

**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, June 5, 2017, at 7 P. M. in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Hosler, Charles Fayash and Frank Fabrizio. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

Broad Street Tamaqua Project in 2018 (MPMS 99705) SR209 Bridge Replacement Project Representatives including Doug McGinnis, project manager attended this meeting to discuss the closure of SR209 from June 2018-September 2018. There will be a 38 mile detour. The representatives discussed using Old 209 township road 162 for turning around trucks that miss the detour signs in Pottsville and cannot go any further into Tamaqua due to construction. The contractor will be required to do a video survey before and after the project to fix any damage that may occur during this detour time frame to the township road. It was discussed about 25 mph temporary signs to be posted and the detour signs to turn back onto SR209 at Newkirk.

Fayash made a motion to approve the May Regular Meeting Minutes. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$338,330.27 total in bank accounts. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit by Fayash; 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Replies to last month's public questions - none

Public comment on agenda items only – Erin Donley, Brockton, had a question regarding how much it costs to purchase the American Flags. Hosler answered he thought it was \$25 for the flag and the pole together. The township will research the prices. Fayash stated the township had to place the flags on every other pole because they have about 78 out and about 70 empty flag poles remain.

Police Report –

April & May: Officers received 24 calls. Seven traffic citations were issued and two non-traffic citations were issued. Charges were just filed for a drug arrest at the old wax factory. DiMarco also stated the speed signs have come in and will be put up in Newkirk.

Code Enforcement Report-

High grass, condemned house, and garbage in the alley were addressed by Chief DiMarco.

Roadmaster Report-

Fayash stated flags were put up, cut weeds and grass, patched holes.

Solicitors Report- Atty. Baranko

Amendment for the dog ordinance 2-2000 and 2-2008

Hosler made a motion to advertise the amended dog ordinance repealing the previous dog ordinances. 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Hosler made a motion to advertise the Emergency Service Reimbursement (Hazmat material emergency planning & response act) ordinance. 2nd Fabrizio.

Atty. Baranko wants to meet with the board to discuss the zoning amendments; permanent and special exception uses.

Zoning Report-

Benulis was absent but provided the following information: six zoning permits issued to date. Zero zoning permits issued in May 2017 and zero zoning variances completed in 2017.

Committee Reports

Council of Government— Hosler did not attend due to ESRC meeting in Tamaqua.

Tax Collection Committee—Committee did meet but they did not have a quorum.

Recreation Committee—Committee did meet, Fabrizio could not attend. Fabrizio did email them for information but had not heard anything back from them.

Communications-None

Old Business

Schuylkill Conservation District's deadline for dirt, gravel, and low volume Road Grant Funding is July 1st. This program is based on whether we take their class. The board passed on this until possibly next year.

New Business

Discuss with Atty. Baranko if there is a type of ordinance/resolution that helps protect townships with uninsured properties in the event of fire etc. Barrett emailed Baranko 5/3/17. Atty. Baranko stated that in that case the township would lien the property and then execute the lien to bid for the property with any other party that has judgment against property owner.

Fayash made a motion for the township to have a community yard sale on June 24th. Fabrizio 2nd. All approved.

Community Development Block Grant Program has an application for funding available if we have any upcoming projects that qualify. Fayash agreed to attend meeting on June 14th for more information.

Salute the hero flags from Schuylkill Township residents. More research into these flags and costs will need to be done.

The township will no longer be collecting televisions. Costs for the township televisions to recycle under 40" is \$35 and over 40" is \$55. Monitors and laptops Staples will take for free.

Tuscarora Fire Company requested the closure of Seneca Street and Mulberry Street for their annual block party on Saturday July 29th with rain date of July 30th. Fayash made a motion to close Seneca Street and Mulberry Street for the Tuscarora Fire Company's block party on July 29th with rain date of July 30th. Hosler 2nd. All approved.

Upcoming program for roadmaster, employee, and supervisors for a free training program on Asphalt Roads Common Maintenance Problems on June 29th. Fayash will attend.

Time to renew Code42 Crash Plan service (unlimited encrypted backup for one year) with Cloud Service Center at \$124.99. Hosler made a motion to renew Code42 Crash Plan Service. Fabrizio 2nd. All approved.

Mary Linkevich is requesting letters of support of a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant for the Borough of Tamaqua. Fayash made a motion to send a letter of support for Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant. Hosler 2nd. All approved.

Midland Asphalt submitted a quote for Crack seal for \$10,600 (700 gallons minimum at \$15.22 per gallon). Atty. Baranko stated the bid amount is \$10,700. Hosler wanted the board to get some more bids on the crack seal.

Dianne Battaglia submitted a request for a handicapped parking place. There was some discussion relating to handicap signs including that our handicap signs in the township are not set aside for a specific person; if you have a handicapped placard you may park in the handicapped parking space. Chief DiMarco recommended that the board table this request and suggested that himself along with the board of supervisors. Fayash made a motion to table this request until next meeting. Fabrizio 2nd. All approved.

Fayash stated the board lowered the fee to \$40 annually for the Handicapped parking place, but the board did not enact a resolution or ordinance.

Public Comment

Erin Donley, Brockton, wanted information about making a complaint about a property such as high grass. Chief DiMarco stated it must be in writing and pictures are helpful. Hosler stated it helps if you have more than one person filing the complaint.

Nicole Tewksbury, Mary D, inquired about the property adjacent to her property in Mary D if the township is interested in selling the property. Tewksbury stated she had spoke to Verdier about it and she told her the money would go to the county if the township sold the property. Hosler stated all the land would go to the county because it was a stipulation in the sale. Fayash stated that Natasha called the county and they told her the money would not go back to the county. Tewksbury stated she has an easement for a right away through the property and that she heard that a park may be going in on the property. Fayash stated Mr. Pollack was looking to donate money to put benches etc. on the property.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, asked about the street sweeper. Van Pelt asked about the times the coal trucks could travel through Brockton. Fayash stated there is an agreement with the Tuscarora Coal Company about times. DiMarco stated he would go to Tuscarora Coal Company and talk to them regarding this issue.

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

Adjourned

Attest:

Colleen Barrett