

**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, February 5th, 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 Reorganization Minutes. 2nd Fayash. All approved. Charles Hosler made a motion to approve the January Regular Meeting Minutes. 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$281,176.54 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 shooting firearms in the backyard of a resident in the township. DiMarco stated he was not aware of the township having any ordinances regarding firearms and there is no state law. DiMarco stated if there is a problem to contact the police department and they will look into it. DiMarco also stated it may fall under a game law.

Public comment on agenda items only – none

Police Report – Total of 18 calls including littering complaint – arrest made, assist person, phone assignments, investigation, abandoned vehicle, assist other agency, assist motorists, property returned, parking complaints, trespassing, atv dirt/bike. Sergeant Stanell requested the township purchase two game cameras at a cost of \$300.00 for both to catch the litterbugs. DiMarco will get official quotes to the supervisors. DiMarco also brought up the possible purchase of a speed machine called enrad which uses infrared beams at \$3,800.00. Hosler questioned if it would require calibrations. DiMarco stated it does every sixty days.

Code Enforcement Report – DiMarco stated that the property in Newkirk did cleanup and removed the abandoned vehicles off of Reading Anthracite's property. Reading Anthracite reposted signs.

Road master Report- Hosler stated the township had a few snow storms that they took care of. The township purchased four loads of salt that fulfills the township's commitment for the contract. The master cylinder had to be changed out on the GMC.

Solicitors Report-Slusser stated that the board could discuss the Tuscarora waterline account and collection account in executive session.

Zoning Report- 0 permits were issued in January. Benulis emailed a letter he requested be read at the meeting. In summary Benulis stated he issued a zoning permit to a property owner that owned two adjoining properties with the primary structure on one lot and the proposed garage was to be on the adjoining lot. The zoning ordinances are guidelines and that there are areas in which it is silent and Benulis had to make his own interpretation which he treated the lots as one because they were side by side owned by the same owner. Benulis also stated that Mr. Bashago made false statements regarding him in the previous meeting. Also Benulis will be resigning as of March 31st, 2018. Fayash made a motion to advertise for a zoning officer. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Committee Report-

Council of Government- met Jan. 24, 2018. The township received invoice for the rental of the brush hog. Hosler stated COG was supposed to have a speaker from western COG but speaker had to reschedule for the

next meeting. Barrett stated COG sent a reimbursement check for the two belts we replaced along with the rental invoice. Fayash made a motion to approve payment of the COG invoice for rental of the brush hog. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- as per the ESRC agreement the yearly amount for our township is \$1000.00. Fabrizio will check at next meeting if ESRC will be sending an invoice for the annual contribution. Fayash made a motion to table until next meeting. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Planning will meet in two weeks.

Communications: Atlantic Broadband has acquired the local Cable System from MetroCast as of Jan. 4, 2018. There will be no change in any of the terms or conditions of the existing Franchise Agreement and the transition should be transparent to the subscribers. Atlantic Broadband will still provide for complimentary internet service to the municipal building, and the three fire companies. Barrett stated Atlantic Broadband has provided an agreement to be signed by the Board. In letter enclosed with agreement it stated that the contract stayed the same as the previous one. Fayash questioned if it was the same amount (5%) as the previous one and Barrett stated she did not have a copy of the Metrocast agreement. Hosler questioned if the complimentary cable was also still included. Barrett stated the letter only addressed the internet. The board discussed the length of the agreement was listed as 15 years. Baranko suggested getting it cut down to 7 years. Baranko expressed concern over Atlantic Broadband putting a whole new package together in this agreement rather than grandfathering in the previous package with MetroCast. Hosler made a motion to table signing the agreement with Atlantic Broadband. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Mary D Fire Company sent letter of upcoming fundraising events and training/work details for 2018. Alfred Benesch informed us of their intent to submit for a reissuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Application to the PA DEP for the Mary D Community Association's Water Treatment Plant. Pottsville Materials costars quote paperwork. Hosler questioned why the quote was for only two items and did not include anti-skid. Fayash made a motion to table signing the Pottsville Materials Quote. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Old Business- The Municipal/County Emergency Operations Plan needs to be officially approved; deadline is March 1st. Fayash made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-3 the Municipal/County Emergency Operations Plan. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

New Business- Community Yard Sale date Saturday, June 23rd. Hosler made a motion to approval of mileage log for Fayash for 49 miles to pick up parts. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Hosler made a motion to participate in Costars Program upcoming year August 2018-July 2019 Contract registration deadline is March 15, 2018 at 140 tons. 2nd Fayash. All approved. Additional \$183.00 is due in premium for the Heart & Lung Policy for the Police based on the Payroll Audit done by HA Thomson Co. for the policy period 11/10/16 to 11/10/17. The township originally paid \$100.00 but based on the additional amount of payroll for that time period; there is an additional premium due. Note HA Thomson based the 11/10/17 to 11/10/18 period on \$19,613 gross wages for police payroll and the premium charged on that time frame was \$100.00 but it should have been \$283.00 according to the audit. Fayash made a motion to pay the additional \$183.00 premium due to HA Thomson for the Heart&Lung Policy for the Police. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Additional \$5101.00 is due in premium for the Workman's Comp Policy based on the Payroll Audit done by HA Thomson Co. the Police department's payroll was based on the previous year's number \$19,600 and it increased to \$36,000 and the Maintenance department's was based on \$46,110 and it increased to \$59,049. This additional premium due was not included in our budget numbers for 2018. Barrett previously emailed the Board regarding this premium due and received approval in order to make their due date which was 20 days not the typical 30 days. Fayash officially made a motion at this meeting to approve the payment of the additional premium due \$5,101.00 (mailed 2/2/2018). 2nd Hosler. All approved. The Board declined to not prevent disclosure of account information to PPL's Electric Choice Option. Fayash made a motion to sign paperwork needed for the Brior Environmental Service for reimbursement of \$45.00. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Hosler made a motion to approve payment to Paul Delpais for reimbursement for \$300.87 for postage and envelopes. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Fayash made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$75.00 for PSATS Training for Municipal Secretaries. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Charles Stancavage passed away on January 30th. We offer our condolences to his wife Claire and family. The board will need to appoint someone to replace his position on the Zoning Board and an ESRP

alternate. Fayash made a motion to remove Gary Feathers from the planning commission and add him to the Zoning Board (to replace Charles Stancavage) and an alternate for ESRP (to replace Charles Stancavage). 2nd Hosler. All approved. The board will need to appoint a replacement for Gary Feathers for the Eastern Planning Commission now that he has been removed. Fayash made a motion to approve payment on Invoice#24621-5 from MP Outfitters for Black pants for Officer Stanell in the amount of \$59.99. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. The township must apply for the PA DCED (MAP) grant for matching aid for the merger of the Brockton & Mary D Fire Companies because the fire companies cannot. Hosler stated that both the Mary D & Brockton fire companies have submitted their resolutions approving the merger. Fayash made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-4 PA DCED grant for matching aid (\$2,500.00) for the merger of the Brockton & Mary D Fire Companies. Hosler read a letter summarizing the steps accomplished by both fire companies at this time.

Public Comment

Bob Stremick, Brockton, expressed concerns about the plow putting snow onto property/sidewalk because he is going too fast.

Dan Grey, Brockton, questioned the current snow plowing since the reorganization questioning if the current way which is not the same as previously was due to the type of storms or the conflict of the Roadmaster having a full time job. Hosler stated he was out snow plowing. Fayash stated that now there is only one truck out not two trucks out. Hosler stated that when he was Roadmaster before there was only one truck out unless there was a major snowfall. Hosler stated it is tougher with the ice and mix of weather lately.

Joe Leskin, Brockton, stated the plow is coming into town way too fast and the snow is up against his garage door and the moving snow piles in the area he already cleared. Leskin questioned the approval of fire company items regarding the merger and the lack of information being provided by the Brockton Fire Company to the public. Leskin questioned the openness of any fire company meetings to the public about what is going on. Hosler stated there are no new volunteers to the fire companies. Barrett stated that representatives from the fire companies were at a public meeting previously stating their intent to merge. Leskin wanted to know why the board was still giving a donation to the Brockton Fire Company if they don't exist. Hosler stated that the Brockton Fire Company still exists. Leskin wanted to know if the board would get a refund once they merged. Fayash stated the money would go to where they merge. Hosler stated it is not leaving the township. Leskin questioned further about the Brockton Fire Company with regards to calls, parades, and speakeasys.

Dan Grey, Brockton, stated that a public meeting should be held by the fire companies and pointed out that the letter that was read stated if anyone has any questions regarding the merger to contact the fire companies. Grey also thanked private snowplow drivers such as Brian Tirpak for assisting members of the community.

Fayash made a motion to go into executive session. Executive session ended.
Fayash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Adjourned

Attest: Colleen Barrett