

**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, May 2, 2016, at 7 P. M. in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Fayash, Charles Hosler and Frank Fabrizio. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

Hosler made a motion to approve the April minutes. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$319,880.51 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 -

No replies to last month's questions.

Public comment on agenda items only -

No public comment on agenda items.

Police Report -

April- Hosler stated that Frank DiMarco is busy doing a drug task force raid so he is unable to attend tonight's meeting. He did leave a report which states: abandoned vehicle; theft; 2 suspicious activities; criminal mischief; report request; investigation; civil complaint; fire at a residence-false alarm; information; drug related incident; 2 littering; and municipal complaint.

Road master Report-

Patched some holes throughout the township and there is a lot more to be done. Cleaned out drains and if anyone notices any more that are clogged, give the township a call. Cut grass between Mary D & Tuscarora, and cut the playground and part of the sports complex. Belt was broken and fixed on lawn mower.

Solicitors Report- Christopher Slusser

At the last meeting we discussed about the creation of a fire escrow ordinance, which we found out there is one currently in the township. Slusser also stated that he will review the ordinance to see if any changes need to be made. Slusser has also prepared a fire billing collection ordinance and would like the supervisors to view it and possibly vote on it at the next meeting. There will be a fire billing collection conversation that will take place during executive session.

Zoning Report- Paul Benulis

Benulis stated that he has issued 2 permits and about 8 or so inquires and some expired permits. If you have an expired permit, you will not have to pay to get it renewed, just contact Benulis and he will issue you a new one.

Committee Reports

Council of Government- did not meet this month

Tax Collection Committee- did not meet this month

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- did not meet this month

Communications

There is a burn ban in effect from noon on April 22nd to noon on May 22nd. That was issued by the Schuylkill County Commissioners.

PIRMA is having a regional meeting that is scheduled on Thursday, May 12th from 10am-3pm if anyone would be interested in going, you must RSVP by May 5th and this is located out in State College.

Schuylkill County Affordable Housing Trust Fund has funds available; all applications must be received by Friday, May 5th at 4pm. The fund is making it aware that if individuals need to apply they may.

Medico Industries is having a Government Day to view their products and services on Thursday May 19th in Wilkes Barre, all RSVP's need to be received by May 12th. Fayash stated that we do not have any Case products.

The township received a letter from DEP concerning the Earth Disturbance inspection report. Fayash stated he spoke with Stephanie Lupinsky and stated that they are taking care of the situation due to some regulations that needed to be done.

Old Business

PGLIT Procurement Card process, Mauch Chunk Trust is working on opening the additional account but they needed approved April minutes stating for the approval to open an additional account. Once the April minutes have been approved, Mauch Chunk will be able to open the account.

There is a request to change all street lights to LED, saving approximately \$55 a month that has been tabled from the April meeting. Natasha had called PPL to request changing a few bulbs in a small area to see the difference in light and PPL stated that they could do that, but we would be in a 15 year contract where the ones that have been installed will not be able to be removed per their protocol. More discussion was made between the lumens and the area that would be lit, the subject was requested to be tabled until June meeting so more research can be done. Motion made by Fayash to table until next meeting. 2nd Hosler. All Approved. Subject tabled until June.

Review and approve Resolution 2016-1 for UCC codes, that was tabled from April meeting. Benulis stated that he had submitted a draft and would like the supervisors to act on it. Slusser stated that there are a few things he would like to make changes to on it and then have the supervisors take it into discussion. Slusser stated to have it on the agenda for next meeting. Hosler made a motion to table subject until June meeting. 2nd Fayash. All approved. Subject tabled until June.

Schuylkill County Veteran's Trip Organization is looking for donation to sponsor a veteran to go to Washington D.C. that was tabled from April meeting. Hosler stated he tabled the subject due to this request is coming from his brother. Fayash made a motion to donate \$100 for 2 veterans sponsors due to if it wasn't for them, we would not be here. 2nd Fabrizio. Hosler abstained. Approved.

New Business

The township is accepting applications for the maintenance department, interviews will be held throughout this month for qualified applicants. Hosler also added to advertise them in the newspapers. Fayash made a motion to put the ad for the maintenance position in the Times News as well as the Republican Herald. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

The truck bid amount will be discussed during executive order that will take place after public comment.

Fayash also wanted to add that he wanted to thank his father for painting the sign for the township.

Public Comment

John Zubris, Brockton, wanted to thank the Supervisors for donating to the veterans to go on the trip.

Paul Benulis, Brockton, regarding the street light dragging on, that due to it saving the township money, if there is anything he can do to help he is available. More discussion was made on the lumens and brightness of the bulbs. Benulis also questioned regarding the plaque for Mr. Fayash, if it's something that needs a vote or something that just gets done. There was a motion to have the plaque done by Fabrizio. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Benulis has also questioned regarding the missing police equipment that if there will be a certified letter mailed out due to the amount and worth of the equipment that is missing. Fayash stated that DiMarco is still looking for receipts and proof of equipment that was either bought or returned. Benulis questioned if the salt shed will be fixed, Fayash stated that we are working on bids for the shed to be fixed.

Joe Chamoun, Tuscarora, concerned of his neighbor building onto his property and blocking off an area between their homes. He states that it is illegal and something needs to be done regarding this ongoing issue. Benulis stated that he was out to see the property and he stated that it is a police matter. Slusser asked if the property work needs a permit, because if she is violating any of our zoning ordinances we can do something about it, if she is not violating any of the ordinances, we cannot do anything. More discussion was made regarding what the woman states she is replacing/fixing or building. Slusser discussed that it would be better that since we do not have a code enforcement officer, we should assign a police officer temporarily to this case only to have this resolved. Fayash stated that he would like to make Chief DiMarco code enforcement officer for this case only to enforce the codes. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Dwight Anderscavage, Tuscarora, regarding a police matter that there was a hand gun stolen out of a neighbor's car and also commented that their neighbor stated someone was rummaging through their home. Anderscavage stated that the State Police were called but nothing was done. He is requesting that more patrolling be done through the night in that area.

Pat Stefanek, Brockton, wanted to commend the volunteers that helped cleanup 209 on Saturday, but by Monday there was rubbish along the road again. Stefanek stated that it is coming from the people on the four wheelers that are riding along the trail. Also stated that the trail was not made for the four wheelers but it was made to be a walking trail especially with all the money and time that was spent making the trail. Stefanek requested that this subject be passed along to Frank DiMarco. Stefanek also questioned why the supervisors are discussing purchasing a different truck than last month. Slusser stated there were issues with the advertisement which is why the truck from last month was not purchased. Stefanek also discussed Paul Benulis's zoning case, which it should be looked into due to the zoning laws have not changed from last year to this year.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, wanted to mention that the sign is fixed on route 209 before Brockton.

Marie Morgan, Newkirk, questioned the protocol in the township for when someone is burning, questioning on who to call and what steps to take. Slusser questioned and discussed between the burn ban as well as the township ordinance for open burning. Slusser stated that if they are in violation that they should be cited also it should be stated in the ordinance on who specifically a resident is able to contact in the case of a violation.

John Zubris, Brockton, stated that towards Stefanek's comment, that she cannot assume that it is the kids on the four wheelers regarding the walking trail. More back and forth discussion was made as far as the walking trail and how it should have been done differently so the trail would have held up properly.

Fayash had asked everyone to leave the room so the Supervisors are able to go into executive session.

****Executive Session****

Fayash ordered out of executive session and stated he would like to make a bid on the Foster Township 2002 F550. Hosler made a motion to place a bid for \$25,500. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

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

Adjourned

Attest: Natasha Tyson