

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

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held on Wednesday, July 1st at 7p.m. in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Hosler, Christine Verdier and Charles Fayash. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

The Chairman entertained a motion from an Executive Session held on June 12, 2015 to terminate the employment of Jaime Moore as Township Secretary/Treasurer. Verdier made the motion on June 12, Hosler second. Roll Call: Hosler-Yes, Verdier-Yes and Fayash-No. Motion was approved.

The Chairman entertained a motion to accept the June Minutes. A motion was made by Verdier, Hosler second. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$324,442.46 total in accounts.

Verdier made a motion to accept the report pending audit. Hosler 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Replies to last month's public questions.

None.

Public comment on agenda items only

Paul Benulis, Brockton, wanted to know why questions posted at previous meetings do not get any response from the Board.

Dan Gray, Brockton, asked what the police priorities are since there are many aspects of enforcement that can be pursued. Also asked solicitor about process for hiring and firing of Secretary/Treasurer.

Police Report –June 2015

Total hours worked 76

Total miles patrolled 287

Total Assists 5

Total Citations 14

Phone Calls 16

Verdier made a motion to accept, Hosler 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Roadmaster Report-

Grass cutting done around township. Road review through township still pending.

PDOT to be contacted re: Reevesdale/Newkirk intersections with pending 209 road work.

Repairs completed to GMC truck. Cleanup from heavy rains at troubled spots around township.

Line painting to be reviewed by Fayash with contractor.

Solicitors Report- Michael Greek

2016 Garbage contract prepared and ready to be advertised pending final count of homes.

Committee Reports

-COG-No meeting held

-ESRC-No meeting held

-Tax Collection Committee—Meeting held, Fayash unable to attend but reported that meeting was not a quorum so there were no actions finalized.

Communications

-Tuscarora Fire Company requesting closing of the streets for their Annual Block Party and Truck Parade on July 25, 2015 and rain date July 26, 2015. Verdier made the motion to close Seneca Street from Chestnut to Coal and Mulberry from Broad to Seneca. Fayash 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

-Request received for Handicap Parking Permit Space for Roger Miller at 202 Valley Street, Brockton. Fayash made motion to approve ordering and placing a sign near the side entrance on Mine Street. Hosler 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

### Old Business

- Motion made by Verdier to accept the Safe Deposit Box Resolution as read at last meeting since no comments or corrections were indicated by the Supervisors. Hosler 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.
- Overdue 2014 garbage bills can have judgements or municipal liens attached at the Magistrate's office. Further discussion necessary because cost per filing is \$101.50. Approximately 30 households still outstanding. Supervisors will try to work with Kreitzer to stop garbage at some of these properties each week. Discussion ensued regarding types of liens—civil suit with judgment vs. municipal lien that can be wiped away if property goes through Judicial Sale process.
- 2015 Garbage bills were mailed and are due by July 10, 2015. Return to sender with new addresses were resent with a 30 day time period.
- Motion made by Fayash to approve the 2016 Garbage Contract for advertisement. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hosler. All approved. Number of Households need to be given to solicitor prior to advertisement.
- PLGIT Procurement Cards—still pending review with administrative staff at PLGIT.
- Advertisement for Code Enforcement Officer was discussed. It was advised by Solicitor as to where to place in newspaper and how it should be listed due to potential claims with EEOC--“Schuylkill Township requests proposals for individuals to serve as a code enforcement officer”.

### New Business

- 2015 partial audit being completed by David Shelcusky, who was approved in January to complete the 2014 audit. 2014 audit will be started once the 2015 audit is finished.
- A Petty Cash envelope was started by Secretary. Since there was no motion to authorize it, Verdier recommended to the Board terminate this process of keeping petty cash be terminated.

### Public Comment

John Zubris, Brockton, thanked Paul Benulis for helping to lower garbage fee. He is upset with police priorities.

Dan Gray, Brockton, asked about training for a new Secretary. Shared a FBI Terror Warning for upcoming Fourth of July functions.

Billy Zahora, Mary D, asked about when the township is doing something regarding grass/brush cutting when homeowner does not do it and if an abandoned car from driveway can be removed.

Dan Gray, Brockton, asked if the township can cut and bill homeowner for high grass.

Dan DeCindio, Tuscarora, stated that code enforcement procedures are fruitless without Quality of Life Proposal being enacted and these cases are difficult to pursue the courts.

John Bubon, Brockton, asked about the police officer's medical condition-dietary restriction. Wanted to know if this was something listed on job application and if she was paid for taking a lunch in Pt. Carbon.

Paul Benulis, Brockton, asked if there was further restrictions when the officer is in Pt. Carbon.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, asked where the police office is and why she is not in the meeting room.

Dan Gray, Brockton, wanted to know what is happening regarding vandalism in areas of the township.

Patty Skripko, Brockton, asked about hours for lunch for the police officer and if not in township officer should be docked time every time she is out of the township...Verdier requested residents help her identify times when the officer is outside of the township.

Rich Magnani, Brockton, stated that many police officers eat in the car between calls.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, asked what happens if garbage is not picked up upon failure to pay stops.

Paul Benulis, Brockton, asked for a motion to approve a dash camera and body camera for the police officer and car up to \$1000. Wanted to know the status of the voicemail system.

Dan Gray, Brockton, stated he never sees police officer.

Michele Teetz, Brockton, stated that the police officer never returns phone calls and the township secretary's office is only open 11-13 hours per week.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, stated that she feels no one has control of the meeting.

John Zubris, Brockton, questioned why Jaime Moore was fired.

Paul Benulis, Brockton, requested the Chairman make a motion to change the police liaison.

Verdier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hosler. All approved.

Adjourned Attest: Suzanne Apanavage