we will have to go to a LPR (License Plate Reader) because there are no longer registration stickers. The LPR is a camera mounted on the trunk lid that takes a picture of the front and back of the vehicle and holds the picture. The police then manually type the license plate into Penndot's database on the ipad. Fayash made a motion for Chief DiMarco to look into pricing of an ipad. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Fayash questioned Chief DiMarco about the cost of the LPR. Chief DiMarco stated the range was between \$8 and \$12 thousand. Chief DiMarco stated it is expensive but the state is pushing LPR. Chief DiMarco stated it is a good thing despite the cost. Chief DiMarco stated Tamaqua writes 4-5 citations a shift just from expired registrations by the LPR taking information down.

Fayash stated he got prices on the blocks for the salt shed. Quinn Concrete has 2'x2'x3' for \$25 each and 2'x2'x6' for \$50 each. Quinn Concrete charges \$10 per block to deliver them. Quandel has 2'x2'x3' for \$40 each and 2'x2'x4' for \$67.50 each but they have a different interlocking system and 2'x2'x6' for \$80 each. Quandel charges by the hour to deliver the block with an approximate cost of \$250 (two hour estimate) plus the fees for each block. Hess does not deliver. Hess has 2'x2'x6' for \$50 each. Fayash estimated at 8ft high the township would need 16 of the 6ft block and 4 of the 3ft block; this would be approximately 2ft short to go out the side of the building. Quinn only has 10 of the 3' and 6 of the 6' currently. Fayash stated it would be \$800 for 16 at \$50 each and \$100 for the 4 at \$25 each. Fayash stated it would be \$900 for just the blocks. Fayash restated Hess does not deliver. Hosler suggested asking Hess if they know of anyone who delivers the block. Fayash stated he would ask.

Hosler reviewed the Road Master wages for the quarter for the last three years. Hosler stated for 2015 was \$9,361; 2016 was \$17,685.15; 2017 was \$23,331.48. Hosler stated since Fayash was Road Master the numbers have doubled the township's costs since Fayash cannot stay home. Hosler stated that the options were that Fayash would need approval from the board before Fayash would go out to work. Hosler stated that Fayash took backhoe today to dig and that Mark said the lugnuts were loose. Fayash stated the lugnuts were not loose that Fayash could not break them loose that Mark needed the breaker bar for them. Hosler questioned why Fayash had to go dig a ditch? Fayash stated because Mark was working on the GMC. Hosler questioned Fayash as to whether it had to be done today? Fayash stated it was going to rain tomorrow and the ditch was blocked. Hosler stated that Mark could have dug the ditch today and worked on the GMC tomorrow when it rained. Hosler stated it seemed Fayash needs to go out everyday. Hosler stated Fayash's wages alone; last year's quarter \$6,820 and this year's quarter was \$10,852. Hosler stated that was wages and the taxes the township pays. Hosler stated that the township's budget is only \$100,000 for roads and Hosler only did wages. Hosler stated if you put Mark's in for the rest of the year for \$26,790 and we usually spend about \$40,000 on paving. Fayash stated it would be more than that this year. Hosler stated that puts the township at \$90,121. The township's budget is \$100,000. Hosler did not add in the materials that would be used, salt goes in there. Hosler stated that Fayash had a discussion with Fabrizio about cutting Fayash's hours. Fayash stated he had cut it back to 30 hours and the only time he hasn't was with the snow removal. Fayash stated Fabrizio stated that snow would be the exception. Hosler questioned where did they come up with 30 hours? Hosler stated Road Master is not a full time position. Hosler stated the Road Master is suppose to supervise the worker. Fayash questioned Hosler about the worker is suppose to do all the work in the township? Hosler stated yes. Hosler stated that is the way it was. Fayash stated he could tell that was the way it was because apparently this ditch up here that Hosler said was collapsed, which if you guys would have dug it out, it isn't collapsed because the water runs through it. Fayash stated he dug that ditch out again today because the silt is still running through the pipe that is full that they never dug out. Hosler stated the bricks are falling in up there. Fayash stated that they pulled the bricks out; the pipe is open. Fayash questioned as to why Hosler did not fix it; stated that's the problem. Fayash stated that one guy can't go around and maintain the whole township. Hosler stated the township can. Fayash stated that when Hosler was Road Master, things were neglected because no one was there doing them or that Hosler was not telling him to do them or Hosler was not going out to help him do them; that is the job of the Road Master. Hosler stated Hosler did help on some things but Hosler did not spend everyday out there like Fayash is doing. Fayash stated pipes are blocked and there is a lot to do. Hosler stated there is only one full time employee and obviously we went over the Road Maintenance budget last year by \$50,000. Hosler questioned Fayash as to if that was okay? Fayash stated Fayash did not say that was okay. Fayash stated not to forget all the extra work that has been done. Hosler stated we have to work within the budget that is why we are here and have a budget. Hosler stated not to just go out and work and put more money in our pockets. Fayash stated Fayash was not doing that; he was doing work in the township. Hosler questioned why there are two guys in the truck when they go for stuff? Fayash stated there are two guys in the truck at Rush. Hosler stated he does not care about Rush. Fayash stated there are two guys in the truck at West Penn. Fayash stated everywhere you go, there are two guys in the truck. Hosler stated not to go for paving materials. Fayash stated for everything. Hosler stated we are not Rush. Fayash stated Hosler says at other times that this township does this but now it is not okay because Fayash is stating it. Hosler stated Hosler did not go out with Joe and go with Joe to get paving materials. Hosler also questioned as to why it takes two people to go in jeep to pick up parts? Fayash stated the parts would be heavy. Hosler stated the people there could help lift parts in. Hosler stated Fayash said the two trucks were down; Hosler questioned as to why Fayash didn't call one of them? Fayash questioned what would Hosler do? Hosler stated one of them could have helped with getting the parts and that Fayash and Mark could have used the backhoe to move snow. Fayash stated he was here 30hrs and went home. Mark fixed the GMC. Hosler stated Fayash should not be here 30hrs. Fayash stated it was snowing. Hosler stated there are two other supervisors here that can drive the truck.

Public Comment

John Zubris, Brockton, questioned Hosler about how many hours worked and how much did Hosler make at the Sewer Authority last year? Hosler stated \$9,000. Zubris questioned how much stuff did Hosler ruin down at the Sewer Authority? Zubris questioned if Hosler burned pumps up? Hosler stated no. Zubris stated Hosler did and that Hosler ruined the plow and bent the plow on the railroad tracks. Hosler agreed Hosler bent plow. Zubris pressed stated Hosler shut the heat off in the garages and all the ceiling came down. Hosler questioned where Zubris got this information. Zubris stated we will talk about what people do and don't do. Hosler tried to explain why the ceiling came down. Zubris interrupted with the question of how long until Hosler's account is up? Hosler replied in December. Zubris stated good. Hosler stated Zubris better get his facts straight because he did not burn any pumps up. Zubris stated Zubris got his facts from the guy Hosler fired. Hosler stated Zomatosky was not fired. Zubris and Hosler argued over whether or not he was fired and disputed what Hosler got for the Sewer and working at Schuylkill Township. Hosler stated both Hosler and Fabrizio did not take any wages for working snow removal during the storm. Zubris and Hosler continued to argue over how many full time people worked at township in the past. Fayash joined the argument stating his father worked with Jim Bowers along with other employees. Fayash stated there were four or five people working at one time.

Joe Leskin, Brockton, wanted to apologize to Chief DiMarco from last month's meeting. Chief DiMarco thanked him. Chief DiMarco clarified the ATV issue stating if an ATV goes by, the police would put the lights on and attempt to stop them, but if they flee the police would not chase them. Leskin stated he went online about ATV laws; ATVs are not allowed on roads unless it is designated for ATVs. Chief DiMarco agreed that ATVs are not allowed on the roads. There was some discussion about this ongoing ATV problem.

Eileen Talick, Tuscarora, lives between Coal and Ore Street and top of Seneca Street. Talick wants to know the plan for paving this year. Talick was concerned with Seneca Street from the fire hydrant line installation and the previous sewer installations. Talick wanted to know if it was in the budget to pave this area? Hosler stated Seneca Street was bad from picnic grounds on up. Fayash stated Broad Street was also in bad shape. Fayash stated the township would have to go around and see which streets need to be paved. Talick also noted that Ore Street was not plowed during the snow storm until Talick called the township office about it. Fayash apologized.

John Zubris, Brockton, asked about when the stopping of stickers for registration of vehicles would start? Chief DiMarco stated he believed it already started. Zubris questioned on how would the police know if the person has the right license plate? Chief DiMarco stated the License Plate Reader. Zubris questioned Hosler on how much the Sewer Authority paid for the backhoe? Hosler stated \$15,000. Zubris questioned how many times it was used? Hosler stated twice. Zubris stated as taxpayers we did not need it. Fayash stated it sounded like a waste of money. Hosler questioned if Hosler has to take the pump down that weighed 1100 lbs would Zubris be able to lift it? Zubris remarked maybe in his younger days. Hosler disagreed and made a negative remark regarding Zubris' weight. Zubris and Hosler exchanged derogatory insults at each other.

Erin Donley, Brockton, asked Chief DiMarco about the LPR and if grants were available for this. Chief DiMarco stated there are some grants available through the Costars program. Hosler stated it can be purchased through the Costars program; which in turn means the township does not have to bid and will get the lowest price. Chief DiMarco stated there are some grants available through DCED and that Chief DiMarco will look into it.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, wanted to thank all the people who cleared the streets. Van Pelt stated people should learn to compliment as well as people complain. VanPelt stated that people's weight should not be brought into meetings.

Erin Donley, Brockton, wanted to thank those who cleared the streets of snow. Donley stated the township had no issues here as compared to Tamaqua's streets. Fayash stated they had to go through Tamaqua for gas during the storm and Tamaqua had six to eight inches of snow on Broad Street. Donley stated Tamaqua has more workers than our township.

Joe Leskin, Brockton, questioned if the police had a camera inside the police vehicle. Chief DiMarco stated no, the police had a digital camera at office to take pictures at burglaries etc. Leskin questioned the LPR cameras. Chief DiMarco stated the LPR would be on the trunk with a camera facing front and a camera facing back.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, wanted to thank the road workers on behalf of her husband who could not attend due to work. Van Pelt asked if all the supervisors could be more professional at the next meeting. Hosler stated it should go both ways.

John Zubris, Brockton, stated Zubris did not say anything to Hosler about him physically, just about his profession. Zubris continued with a derogatory comment before being asked to stop by Chief DiMarco.

Fayash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Adjourned

Attest:

Colleen Barrett