

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

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held immediately after the reorganization meeting on Monday, January 4th, 2016 in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Hosler, Charles Fayash and Frank Fabrizio. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

The Chairman entertained a motion to accept the December Minutes. A motion to approve the December minutes as written was made by Hosler. Second by Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$294,056.79 total in bank accounts. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit was made by Hosler. Second by Fayash. All approved.

Public comment on agenda items only -

No public comment on agenda items.

Police Report –

No police report submitted.

Christine Verdier, Mary D, questioned regarding the police report, when will our new officers will be starting and have they been sworn in. Chief DiMarco had answered that they will be sworn in by David Plachko.

Road master Report-

Fixed issues with the backhoe, patchwork on the roads, and repaired missing signs.

Solicitors Report-

No Solicitors Report

Committee Reports

Council of Government- Committee did not meet

Recreation Committee- Committee did not meet

Tax Collection Committee- meeting lasted 7 minutes, there was a quorum that approved the minutes and spoke about when they will be electing new officers for 2016.

Communications:

The Township received a letter from Metrocast stating that the AMC channel will be removed as of December 31st, 2015 until further notice.

Old Business

Request from Marian Catholic High School to use the baseball field tabled from December meeting. There was a discussion between Tamaqua baseball association and Marian Catholic High School and they had worked out a schedule that there will be no conflict. Hosler made a motion to grant permission to Marian Catholic High School to use the Mary D baseball field in association with the little league. Second by Fayash. All approved.

PLGIT Procurement Card process is still on hold until audits are completed for 2014. Audit was just completed on December 30th.

New Business

Renewal fee is due for the website by January 23, 2016, need approval to pay \$300 fee for 2016. Hosler made a motion to pay the \$300 fee. Second by Fabrizio. All approved.

Garbage will be picked by Tamaqua Transfer on Wednesday's starting this week. There were cards that were mailed out, they may not get to the residents in time but there are postings at both post offices along with the cluster boxes in Brockton and here at the Township building. 3 bags and 1 large item per week. Information will be posted on the website as well.

Public Comment

Pat Stefanek, Brockton, would like to mention that when hiring for a solicitor to make sure they are able to attend the meetings due to any questions the board may have during the meetings that they would be there to help make proper decisions.

Billy Zahora, Mary D, questioned about any updated information on the noise ordinance that was to be completed. Chief DiMarco discussed the regulations for the ordinance and how the township does not require one. If there is an instance of public inconvenience, annoyance and alarm, violations are able to be given out for offenses like this. Also questioned, if there are any calls made to the officer, will the calls be returned? Chief DiMarco explained that if you have any messages or an emergency for an officer, do not call the township office the phone is getting eliminated, but to call 9-1-1 and any calls will be transferred/messages will be sent, to the correct officer.

Danny DeCindio, Tuscarora, is concerned that Old 209 by Tuscarora has become a dumping zone, and had mentioned if the new officer could investigate this incident. Chief DiMarco explained that this incident is already in progress.

Eugene Taschler, Newkirk, questioned why we need 2 police officers, a chief and an officer, when this was not in effect before. Fayash explained that if one can not make it in that the other would be able to fill in. Taschler also questioned if the officers will be receiving a clothing allowance. Chief DiMarco stated that they have enough equipment that they do not need anymore at this time. Taschler also questioned if Officer Dempsey will still be getting paid for anytime spent on cases that had happened in the township. Chief DiMarco had explained that she will be getting paid anytime that she spends in court for open cases on the township.

Christine Verdier, Mary D, questioned if anyone has explained to Officer Dempsey that she is no longer employed in the township. There was no communication between the Supervisors and the Officer explaining that she has not been reappointed. Verdier also questioned if anyone would be able to assist Natasha in the website, being that a lot of things need to be updated and corrected. Fabrizio had offered to assist with the website. Verdier questioned if our police officers will still continue to be appointed to the drug task force. Fayash stated no and Chief DiMarco explained that it is under the officer's discretion to do so, it is not a requirement.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, made a remark towards a resident, (no name given) regarding living in one area and was a council in another area, and this person is condemning everything that wants to get done and is also questioning the honesty of the Supervisors.

Fayash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Hosler.

Adjourned

Attest: Natasha Tyson