

**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 2nd, 2018 in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Fayash, Charles Hosler, and Frank Fabrizio. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

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

Treasurer's Report

\$269,904.76 total in bank accounts. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Answers to Last Month's Public Questions- Chief DiMarco addressed the question of target shooting in your yard. DiMarco stated there is no law against it and the township doesn't have an ordinance against it. State game laws do not apply to a residence. Target shooting is allowed in yard as long as there is a backstop and not creating danger to a person.

Public comment on agenda items only – none

Police Report – 49 total calls for February and March. DiMarco stated several citations were issued including: ATV one, speeding, stop sign, disorderly conduct, driving without a license. DiMarco spoke of the handicap parking problem in Tuscarora and the review of the ordinance requiring that the parking spot be designated to the particular person that applied for the handicap parking spot. Atty. Baranko stated he would review others' ordinances and their wording to get something together with our ordinance to make a motion to advertise at the next meeting. DiMarco asked about the purchasing 3 camera kits for approximately \$300.00 to combat the littering problem. Hosler questioned about the fine issued for littering. DiMarco stated he thought it was a \$100.00 fine but he was unsure. Hosler made a motion to purchase the cameras for the police department. 2nd Fayash. All approved. Three cameras for approximately \$300.00. Feathers brought up that Cabelas has a day and night camera for \$159.00 that could be backed up by two cheaper cameras.

Code Enforcement Report – DiMarco stated he spoke to Mr. Farber about his burnt out house. DiMarco gave him thirty days to get a dumpster and start cleaning up and sealing up the windows otherwise he will be cited. DiMarco stated he received a complaint about Shane Monk's property. Monk moved cars from the front to the back. DiMarco stated he would have to send him a certified letter to move the cars. DiMarco stated he was preparing a letter to Mr. Bashinsky on Dodson Street about him being in violation because he is not making any effort to clean up his property and vehicles. DiMarco questioned Baranko about placing liens on the property and Baranko stated he would have to see the ordinance to review. Baranko stated he would review the township code. Feathers suggested the board of health be contacted if it is a hazard to the neighbors. Baranko suggested that Judge Plachko's office maybe able to put an injunction in place to clean up the property.

Road master Report- Hosler stated the township had a few snow storms that they took care of. The GMC is still continuing to have some problems as it died in the last storm. Fayash questioned trading it in for something better. Hosler stated that would be a big expense especially with the uncertainty of the waterline issue. Fayash suggested looking it up. Fayash questioned if they got the coal patch. Hosler stated he was still working on the pile he had first.

Solicitors Report-Slusser stated there have been requests made for additional funding with regards to the Tuscarora Waterline Project. Zoning: the solicitors met and everything is moving forward to finalizing Zoning and SALDO. Maps and summary will be available for review then. It was brought up to create an escrow

account to pay the legal costs and advertising. Baranko asked if the township would be willing to participate in this escrow account with the other municipalities. Fayash questioned a price range. Baranko stated he was thinking \$500-\$1000 for each municipality. Baranko stated the cable agreement has to be done by ordinance incorporating the agreement and letter. Baranko stated it must be advertised and put on next month's agenda for approval. Baranko also stated Dave Horst is rendering an opinion on property in our township currently owned by Tarcon Land in Tuscarora (17 acres). There is a part that is a tract that is across the street but it was subdivided in 2003 and Tarcon Land intends to sell off that property to one of the adjacent property owners. Dave Horst is taking the position that subdivision is not needed (with regards to an engineering position). Baranko stated this parcel is assessed by the county already for over a decade but never recorded a deed and is a de facto segregation and that a 2018 subdivision is not necessary. Baranko asked for a motion for the advertising for the cable ordinance. Also Atlantic Broadband will pick up the cost of the advertising for the ordinance. Fayash made a motion to advertise the cable franchise ordinance 1-2018. 2nd Fabrizio. All Approved. Barrett questioned that it was ten year term, she stated she reached out to Service Electric at corporate. They stated it is not something that happens overnight and would have to assess the situation to see if it is feasible. Fabrizio questioned if we have to change the township email address if we would go with someone else. Feathers questioned if Atlantic Broadband will make us change it now that they bought out Metrocast. Fayash questioned if township will have the Maps to review before the ESP meeting. Baranko stated yes. Fayash made a motion to escrow a maximum of \$1000 for the Eastern Schuylkill Planning. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Zoning Report- 0 permits or variances were issued in March. Fayash stated Paul Benulis asked if the township found a replacement and agreed to stay on as zoning officer from month to month. No applications were submitted.

Committee Report-

Council of Government- did meet; Hosler stated COG had people from Central Keystone COG at meeting and discussed code enforcement and UCC for several municipalities for \$62/hour. Hosler questioned DiMarco what year property maintenance code he was working off of. DiMarco stated he was working off the newest one (2015) that he got from St. Clair. Hosler stated that if DiMarco was working off a newer one the board must endorse that. DiMarco stated he believed the board had adopted the 2009 one. Hosler stated DiMarco should go off the 2009 one until we adopt the ordinance for the newest one (2018). Tax Collection Committee did not meet. Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- didn't meet.

Communications: Schuylkill Keep it Pretty – Spring 2018 Cleanup looking for volunteers April 17-22nd.

Old Business-The generators bid to be placed on website. Barrett stated she does not know the value of the generators or how to go about finding this out. Barrett stated that Baranko said it should be under \$1000.00. Fabrizio had looked up generators on ebay. There was some discussion. Baranko state there needs to be a paper trail and establish estimated fair market value. Issue tabled until more information becomes available. Zoning Officer advertisement – no applications were received.

New Business

Hosler made a motion to approve of payment for PIRMA Renewal for \$10,709. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Discussion regarding delinquent garbage customers and liens and order of execution sales. It was discussed that once a payment plan is in place and the customer stops paying on the payment plan the garbage services are to stop immediately. Baranko stated a forbearance agreement be used for customers that have already been taken to the magistrate and want to set up a payment plan and want their garbage services reinstated. The township will forbear on the order of execution as long as the customer continues to make payments. This would be further discussed in executive session. Hosler made a motion to approve for Resolution 2018-5 setting the garbage fee at \$172.00 for 2018-2019 period. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Regarding the census packet the secretary has 120 days to complete the work. The more accurate the information is completed in order for the

funding for our township. Hosler made a motion that the secretary can go over the 24 hours a week for census work if needed with a maximum of 29 hours per week. 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Public Comment

Joe Leskin, Brockton, thanked the Chief for catching one quad in town. Chief explained he has told ATV riders that there are no designated ATV trails in this area and that he told them before they unloaded their ATVs to go home. The operator of the ATV is responsible not the owner and those on home cameras have helmets on so they cannot be identified.

Gary Feathers, Tuscarora, asked if the township would replace the tv/cable box at fire company. DiMarco stated he may have one to donate to them.

Fayash made a motion to enter into executive session.

Hosler made a motion to place the two liens on properties (garbage delinquents) that were discussed in executive session. 2nd Fayash. All approved. Hosler made a motion to pursue collection of judgment with an order of execution on the 105 Valley Street property. 2nd Fayash. All approved.

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

Adjourned

Attest: Colleen Barrett