

**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, July 12th, 2021 at the Municipal Building. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited. Those present included Charles Hosler, Frank Fabrizio, and Charles Fayash.

Charles Hosler made a motion to approve the June Meeting Minutes. 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$581,115.46 total in bank accounts. Fayash made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Answers to last month's questions – Fayash stated he spoke to Mark Boyle about the trucks. Boyle stated he was called out about one or two issues. Boyle stated his trucks use a black vinyl tarp not a mesh tarp. Boyle stated the mine entrance his not on him but the owner of the mine. Discussion about where the trucks had come out on the Brockton mountain at another time but Boyle and Fayash were not sure if the mine owner is leasing the entire property or just the section where they are coming out at the Ballfield. DiMarco stated that a bond should have to be posted by the owner because they are coming out on our road and damaging our road. Discussion ensued about the roads and the trucks. Discussion about ownership of the access road to the township road. Discussion about weight restrictions and impact fees. Fayash brought up about royalty fees to be paid to the township per ton of coal.

Public comment on agenda items only - none

Police Report – Approximately 27 calls including fraud report, traffic complaint, trees down, trespassing, abandoned vehicle, traffic hazard, loss property, accidents, assist other agency, assist citizen, disorderly conduct, missing person report, harassment, stop sign citations, speeding citations, atv citations, no insurance and no registration. The Enradd system came in and Officer Lex has been using it. It eliminates them having to paint lines anymore because it uses infra red. The computer was installed in the police car. Chief DiMarco stated the only thing needed now is the air card from ATT. The police department had gotten free tickets to a monster truck event. They are there for anyone to take. Hosler asked DiMarco about a letter he received from the PA State Police about UCRS and DiMarco stated he received the letter at his house also and is taking care of it. Officer Lex was acknowledged for doing a good job by members of the public and Chief DiMarco. Chief DiMarco expressed his appreciation to the board for their cooperation. Hosler asked if the police car was checked out. Buccieri stated he had to cancel the appointment and reschedule it. Officer Lex stated the drawback of the Enradd system is that a level easement (curb) for it to be used. Both Dimarco and Lex are Enradd certified (once and done not a yearly required certification). Rich Magnani, Brockton, questioned if there was any truth to the rumor that there will be no parking on Valley Street. Discussion ensued about the ordinance that is in place and that it was never enforced. Mary VanPelt, Brockton, stated she was told by Fayash not to park on Valley Street that the ordinance was going to be enforced. Fayash stated he told her that there was an ordinance on the books that there is no parking on that side of Valley Street but he didn't say it would be enforced. Discussion about parking with the flow of traffic and the no parking ordinance.

Code Enforcement Report – Will be discussed in executive session.

Roadmaster Report- Buccieri stated he fixed flags, cut roadsides, trimmed branches, cut grass, equipment maintenance, cleaned drains, storm clean up. Buccieri stated he is still waiting on Folk to come out for a quote. Buccieri stated Smarr and Dietrich gave tree quotes. Buccieri state he is looking into trailers for the transport of the zero turn mower and a saw that can cut the road, so he is going to look into prices for those items. Fayash

asked if there is a stop sign ahead missing/ a warning going into Brockton on Valley Street. Discussion about the need for a warning sign about the stop sign.

Solicitors Report-Atty. Baranko stated the LST Ordinance was tabled the previous month. Hosler made a motion to advertise LST Ordinance. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Discussion ensued.

Zoning Report- Three zoning permits were issued in June (Dollar General, Quinn – fence, Leskin - shed). One UCC building permits was issued in June (Tuscarora Fire Company).

Committee Reports

Council of Government-did not meet

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee

Tax Collection Committee- Committee – cancelled, new meeting June 14th

Communications: American Rescue Plan Act was submitted on June 10th and revised on June 23rd . Zoning Hearing Board will meet on July 27th at 6:00 pm to review the Leskin Zoning Appeal/Variance application.

Old Business - LST Ordinance and road paving were already discussed.

New Business- Discussion about the mine water on Woodland Road in Brockton. Fabrizio asked if it was possible to put in a drain that has the grate on top of it. Fayash stated he spoke to DEP and they are not going to do anything about it, that the homeowner could put a pipe in etc. Baranko stated the Board could bring the engineer out to take a look at it.

Public Comment – Mary VanPelt, Brockton, spoke about comments on the township Facebook page. Fabrizio and Fayash stated that it is not the township Facebook page. VanPelt stated that is what she was told. Fabrizio stated that no one from the Board should be on that Facebook page because it is not a township Facebook page, he called on Atty. Baranko for confirmation. VanPelt discussed the problems with neighbors parking over the lines of her driveway and all she wants an open driveway. DiMarco told VanPelt that if there is harassment that they will be cited. DiMarco stated if a vehicle is blocking her driveway she has the right to call a tow truck to have the vehicle towed. VanPelt asked about knocking on their door to ask them to move it and DiMarco advised against it. VanPelt asked if the Officer that came out before cited the neighbor for being over the line. DiMarco stated it wouldn't be a citation but it is up to the Officer's discretion on any violations or a warning. DiMarco stated he has been warned so if he parks over the line again and the Chief or Officer Lex is called, he will get a parking ticket.

Rich Magnani, Brockton, complained about weeds at 231 Valley Street, Brockton. Hosler stated it was on the list to be discussed.

Gary Feathers, Tuscarora, welcomed back Chief DiMarco, addressed the board regarding making a decision on taking the trees down especially the one in Mary D due to safety concerns. Discussion ensued about the number of bids/quotes required because Buccieri called three people but only has two bids. It was determined Feathers meant the tree in Brockton. Buccieri stated Smarr was the cheapest. Feathers also stated he put a complaint in about Verizon and Atlantic Broadband lines. Discussion ensued on whether or not code can do anything with regards to this issue. Feathers stated the lines are impeding safety and emergency vehicles. They should be maintaining the lines. Atty. Baranko stated that code can communicate to the owners of the lines. Discussion ensued about Verizon and Atlantic Broadband responsibilities and the township's responsibilities. DiMarco stated it falls on the emergency and safety personnel of the area to get them to take care of it. It was suggested that both fire companies draft letters to submit to Verizon about their concerns. DiMarco suggested including pole numbers in the letters. John Zubris, Brockton, asked when they are going to get Buccieri help. Hosler stated we had one person for years. Zubris asked about SLOW and STOP painted on the roads along with a Stop sign coming from Middleport. Zubris also added Officer Lex is doing a good job.

Buccieri stated Smarr's bid was \$4,600 for all the trees bid (Brockton, Mary D, & Tuscarora) and Dietrich's bid was approximately \$5,500. Fayash made a motion to contract Andy Smarr at \$4,600 to cut all the trees that were bid on. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Gary Feathers, Tuscarora, complimented Mark Buccieri on assisting the fire companies on a separate call (from the one the fire companies were already called out on) for trees down on Seneca Street.

Joe Leskin, Brockton, requested that the crosswalks be painted again. Leskin brought up that the township's drainage pipe (Emerick/Valley) is collapsed stating that the sewer company did a poor job when they were working on the area. Leskin stated a dirt bike hit the culvert and that dirt bikes and side by sides are still out there.

Hosler made a motion to go into executive session.

Discussion about code enforcement properties.

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

Adjourned

Attest: Colleen Barrett