

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

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held Monday, December 12, 2022. Those present included Charles Fayash, Gary Feathers and Charles Hosler. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed for the firefighters who lost their lives in the West Penn Fire

Meeting Minutes- Feathers motioned to approve November's meeting minutes, Hosler 2nd. All Approved.

Treasurer's Report- Auditor is unable to be here tonight full report should be to the board by Friday. Total Township Assets \$660,537.54 (Bank Statements) see Treasurer's report for detail. Fayash motioned to accept treasurer's report pending audit, 2nd Hosler. All approved

Answers to Last Month's Public Questions- None.

Public comment on agenda items only – None

Police Report- criminal investigation; suicide investigation; false alarm residential burglar alarm; 3 assist other agencies Fire/Ems; abandoned vehicle private property
Discussion ensued regarding Enrad needing calibration. Chief DiMarco will take to Pine Grove due to the Enrad needs to be calibrated every 60 days. No penalty for not calibrating and can be used with either police vehicle the twp has. Discussion ensued regarding the calibration of the Enrad. Chief DiMarco discussed the Police Jeep and the invoice. Note was left for the officers of how and when to use the vehicle. Supervisors would like to see the jeep doors are lettered. Per Chief DiMarco there are magnets to be placed on the door that says Schuylkill Township Police. Supervisor Hosler asked about the check engine light still being on, per Chief DiMarco the light has been on. Chief DiMarco states the engine light has been on since the day they got the vehicle. Hosler asked even with a new engine being placed in. Per DiMarco yes, it is a solid light, its not blinking. Chief DiMarco can place it on the scanner to check the light out. DiMarco revised the invoice. Discussion ensued regarding that 550 was approved at a previous meeting. Hosler asked how did he not know the rocker panels were bad, before replacing the engine. Discussion ensued regarding placing the motor in the vehicle with the rockers being bad; per DiMarco it would not pass inspection unless it was fixed. Feathers questioned the Die Hard battery. Per DiMarco it is top of the line battery and the battery was never replaced in the vehicle per Buccieri the battery was replaced right before taking it down to DiMarco's garage. Fayash made a motion to pay police car invoice for 1911.25 Hill explained that per the audit we should approve the whole bill due to the engine being approved in 3/2021 for \$550.00, Fayash motioned to revise the amount of 1911.25 to 2461.25 for the repairs & inspection done to the Police Jeep Per DiMarco he paid \$500 for the engine and he placed it in for free, 2nd by Feathers. All Approved Discussion ensued with Chief DiMarco and supervisors regarding No Parking on Walnut street between the No Parking signs. Chief DiMarco asked how many active fire departments does the township have. Supervisors responded 2, Brockton merged with Mary D & Tuscarora

Code Enforcement Report- None

Roadmaster Report- Fayash motioned to pay Smith's metal works invoice @1230.75, 2nd Hosler. All Approved Buccieri stated they replaced stop signs and other needed signs, replaced reflectors, plowed and salted roads; equipment maint.; building and ground maint.; cleaned out township drains; scraped and grated the roadsides; picked up trash along roadsides; trimmed trees, branches and fallen trees from roadsides, mainly old 209. F& L doors replaced the tension spring on the garage door where the police car goes. It does work, but can't be used until they get a new limit switch for it. Plasters was here and worked on the backhoe they changed the shift selector switch. Changed all the filters. Filters were 347.00. Still needs wiper motor and need to replace the

kingpin. New twp truck 8200.00 works great and everything works on it. Discussion ensued regarding the plow trucks and the augers on the trucks. Fayash asked if we have coal patch. Buccieri stated yes. Discussion ensued regarding when the salt shed will be fixed. Per Buccieri we still need to address stop signs in the township. Discussion ensued with Supervisors regarding stop signs. Fayash made motion to get 5 ton of coal patch 2nd Feathers. All Approved.

Solicitors Report- Rush Twp Mutual Aid Agreement, Feathers asked why and what is the agreement for. Per Atty Rockman it is a good idea to help each other. Discussion ensued regarding the need for this agreement with the supervisors, Chief DiMarco and Atty. Rockman. Chief DiMarco is going to check with Chief Weaver in Rush Twp regarding the agreement Fayash made motion to table Mutual Aid agreement until Jan meeting., 2nd Feathers. All Approved.

Zoning Report Zoning Permit Jason Hollan 44 Valley St., Brockton - Extend Roof over Existing Porch, Extend Deck around back of house, Chelsea Farber – 599 Old Route 209- New Manufactured home

Committee Reports

Council of Government- did not meet

Tax Collection Committee- did not meet

Communications- Received correspondence from Brior Environmental Service Inc, regarding reappointment to our township for 2023; received payment from Atlantic Broadband Finances for \$7971.00. \$4076 are franchise fees for Apr-Jun 2021 2nd qtr. Found through audit not rec'd in 2021; \$3895 is for 2022 3rd qtr. Jul-Sep; Received notice of payment State Police Fines and Penalties in the amount of \$448.76 deposited 12/1/2022; New Report Field on the Report of Elected & Appointed Officials for 2023; Property Insurance Carrier Name & Coverage Limit & the same for Liability Insurance Carriers added.

Old Business: Roadmaster Contract- exec session; Grant writing – Hill went over the processes other Townships and Boroughs do for grant writing & information from Schuylkill GrantWorks, LLC; No Parking Valley Street – need from Engineer-discuss in exec session ; Excess Road Maintenance Agreement – need from Engineer discuss in exec session; Codification project – requested an extension date from Editor per Atty. Baranko; PPL Led Lights – Project to start sometime 1st qtr. Of 2023 due to backorder of the supplies, waiting on response to purple LED lighting question; Per PPL our Maintenance contract would cover fixing the purple light. Township Timbering – Tentative Meeting date of 12/19/2023 @ 930am with William Thomas, Forestry Ranger; Hometown Heros project – collecting applications and payments for 2/15/23 ordering deadline; Facebook page-Hill unable to start due to it being attached to her personel account, Hill couldn't get around setting the account up as person using the Township information. Discussion ensued regarding starting the Facebook Account.

New Business: Approve the Meeting Schedule & Workshop Meeting Schedule for 2023 for advertisement, Fayash made motion to approve 2023 Meeting & Workshop schedule, 2nd Feathers. All Approved Hosler made motion to approve 2023 Budget Advertised on November 10th Budget Resolution 2022-8 2nd Feathers. All approved. Need approval for Psats Trustee Insurance Policy for 2023 for Township Employees \$1500.00 due 12/28/22 Hosler motioned to approve PSATS 1500.00 2nd Fayash, All Approved ; Need approval on the township's website renewal. The renewal fee is \$300 for the year due Jan. 24th, 2023 Fayash motion to approve the Website renewal of \$300 2nd Hosler, All Approved; Office of the County Controller would like direct deposit for payment of Road & School Programs, to ensure our delinquent tax payments from the county for 2023 Feathers motioned for direct deposit of Office of the County Controller, 2nd Hosler. All Approved; Atlantic Broadband Finances (Breezeline) would like Twp to do direct deposit for 2023 Feathers made motion for direct deposit for Atlantic Broadband Finances 2nd Fayash. All Approved; Garbage delinquencies-exec session

Public Comment

Bob Kupetz- Mary D- Is the public able to attend the timbering meeting set on 12/19? Discussion ensued regarding that this was just a meeting with the board to go over the criteria of timbering. No decisions are being made. Forest Ranger will be taking the information back and research what the township is able to do. Mr. Kupetz concern is timbering in the residential area and the residents should be aware. Hill and the Board stated nothing can be done without holding public meetings in regards to timbering. Grant writing- what is the percentage she takes and if she only does a little bit what is the cost. Per Hill Schuylkill GrantWorks consults on an individual basis and fee amounts are determined once she does the consultation. He feels grant writing is an asset to the township.

Mike Kellet – Mary D

What is happening on Back Street? Per Fayash the solicitor is not there to comment. Per Hill she can comment she spoke with solicitor regarding this, as of Friday they were attempting to do certified letter. Per Atty Rockman it must be hand delivered. Discussion ensued regarding the disarray of the property and issues that are taking place. Its still hanging on per Kellet, Per Chief DiMarco due to a case in Tamaqua that has case favor toward what the township is doing. Kellet is concerned for the row of resident due to issues that have happened in the past. Discussion ensued between DiMarco and Kellet. Chief DiMarco requested Hill get him a copy of the letter and DiMarco will serve him as Code Enforcement officer. Board agreed. What about the weight limits on Sanderson Street, per the board they are discussing in exec session tonight.

Times News Reporter- What are the tax mills. 10.88 mills. 2023 Budget \$482,500, Revenues; \$481,160, expenditures. Hometown Heros Program-no limit. \$225.00 is cost and deadline is 2/15/23.

Fayash motioned to go into exec. Session 2nd Feathers. All Approved.

Discussed personnel, potential issues arising with parking Litigation in the township

Fayash made motion to adjourn meeting, 2nd Feathers . All Approved.

Adjourned

Attest: Denise Hill