

**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, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at the Municipal Building. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited. Those present included Charles Hosler, Frank Fabrizio, and Charles Fayash.

Charles Hosler made a motion to approve the July Meeting Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fayash. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$650,131.81, total in bank accounts. Hosler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved. Visa Report GPS \$44.36

Smarr's Tree service removed 1 tree from the list of trees approved at last meeting \$1,950.00 Motion to approve by Hosler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fayash. All Approved.

Received payment from American Rescue Plan for \$55,317.68, Barrett called DCED due about the different amount from what was originally stated the township would receive. Barrett stated it is from paperwork she filled out for the ARP and he couldn't give exact amount, he knew of other vendors receiving in installment payment not the full amount at once. Deposited into the general fund but will have to be moved into another fund.

CD for \$25,000 from August 2019 will be mature on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Current rate is .20%. As of July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the current balance is \$25,604.66. The Board will need to decide if letting the CD rollover which is a better percentage rate than the interest in the general fund account or if you will cash in. This needs to be done during this time or it will rollover to one more year. If decided to cash in after the 10 day period from due date there will be penalties. This was a year to year CD, however due to last year circumstances, it was over sighted and the bank automatically rolled over the CD.

Answers to last month's questions – none

Public comment on agenda items only -Gary Feathers, Tuscarora has concerns with the placement of the stop sign by Leskin property at Valley St. and Emerick St. Discussion ensued about the Leskin property line and stop sign. Fayash motioned to move the stop sign closer to Valley Street per guidelines. Hosler 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Approved.

Police Report – 4 Assists Ems, 2 Abandoned cars, 1 towed car, 1 warrant, 1 civil suit, 1 suspicious activity, 1 domestic, 1 assist person, 2 parking, 1 trespassing, 1 Fraud and total of 29 traffic citations issued. Hosler asked if ENRAD is being used. Per Chief Dimarco and Officer Lex it is being used almost every shift.

Code Enforcement Report – Will be discussed in executive session.

Roadmaster Report- Buccieri stated he cut roadsides, cut grass, and equipment maintenance, dug out culverts, filled potholes, Changed and painted stop signs. Buccieri stated he is still waiting on quotes. Buccieri stated Smarr cut tree on Sunny Drive it was the biggest one and already falling. Smarr will be going to Brockton next to cut that tree. Buccieri stated he got a quote from Tractor Supply of \$950.00 (5x8) trailer for the transport of the zero turn mower. The Chopoff saw was quoted at \$1,500.00 and Buccieri will continue to search for a better deal with the saw. Hosler motioned to buy a larger trailer (6x12) or (6x14) with the cap of \$2,000.00. Fayash 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Approved. Hosler motioned to buy Chopoff saw for cutting the roads with the cap of \$1,500.00. Fayash 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Approved. Buccieri states roller needs to be fixed sprocket came off Rear drum it needs to be welded. Discussion ensued regarding roller previous breakdown. Discussion ensued about using Roller when

shared. Buccieri states he will try fixing it again. Folk will be coming at the end of this week. October 31,2021 is the cutoff.

Solicitors Report-Atty. Baranko stated the LST Ordinance was tabled to September 13, 2021. Advertisement is ready. Hosler made a motion to advertise LST Ordinance. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved. After approved Atty Baranko needs it in by November 1, 2021.

Zoning Report- Zoning permits, None , UCC building permits None.

#### Committee Reports

Council of Government- Asphalt Zipper for Sale \$50,000.00. They are getting a new brush hog for cutting the sides of the roads. If interested in going in with them amount would be determined once they know how many are interested in purchasing together. Code Enforcement - problems everyone is having them.

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- Basketball Tournaments and Financial Reports

Tax Collection Committee- Committee –did not meet.

Communications: First Annual Car Cruise will take place on August 21<sup>st</sup>, any donations will benefit the Schuylkill Township First Responders. The first part of the Car Show/Cruise begins at 10:00 at the Tuscarora R/C Flying Club Field and ends at Hideout Tavern Parking Lot. Emergency Rental Assistance Program – Flyer will be on the door. Zoning Hearing Board met on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to review the Leskin Zoning Appeal/Variance application. ZHB approved a variance with conditions. The Workers Comp Audit was completed and it has increased from what was estimated. Increase approximately \$2,000.00. Haven't received the bill yet. There was an increase in the maintenance dept. payroll. Ot – No overabundance of OT - Due to the raises and a big increase in police payroll from hiring more officers. In 2020 we didn't have as much police coverage due to covid.

Old Business - LST Ordinance and road paving were already discussed.

New Business- Secretary/Treasurer resigning effective 8/12/2021. Supervisors Thanked Colleen for her years of service. Position is advertised. No applicants yet. Applicants can apply till 8/5/2021. Interviews will need to be set up. Supervisors Thanked Colleen for her years of service. Colleen would like to thank her towns people, its been her pleasure serving the Township where she has grown up.

Added to Agenda – Why are the township meeting not being posted on YouTube? Frank stated it was put on the Facebook Community action page originally but he stopped doing that after it was discussed at a meeting in November 2019 and Atty. Baranko advised that elected officials should not be posting on an unofficial page. Colleen stated a lot of people are under the impression that the Schuylkill Township Facebook page is the Township's Facebook page, it is not. It is a community action page. Chuck stated it is a Public Forum. Atty Baranko stated it if this is not the Townships official page any elected official or Township employee should not be posting on this page. Per Colleen we have a Schuylkill Township website, not a Facebook page. Our Insurance Company has advised not to have a Facebook page because you open yourself up to liability.

Gary Feathers wants to know why YOU Tube videos haven't been posted from 4/6/2020 to present. He thought this is for residents who can't go to the meetings for them to see. The Township website has the YouTube link there. Is there something to hide while cameras are rolling and something said you don't want out there? Discussion ensued regarding previous YouTube videos. Per Fabrizio there were issues with the camera and issues with the app update that has messed everything up. Fabrizio wasn't posting anything until he figured out the issues. We were thinking we were getting video recordings but sometimes weren't and he would check camera during meeting. After these issues Fabrizio went and factory reset it at the suggestion of the app company. He didn't want to do that because he was afraid of losing everything which was what happened.

Royalties from Mine. Barrett hasn't seen anything from them and she called DEP today. They just moved back into physical offices today. They couldn't give me any information on Royalties, she offered for Barrett to come in and read the permit usage of the property designated roads or not but an appointment is needed. Barrett left a message with John Squires. Hosler stated he would ask the fire company at the next meeting about the royalties.

Public Comment –Erin Donley, Brockton-wanted to know why the meetings haven't been posted. Answered previously by Fabrizio the cameras weren't working. She asked why not just say the cameras were broke.

Alfred Marchetti, Brockton – Is there anything to help with the mine water running on Woodland Drive? He states he saw there may be a grant or something being done by Senator Argall or Representative Knowles. Call DEP- he has paperwork but can't find it. Advised to check with Representatives and we will also. There was a dam back there that he placed pipes but now it's turned orange and not sure where coming from. Last few years have gotten worse.

Gary Feathers, Tuscarora – Does the township have a backup or plan in place for the secretary/treasurer position if there are no applicants? Barrett stated that there is no applicants as of yet. Feathers expressed concern about planning. Discussion ensued about the salary of the position. Hosler stated that no short term plans in place other than the supervisors stepping up. Discussion ensued about the bonding of the treasurer.

John Zubris, Brockton asked if the township can just put up stop signs. Hosler stated no you have to do it by ordinance, putting up or taking down stop signs. Discussion ensued about Dollar General Entryway.

Hosler made a motion to go into executive session.

Discussed code enforcement properties. Hosler made a motion that the supervisors will meet on Thursday to cleanup township property to remediate hazards. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fayash. All approved. Hosler made a motion to follow our zoning officer's recommendation to treat Dollar General zoning for their sign following the commercial sizing guidelines (since our zoning ordinance does not specify guidelines for the R4 signage). 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved with Fayash commenting that if there are any other commercial properties in a R3,4, or 5 zone was ok to do if everyone is treated fairly. Atty. Baranko stated to stay consistent from this point going forward.

Fayash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hosler. All approved.

Adjourned

Attest: Colleen Barrett