

**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 3rd, 2022 in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Fayash, and Gary Feathers. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited prior to the Reorganization meeting.

Gary Feathers made a motion to approve the December Minutes. 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$544,623.86 total in bank accounts. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2nd Feathers. All approved. Visa Report – 44.36 for GPS

Answers to Last Month's Public Questions – none

Public comment on agenda items only – none

Police Report – Chief DiMarco state the Police Officers all did Traffic Enforcement; Assist other agency (Fire/Ems); Abandoned Vehicle; Forgery which resulted in an arrest; theft; harassment; unwanted person; missing person; trespassing; ATV Dirt/Bike; Assist other agency (Fire/Ems). Officers issued 18 speeding citations, 2 stop sign violations, 1 Suspended License, 2 expired registrations, 1 expired inspection. Per Chief DiMarco Middleport Borough will renew the contract at the same rate with the Police Depart. They are happy with the Police Enforcement per Mayor Dempsey. Per Chief DiMarco all Code Enforcement must be written compliant and the person filing the compliant has to be able to testify in court that avoids people being randomly picked on and neighbor disputes being brought forward. Code Enforcement Compliant forms are at the Township Building and Online on the website to be filled out. Chief DiMarco doesn't want the GPS on the Police Vehicle, if you can't trust your Police Officers who can you trust, why are we paying this GPS we never had it before, Per Chief DiMarco, you don't know who is looking at it, it could be hacked into and he does not want he or his officers in jeopardy. Chief DiMarco takes full responsibility for his guys. Their radios in the police car have GPS on it and the EF mic has GPS on it, as soon as the Officer speaks on it the county knows where they are. Chief DiMarco asked for the GPS to be removed. Per Fayash it is on the agenda to be discussed. Fayash ask if there was anything yet on the reader, Per DiMarco nothing yet, he asked for Gary's email to keep Gary in the loop, everything is going as planned. Chief DiMarco found out the computer in the car does not have a modem in it. ATT or Verizon will give a modem free if sign up for an account. Per Gary if you use ATT/Firstnet it could be used for his police officers. Discussion ensued about service with ATT. Hill stated to DiMarco the YCG is pre pay or pay by month, no discount at this time; it needed to be done by November 30, 2021. DiMarco stated he is keep 1 handheld stopwatch as back up to the ENRAD in case it would get hit again they have something to time with. DiMarco stated when there is free time they will paint the lines again, 209 was redone and the lines need to be done. Chief DiMarco thanked the board for the re-appointment and the police raises, his guys are doing a really good job. Resident asked what area do the report cover, Per DiMarco, Newkirk, Reevesdale, Tuscaroa, Mary D and Brockton. Discussion ensued regarding when Township Police are not on duty the State Police cover and have a report.

Code Enforcement Report - Discussed in Executive Session

Roadmaster Report- Mark Buccieri stated plowed snow and salted roads, Equipment Maintenance, Fixed crooked signs, cleaned block drains. Buccieri spoke to Plaster's regarding the backhoe; they are still waiting on a part to come in to fix it. New tires were put on GMC the bill is \$1652.40 from Ken's Tire. Buccieri thanked Frank for doing the inspections on the Police Car & Pickup truck. Fayash asked if there was anyone else we

can call with the backhoe due to weather, discussion ensued regarding the part and backhoe. Feathers asked if Buccieri is ready for the weather this week, he stated yes, but the International isn't back yet from SkyTop.

Solicitors Report- None

Zoning Report- One UCC permit was issued (Williams-Porch Roof)

Committee Reports

Council of Government- did not meet

Tax Collection Committee- did not meet

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- did not meet

Communications: \$85.32 from Pottsville Materials is the truck dumping prior to being weighed this is what fell out when gate wasn't closed properly. Fayash motioned to pay 85.32, 2nd Feathers. All Approved. Pottsville Material sent quote per ton for paving for 2022 Quote Expires 12/31/2022. Fayash made a motion to accept the Quote from Pottsville Materials, 2nd Feathers. All Approved. Audit for 2020 Financials and Annual Report was completed by Lettich & Zipay. No findings. Audit for 2018, 2019, & 2020 for Liquid Fuels was completed on 12/17/2021 by the State. No findings. Lettich & Zipay will no longer conduct audits for any Townships effective 2022. Hill called Jones and Company in Pottsville, They are interested in being our auditor, but with holiday and vacations, we need to wait till middle of January due to staff being out for Holidays & Vacations for their decision as to which CPA will be handling our Account. Hill stated she rec'd call today from them, they are definitely interested, and they come to our site, and do the Audit until it is completed. Received a resume from an applicant regarding a PT Police position; Hill forwarded resume to Chief DiMarco.

Old Business: Noise Ordinance – Fayash made a motion to table till February meeting for Feathers to review. 2nd Feathers. All Approved. 69 Sunny Drive – Fayash made a motion due to the resident not contacting the township and ask for approval or have RoadMaster/Worker come out and look at the situation, she just went and had it done and came to the township asking for half the payment. Payment will not be made by the township that was requested. 2nd Feathers. All Approved. Fayash stated that if there are ever any problems in the township and its township property, come to the township first, please and they will look at the issue and go from there. CaCl Rates Per Jamie for Money Market Account- 3 withdrawals per month w/o charges No cap on amount for Interest Rate. Interest Rates are listed below.

Money Market	\$2,000.00 - \$19,999.99	0.15%	0.15%
	\$20,000.00 - \$74,999.99	0.20%	0.20%
	\$75,000.00 - \$499,999.99	0.25%	0.25%
	\$500,000.00+	0.25%	0.25%

Discussion ensued what to do with Reserve Money and American Rescue plan money too. Feathers made a motion for \$100,000.00 to be put in CaCl with the rate of .25%. 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Explanation of increase to insurance policy of \$2130.00. Amended Exposure for Class 953, 980, & 985 due to recent audit. Secretary meeting with insurance agent 1/11/2022. Need to Sign Resolution for Workers Compensation Act regarding coverage for Volunteer Fireman to be done now with each policy renewal. 2022-? Secretary meeting with insurance agent 1/11/2022. Hill stated the Board had asked for information at previous meeting but insurance agent was unable to come until 1/11/2022. Feathers asked if Township was lapse in any policies, per Hill everything is covered.

New Business Need approval for payment to PSATS for Township dues in the amount of \$948.00. Feathers made motion to pay. 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Need approval for payment to Lettich & Zipay for \$5500.00 for Audit of 2020. Feathers asked if the other Audits were paid for. Hill stated yes, Liquid Fuels audit was requested by the state. State conducted the liquid fuels audit. Hill explained that this for 2020 Audit and Financial Report for Filing to DCED. Feathers motioned to pay \$5500.00 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Need approval for Pottsville Materials Invoice b-838M-0000954 for \$1247.52 not on original invoice to be paid, per billing it is part of the township paving done in October 2021 & need approval \$85.32 on original invoice not paid. Fayash made motion to pay \$1247.52 for Pottsville Materials. 2nd Feathers. All Approved. Need approval for payment for YCG \$433.75 for Enrad Repair & Calibration. Feathers asked if this was being paid by the grant. Hill stated she thinks from something she saw it may be able to but currently from the General Fund being paid. Per Fayash anything police is to be paid from the Morgan Grant money. Per Chief DiMarco, printer/fax, cameras, and guns are need yet. Discussion ensued about insurance deductible and the Enrad being hit, Hill was unsure and will ask on 1/11/2022 when meeting with insurance agent. Fayash made motion to pay YCG pending if it is covered by deductible and payment needs to be made by 1/21/22 to avoid \$10.00 late fee. 2nd Feathers. All Approved. Need approval for secretary to attend Basic Virtual Training for Secretaries and Administrators on 1/27/22 & 2/3/22 thru PSATS – \$75.00. Feathers made motion to pay, 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Registration for PSATS Convention opens in January. Need approval for registering supervisors and Secretary/Treasurer. Need approval to register Secretary/Treasurer for the Secretary luncheon and for lodging, meals, and mileage during the Convention. Feathers made motion to pay. 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Need approval to Transfer the American Rescue funds for \$55,317.68 deposited on 7/2/2021 into general fund account to another interest bearing account per guidelines. Feathers made motion to have money transferred to interest bearing account with MCT Bank. 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Need Resolution for Covid Wages paid from American Rescue Funds on 12/17/2021. Hill worked with West Penn Township and our solicitor to do this. Resolution was read by Hill. This is being used for Covid Sick Wages paid in the amount of \$800.00 for the week of 11/28/21 thru 12/7/21 under – due to public safety and welfare due to spreading a case of confirmed Employee who contracted the virus. Feathers made motion for Resoloution 2022-1 to be paid. 2nd Fayash. All Approved. 2 Resolution copies were signed. Bond for Dollar General. Fayash made motion to table til Febuary meeting due to solicitor not being there and the supervisors have some questions regarding it. 2nd Feathers. All Approved. GPS, Feathers agreed with Chief DiMarco and motioned to remove the GPS from the vehicles. Discussion ensued were there any reports or anything from this, per Hill she didn't receive any reports. Fayash made motion to have no personal gps placed on any of the township vehicles, 2nd Feathers. All Approved. Chief DiMarco asked Hill for the balance in the John Morgan Grant. Hill will get the amount to Chief DiMarco. Additional Maintenance Workers/Temp Snow Plow workers. Per Feathers with the snow coming up, we have 3 trucks and 1 worker, Feathers made a motion to obtain a list of PT Workers that could plow and to create a job description for Maintenance workers for the township. Discussion ensued regarding Mark working alone and some of the jobs he does are usually done with 2 to 3 men. Feathers stated that Mark does a good job, however its too much for just 1 to do. 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Street Lights – Hill spoke with PPL they will do the upgrades to the lights at no cost to the township. We have 141 lights listing provided. If it is decided to be done, the township will need to sign a Resolution and a Street Light Services Agreement. Once projected is started it takes 7-10 weeks to complete. Per PPL Rep today it would be a \$10 - \$50 savings per month. Electric bill for the street lights, Dec 2021 was \$1993.00, Nov. \$1809.00 and Oct. around \$1800.00 Feathers motion to do street light if PPL will put in writing our bill will be reduced. 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Camera. Per Feathers over the last 6 to 7 years this camera not working right and hearing how it has made a laughing stock. Feathers motioned to remove the camera and told citizens if they have questions or concerns to please come to the meeting or read the minutes online and that any passwords or user names or anything affiliated with the YouTube user account Frank was using for the township to be relinquished to the township. 2nd Fayash. Backhoe.- already discussed previously Bucciari will be calling around. Discussion ensued regarding loading truck without backhoe with salt.

ESRP- Modification/Input Change Status. Per Feathers this came up 3 months ago, We were waiting on Joe and the Commission is asking, We put in things that weren't working for the Township and per letter rec'd today, They are in process of finalizing. Robert Kupetz - Letter Dated 12/27/2021 rec'd 12/29/2021. Fayash and Feathers were up there, there is a possibility of cutting the bank back so far. Kupetz gave Office Lex his agenda to be given to Fayash and Kupetz presented a certified survey map. Supervisors are reviewing the paperwork. Discussion ensued regarding the area between the residents, supervisors, and Buccieri. Kupetz asked what codes the township follows, per Fayash it's the second class township codes. Discussion ensued regarding width of roads, alleys, etc to be kept and emergency vehicles getting down. Discussion ensued regarding property lines. Feathers motioned to do an onsite meeting of the area on Laurel for parking with the engineer and solicitor. 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Garbage Delinquencies – will be discussed in executive session.

Public Comment – Erin Donley, Brockton. Are the Police doing code enforcement? Yes, per Hill code enforcement will be done with a written compliant filled as Chief DiMarco stated, resident may need to be willing to testify in court. Per Chief DiMarco it shows it's a valid compliant, it shows that its disturbing your quality of life. Also stops the singling out.

John Zubris, Brockton. Want to commend the police for doing a great job and what they are doing. Officer Litwhiler has helped him with his situation. Mr. Zubris also thanked Supervisors Chuck and Gary for doing what they said they would by getting Mark help. Also we were told in the past the street lights cost money, but there will be a savings.

Joe Leskin, Brockton. He wanted to know why the township had his property at 336 Valley Surveyed. Per Fayash he would have to ask the other 2 Supervisors, Hosler currently and Fabrizio past. Leskin asked who paid for the survey. Fayash stated the people did. Leskin asked the cost? Fayash stated over \$5000.00 Per Feathers it has been resolved. Leskin asked about speed limit signs coming in from Middleport? Discussion ensued about the speed limit signs in the Township btwn DiMarco, Feathers and Fayash. Stop sign in Mary D was brought up for discussion. Hill will try to find out about the stop sign for Alley in Mary D. Chief DiMarco stated we need to ordain the street before placing a stop sign on it.

Tom Smith – Mary D. Worried about hill and traffic speeding on the hill. 15 mph speed sign was removed per resident. Discussion ensued. Fayash asked if Smith has let officers know of the times this is happening. Chief DiMarco told resident to meet with Officer Lex with the information asked.

Robert Kupetz – Mary D. This is his first time coming to a meeting in 67 years, he was welcomed by the supervisors, he flooded the township with letters and appreciated the answers he rec'd so far. He just hopes something will be done. Hill will get names and numbers and will contact residents when meeting is set.

Fayash motioned to go into executive session.
Discussed Code Enforcement and Garbage Delinquencies.

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

Adjourned
Attest: Denise Hill