

**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 7th, 2022 in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Fayash, Gary Feathers, and Charles Hosler. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

Fayash made a motion to approve the January Reorganizational Meeting minutes and January Regular Meeting minutes. 2nd Feathers; All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$521,833.82 total - bank accounts. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2nd Hosler; All approved. Visa Report – None

Answers to Last Month's Public Questions – none

Public comment on agenda items only – none

Police Report – No Insurance-1; Expired inspection-1; Suspended License-1; Unregistered tag-1; 2 on 1/1/22 Traffic Enforcement & Assist other Agency (Fire/Ems); 1 on 1/15/22 Assist other Agency(Fire/Ems); 3 on 1/19/22 2 Assist other Agency(Police) & 1 phone assignment; 2 Assist other Agency(Police) on 1/22/22; Abandoned vehicle (not of private property) on 1/24/22; Disorderly Conduct(All Others) on 1/28/22; 2 on 1/29/22 Assist Person(Civilian) and Subpoena Service; & 2/6/22 phone assignment.

Code Enforcement Report - None

Roadmaster Report- Mark Buccieri stated plowed snow and salted roads, Equipment Maintenance, patched potholes, cleared the drains. International is back and work is done bill was \$1506.00 parts & labor. Rec'd the bill from Plasters for the Backhoe \$2574.98. Fayash made motion to pay bill for 1506.00 from SkyTop. 2nd Feathers. All Approved. Fayash made motion to pay Plasters bill for \$2574.98. 2nd Feathers. All Approved. GMC needs to be inspected. Discussion ensued regarding work to be done on GMC. Discussion ensued regarding Coal patch. Fayash made motion to get up to 5 tons of Coal Patch 2nd Feathers. All approved. Discussion ensued regarding another helper.

Solicitors Report- The Planning Commission met on 2/3/22 and generated a recommendation for approval conditioned on a few things having to be done. This has to be tabled to next meeting due to the County Planning Commission needs to review the plans. It was recommended to obtain a will serve letter from the Sewer Authority and 2 Easement agreements sent to the developer regarding driveway access and water & sewer lines. ARP- Recovery Funds – was sent to township regarding how the money can be used. Atty Baranko will be forwarding to Chris Riley and Bill McMullin in present format & see what happens. All Supervisors agreed. Joe Leskin stated we know what we are talking about but the public doesn't understand what we are discussing. Supervisor Feathers explained to Mr. Leskin the joint Zoning Ordinance that Schuylkill Township is part of and the changes we are asking to modify what doesn't pertain to our township. Discussion ensued regarding examples and what we are trying to modify.

Zoning Report- One Zoning permit was issued Mary D Fire Co – replace shed at baseball field. Discussion ensued regarding the permit issued. Hill stated that the permit went thru Light & Heigel and Bill Angst applied for the permit.

Committee Reports

Council of Government- did not meet

Tax Collection Committee- did not meet

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- Meets on 2/9/22

Communications: Received Thank you letter from Attorney Baranko for solicitor appointment; ARP Account opened in a MMA at MCT interest rate .10- \$55,317.68 on 2/1/22; Final Ruling Information sent from Atty. Baranko regarding ARP money; Firstnet AT&T account opened. Ordered an Inseego USB Modem for \$49.99 for police car & monthly service \$36.99; Hometown Hero flags Hill stated she will be meeting with Ann between Feb & Mar regarding specifications of the program. Supervisor Feathers stated an Ordinance or Resolution to put them. It will be up to the family to purchase their own flag, possibility of a grant maybe an option. Discussion ensued regarding placement of the flags and how they are hung. Codification project update decision needs to be made on Ordinance 1998-4 and 1998-7. Please confirm that 1998-7 is intended to supersede 1998-4, per meeting minutes dated 10/20/1998. Ordinance 1998-7 was not adopted; Secretary completed Basic Virtual Training for Secretaries on Feb. 3rd, 2022; Received application for Eileen Tallick Minor Subdivision; Planning Commission Board met on Feb. 3rd 6pm for discussion of Tallick Minor Subdivision; Explanation of increase to insurance policy of \$2130.00. Amended Exposure for Class 953, 980, & 985 due to recent audit. Secretary met with insurance agent 1/11/2022; Breezeline customers will need to change their email accounts. Old email will be forwarded to new email address, however you will received notification from Breezeline when your old email will no longer forward to your new email address. Make sure you give your contacts your new email address. Breezeline will have customer service representatives available to help customers. Per Francis at Breezeline the customer is to follow the communication rec'd regarding their email process.

Old Business: Noise Ordinance tabled from last month, Fayash stated there is a 10pm to 7am curfew or 9 pm to 7am curfew, there will need to be an exception placed due to the Tuscarora Block Party till Midnight. Discussion ensued regarding the updates that need to be made to the proposed noise ordinance. ESRP modification/input change status discussed previously under Solicitor Report; Dollar General Bond tabled last month need to authorize a field visit to prepare the report for the surety release per Dave Horst, Engineer; discussion ensue regarding Certificate of Occupancy; Per Baranko reach out to Dave and he needs to do an onsite visit in order to prepare to release. Discussion ensued regarding the building. Hosler made motion to authorize the field visit. 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Jones & Company has assigned an auditor. Audit is scheduled at Township building on 6/1/2022 thur 6/3/2022. Amount will not exceed \$5700, they come to the site and do everything here, and final audit will be complete before they leave. Discussion ensued regarding Lettich & Zippay, \$5500 was their cost. Discussion ensued why we were looking for new auditor. Feathers made motion to hire Jones & Co to do our Audit not to exceed \$5700. 2nd Hosler. All Approved. Discuss Laurel Ave. Per Feathers we met with PPL, we need to get with our engineers, PPL wanted right away, we also had to reach out to Atlantic Broadband/Breezeline and Verizon, we haven't heard back yet from them regarding moving the pole. Discussion ensued regarding the poles and what could be done. Dave Horst, engineer got Ppl the drawings he had for that area. Discussion ensued regarding parking by the stop sign. Bob Kupetz, Mary D, Discussion ensued regarding the wall being moved and parking across from his garage. Feathers stated we are still waiting on PPL and engineers to decide what is being done up there. Hill stated the supervisors are on email with PPL, Verizon, & Breezeline. Need to Sign Resolution for Workers Compensation Act regarding coverage for Volunteer Fireman to be done now with each policy renewal. 2022-2. Hosler made motion for Resolution 2022-2, 2nd Fayash. All approved. Street Lights - Ppl will not put in writing savings, due to rate comes from Direct Energy \$0.4195/KWH, rate is effective until 5/31/2022 and has not answered the question as to who maintains the lights after converting to LED. Feathers stated that other municipalities did the LED lights and then became responsible for maintaining the lights etc. Discussion ensued regarding the PPL contract and Baranko will make amendments regarding maintance of the lights and Hill will submit to PPL. Camera SD card has been returned. GPS Systems have been returned. Additional Maintenance Workers/Temp Snow Plow workers- no applicants; Backhoe invoice need approval for previous repair on 11/30/21 for \$902.93. Fayash made motion to pay invoice for \$902.93, 2nd Hosler. All Approved

New Business: Participation in Costars Program upcoming year August 2022-July 2023 Contract registration deadline is March 15, 2022. Discussion ensued regarding room, how much salt & how much has been used. Discussion ensued regarding mixture rate. Fayash made motion to Table the Contract til March. 2nd Hosler. All Approved. Handicap Parking – Whetstone/Mine Street Discussion ensued regarding Mine Street parking. Discussion ensued regarding charges etc for the charge. Ms. Whetstone is aware of the fees and aware that if anyone else with handicap plate could park there. Per Fayash handicap parking was updated in the last 6 years. Walnut Street between Denning's and Mary D Ballfield. Feathers stated road is a mess. Feathers and Baranko discussed closing it down. Discussion ensued closing the road and the traffic on the road. Discussion ensued regarding contacting the School District and the signage need. Feathers made motion to talk to School District regarding closure of Walnut Street to Dutch Hill, 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Olsen fence at 76 Laurel Ave, letter and map to the supervisors. Discussion ensued with supervisors regarding the property and how she would like to have the fence done. Discussion ensued regarding property boundaries. Per Supervisors she is unable to place the fence on the township property. She can only fence her property. Need to approve the Rates for CIA

(Comprehensive Inspection Agency) & Complete Resolution for the Rates. Per Feathers Rates did not change. Hill did not write a new resolution nothing was different from one in place. CIA was approved in reorganizational meeting. Need approval for nameplate for Gary Feathers \$27.85, Fayash made motion to approve the name plate, 2nd Hosler. All approved. Facebook page- Hill explained that other Townships and Municipalities have Facebook pages. They have stuff listed that will trigger them to the Townships website. Discussion ensued regarding the Facebook page. Per Baranko as long as you are putting only Township information on it. Garbage, Meetings, etc. It can only be official business for the township. Fayash made motion to start Facebook page for the Township, 2nd Feathers. Nay-Hosler. Diesel Generators in garage discussion ensued regarding generators and space. Feathers stated to list on Municibid. Fayash motions to put all 3 generators on Municibid, 2nd Feathers. All Approved. Drains in garage discussion ensued regarding the drains. Fayash will talk to Jim Bowers. Paint the building, Paint the inside of the building. Hill stated someone to call back from Work Detail. Costars has a contract with the prisons. Fayash stated to reach out and get the information. 2 24 in Computer Monitors & phone for Secretary/Treasurer, discussion ensued regarding the computer monitors and phone. Discussion ensued Covid money can be used for it. Fayash made motion to purchase 2 24 in monitors and phone system using Covid money, 2nd Hosler. All approved. Repair Copy-Discussion ensued regarding copy machine and its issues. Fayash made motion to purchase new copy machine using Covid money, 2nd Hosler. All approved. Police Printer, discussion ensued regarding the police printer. Hosler questioned if the previous grant money could be used. Fayash made a motion to get a police printer not to exceed 600.00 and to use the Covid Money, 2nd Hosler All Approved. Hill questioned Baranko about doing the Resolution with the amount to withdraw the funds. Camera at entry to building main entrance and magnetized locks, West Penn Township and Mahanoy Township have it. Discussion ensued regarding safety of secretary being alone. Fayash made motion to purchase Camera and lockset for entry to the main building using Covid Money. 2nd Hosler. All Approved. Employee pay for being called in during non work hours-discuss in executive session.

Public Comment – Bob Kupetz, Mary-D, Will there be an index for the ordinances online. Yes, there will be. Hill stated that previously in the meeting we talked about codification and that is what is being completed now. Next step will be the supervisors reviewing and approving the table index. Joe Leskin, Brockton Last month I asked why my property was surveyed and I was told to ask Hosler and Fabrizio. Hosler stated it was due to Leskin claiming he owned the road. Discussion ensued regarding the road, the property line and the right of way. Discussion ensued regarding the cost of his survey. Fayash stated btwn \$5000 & \$6000, Leskin asked Fabrizio if he knew and Fabrizio stated he wasn't answering him. Feathers asked if Leskin was having issues for the zoning. Discussion then ensued regarding the property lines, pins and parking on Valley Street. Discussion ensued about speeding on Valley Street in Brockton. Fayash advised Leskin to request a RTK from the secretary regarding the cost of the survey. John Zubris – Suggested to Leskin to get handicap sign in front of his house. Leskin stated that's going to happen. Discussion ensued regarding Lekins surveys. He asked about generators are they going on bid. He saw our old dump truck in the junk yard. How did that get there? Discussion ensued regarding township selling equipment and closing the road. Bob Kupetz on the speeding thing did state approve local can use radar now. No they can't it hasn't been passed.

Fayash motioned to go into executive session.

Discussed employee coming in during non work hours. Fayash made motion to pay employee min 1 hr for show up time. 2nd Feathers. All Approved. Discussed hiring pt worker at \$17/hr up to 24 hrs. Feathers made motion to advertise position in Republican and Times News papers, Website and post offices. 2nd Fayash. All Approved.

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

Adjourned

Attest: Denise Hill