

**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 1st, 2019 in the Municipal Building. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited. Those present included Charles Fayash, Charles Hosler, and Frank Fabrizio.

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

Treasurer's Report

\$390,274.08 total in bank accounts. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Public comment on agenda items only - none

Police Report – total of 11 calls including speeding citation, debris on roadway on route 209, noise complaint for the logging operation, assist civilian, traffic enforcement on Catawissa Road.

Code Enforcement Report – DiMarco stated Mr. Rutherford had concerns about his neighbor burning and DiMarco referred the burning issue to the fire chief and Mr. Slane. Discussion followed over burning of cardboard and the burning ordinance. DiMarco stated the fire chief should handle it due to safety reasons. DiMarco stated himself and the fire chief will pay a visit to him to tell him that he cannot burn anymore cardboard anymore and only burn clean wood. DiMarco also stated he will give him a copy of the ordinance. DiMarco stated he is burning on flat ground not in a pit. DiMarco stated Monk is still continuing to clean up his property.

Roadmaster Report- Hosler stated Maintenance patched potholes, fixed the crooked signs, and made repairs on the GMC.

Solicitors Report-Baranko stated he distributed the draft of the employee contract for the part time police hire. It was stated the officer declined to take the position. DiMarco stated about possibly hiring Ryan Oldt for weekends, nights. It was discussed that Oldt is employed in other areas but only part time (not full time).

Zoning Report- 1 Zoning permit was issued (Joseph & Lynda Jakubco). 1 UCC permit was issued (Joseph & Lynda Jakubco). Barrett stated the Zoning Officer wanted the board to discuss the possible auto repair shop in Brockton and the previous existence of the business. The Board confirmed it was a service station and it is in a residential area. Barrett questioned the Board about considering it use by special exception and grandfathered in. Baranko stated it would be a non-conforming use in our ordinance and if there was no intent to abandon the use of the property which would mean the use was not "abandoned." Baranko stated that resident could apply for a certificate of non-conformity from the Zoning Officer. The Board agreed that there was no intent to abandon.

Committee Reports

Council of Government- Committee did meet and COG is still planning to hold an electronics recycling event this summer possibly in Mahanoy City location. A list should be available once it is finalized. Hosler made a motion to participate in the electronics recycling event held by COG. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- did not meet

Tax Collection Committee- Committee did not meet

Communications: Out With Litter Spring Clean Up for Schuylkill County is scheduled for April 25, 26, & 27th. Registration is due by April 15th forms available in office. Mary D Fire Company provided a list of fundraising events and training/work details for 2019. PSATS Convention April 14th-17th. Schuylkill Conservation District may conduct West Nile Virus monitoring and surveillance in our township. Trapping equipment will be tagged with the Schuylkill Conservation District's name and contact information. Also Dead birds should be reported by using the link found on the PA Dept of Environmental Protection's West Nile Virus webpage.

Old Business –none

New Business- Fayash made a motion to pay the annual dues for COG for 2019 in the amount of \$100.00. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Fayash made a motion to have annual yard sale on June 22nd from 8am – 2pm with a rain date of June 29th. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Garbage fees last year were \$172.00 per resident use. The township's garbage payments were approximately \$86,499.96. Note: 509 households billed at \$172.00 for a total of \$87,548. Cost of supplies approximately \$358.93. Fayash made a motion to keep the garbage fee at \$172.00 for the year. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Hosler made a motion to pay PIRMA Invoice for \$10,393 for General Liability, Auto Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Liability due by 5/8/2019. 2nd Fayash. All approved. Hosler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-2 Schuylkill County's Hazard Mitigation Plan adoption. 2nd Fayash. All approved. Jack Slane has addressed all the necessary items for Snukis' variance. Fayash made a motion to approve the final Snukis variance application. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Discussion about required paperwork for employee's training sessions for payroll. Hosler stated the board should be notified if and when an employee is going for training (mandatory or otherwise). Paperwork should accompany the time card with information on the training session. DiMarco stated that it is mandatory for 16 hours for every cop in the entire state. Hosler questioned why the township should be paying for the total 16 hours for Officer Stanell when he also works full time in Tamaqua. DiMarco stated that he split the 8 hours here and the other 8 hours in Tamaqua. Hosler stated he did not. Discussion followed about training at a location and registering. DiMarco stated a group email with available dates etc go out. DiMarco stated the township doesn't have to pay for his training because he does his online. Barrett stated she emailed a copy of the liability insurance coverage Mr. Pollack provided to the township's insurance carrier HA Thomson. The township's insurance strongly recommended that the insurance coverage and registration of the drone should be in the township's name. The township and the owner can be held responsible for the use of the drone as per our insurance carrier. Our insurance company will not provide general liability coverage for the drone without it being registered in the township's name. Discussion over the drone and coverage.

Public Comment

John Zubris, Brockton questioned about the electronics recycling event date and when is the garbage contract up. Zubris also asked about recycling and yard sale questions.

Thomas Slane, Tuscarora, questioned about the drone and use with mutual aid. Barrett stated it must be an EMS licensed FAA operator for use.

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

Adjourned

Attest: Colleen Barrett