

**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, June 3rd 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 to accept the May Minutes. A motion was made by Verdier, Hosler second. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$233,018.50 total in accounts.

Verdier questioned movement of funds for the Metrocast Franchise fee. Incorrectly placed in the General Fund, which was the wrong account. Transfer was made into Reserve Fund.

Verdier made a motion to accept the report pending audit. Fayash 2nd, All approved.

Replies to last month's public questions.

None.

Motion by Fayash to obtain a plaque for former Supervisor Joseph Zelinsky. Verdier second with a request of Fayash to obtain photo from family. All approved.

Public comment on agenda items only

None

Police Report –May 2015 (Officer Dempsey not present, read by Chairman Hosler)

Total hours worked 98            Total miles patrolled 208

Total Assists 3                    Total Citations 23                    Phone Calls 12

Issues with new answering machine....limited recording time is showing voicemail is full when Officer is off duty. Supervisors will review options including voicemail, remote access and wireless. Verdier made a motion to accept, Hosler 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Roadmaster Report-

Potholes being filled and grass cutting done around township.

Cold seal product demonstration held still pending hot process that requires 3 people will be demonstrated in Blythe Twp in the future.

Road review through township still pending.

Solicitors Report- Michael Greek

Not present.

Committee Reports

-COG-land bank was discussed. COG is requesting a formal vote to go into the Land Bank. No action taken at this time.

-ESRC-Yankees fundraiser went over well. Another bus trip will be planned in the future. Recreation Summer Programs are underway for basketball and volleyball. Possible movie nights are in the works. Dues will be sent to the municipalities.

### Communications

- Final 2014 Garbage Collection Notices have been sent to 55 homeowners. 23 have paid since those letters were mailed but 32 still remain unpaid. These will be sent to District Magistrate. Vacant properties will need to alert township each and every year so Township is aware of occupancy.
- Thank you letter sent to John Swenson for cleanup efforts.

### Old Business

- Safe Deposit Box at Riverview Bank (Weis Markets site) is set up. Signatures need to be sent to bank. Bank does not have a policy for access. Township will need to create a policy for access. Verdier created a draft policy for supervisors to review.
- File cabinet lock reviewed by Klingaman's. There is only one fireproof cabinet in the office. Fayash was requesting a new fireproof cabinet if locks could not get changed but cost is approximately \$2000.
- Verdier and Secretary shopping around for best insurance policy rates and human resources policies.
- New 2015 Garbage bills will be printed and mailed by June 15. New rate will be \$165.
- 2016 Garbage Contract review. Verdier noted corrections to original draft from Solicitor. Units need to be reviewed and a clause was added to include assistance from provider to stop pickup to help with those who do not pay.
- PLGIT Procurement Cards—Secretary did not get return phone calls from general customer services number. Verdier spoke with trainer from PSATS conference and he will get dates to Secretary for formal review.
- Secretary attended training program to assist with her duties.

### New Business

- Route 209 paving will begin June 8 and go from 7am to 7pm. It is a \$3Million repaving program from Blythe Township outside of Middleport to Tamaqua. Lehigh Asphalt/Barletta is the contractor.
- Safe Deposit Box Policy Review for next meeting
- Advertise for code enforcement officer. Verdier made a motion for advertisement, Hosler second. All approved.
- Fayash made a motion for a change to public comment. The first 30 minutes could be dedicated to one individual, then if there are more speakers, they would then get 5 minutes per person. No second. Motion failed.

### Public Comment

Mark Bassler, Brockton-complaint about vacant home next to him. Rodents are entering the home and grass not getting cut but current owner has no interest in doing anything. Property is for sale but taxes are past due. Garage/Shed added to property but not sure if it was added to deed.

Bill Reichert, Schuylkill Headwaters Watershed Association requested the Supervisors waive permit fees for 14x20 pavilion at the acid mine water treatment facility. SHWA will fund the pavilion on Mary D Fire Company land to be put up by Pioneer Pole Building. Hosler made motion to waive permit fees, Verdier second. All approved.

Bill provided a brief explanation of the acid mine water treatment facility and the use of the three ponds and why the facility is drained frequently. There are three treatment facilities in the Township to help clean up the water entering the Schuylkill River and there are now trout in the stream.

John Zubris, Brockton—can Supervisors waive permit fees? Upset that residents need to pay setback fees up to \$500 and supervisors did not waive those. Requested the Leskin property be surveyed since Leskin states he owns the property in which the township believes it is in the right away.

John Bubon, Brockton-What is township's position on moving permits? Secretary discussed grants as part of her training. Do you do grant applications? Township Secretary does some smaller grants but larger grants are done by engineering firms. Draft for safe deposit box was drafted by one supervisor (Verdier). Clause to garbage contract added by Verdier regarding non payment and wanted to make sure this was not being done by just one supervisor. How long have you lived in the township? Discussion on Election Day ensued.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton-Where is solicitor? Where is the police officer? Mary has not seen police officer in Brockton. What is the status of Joe Pedron? Who is doing Joey's work? Mary wants cinders removed on Valley Street.

Michele Teetz, Brockton- Complaints to see police officer in Brockton and Tuscarora especially on Green Street in Brockton for speed and Tuscarora for vandalism. Would like to see bicycle registration. Complaints for office staff not present when officer hours are posted.

Paul Benulis, Brockton- Who can update the website? Thanks for sending thank you note for John Swenson for clean up efforts. Would like to see ideas pursued: block party, yard sale, 5 K race. Supports waiving permit fees for Schuylkill Headwaters project and requested township to cover cost of the Headwaters to install the pavilion. Clarifying video taping of meetings with Supervisors only and not police officer. Wants police officer to issue citations for parking over the white lines on Valley Street, Brockton.

Patty Skripko, Brockton- Wants to see officer more in Brockton including during bus stop hours. Liked when former officer would hand out pencils first day of school, Halloween bags and registered bicycles. Wants to see more unity with police officer, supervisors and township residents.

Tracy Dannesfelter, Brockton- wants follow up from police officer regarding incidents because she has not had any return phone calls from police officer since February 2014.

Dan Gray-Brockton—thanked board for using used tables for meeting space over buying new tables like Schuylkill Haven Borough.

Verdier made a motion to move into Executive Session. Second by Hosler.

Executive Session ended at 939pm. Two separate personnel issues were discussed.

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

Adjourned

Attest: Suzanne Apanavage