

**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 6th, 2019 in the Municipal Building. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited. Those present included Charles Fayash, Charles Hosler, and Frank Fabrizio.

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

Treasurer's Report

\$398,906.03 total in bank accounts. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Public comment on agenda items only - none

Police Report –Calls including vehicle pursuit, drug investigation, warrant service, dog barking ordinance complaint, littering complaint, soliciting complaint, intoxicated person, harassment, ordinance violation, assist other agency, traffic stop, traffic complaint, abandoned vehicle, traffic enforcement, PFA violation, abandoned vehicle on private property, residential burglaries, littering complaint, suspicious activity.

Code Enforcement Report – Chief DiMarco stated as far as ordinances you can cite a person numerous but as long as a person is making progress and not ignoring the letter it is a waste of our time and the court's time. It takes continuous monitoring and keeping pressure on them. Quinn questioned if the problem is with our ordinances. DiMarco responded that other places have a quality of life ordinance which is immediate ticketing and a ten day notice where our current ordinance is on a thirty day notice and goes through the magistrate with a citation. Discussion between DiMarco and Quinn over the ordinance and DiMarco stated the District Justice will not put someone in jail over an ordinance if they are doing something and it is not a criminal issue. Rutherford and DiMarco discussed uninspected vehicles that are parked. DiMarco stated that the tags are legal on the two vehicles in question. DiMarco stated you need three criteria for abandoned vehicles: inspection, registration, and insurance. Rutherford asked about a hole between the roads near the fire hydrant. Leskin stated he spoke to Officer Stanell about bags of garbage down on Firehouse Road. DiMarco stated concerns that it maybe on private property. Riboldi, Reevesdale stated that she complained about nails all over Old Route 209 and that it needs to be swept. Mark stated he picked up a lot of them. She said they are still there and needs to be swept. Zubris, Brockton questioned about DEP come in and make people move the tires. Discussion ensued regarding the tires and mosquitoes and whether permission is required to go on private property to treat the tires.

Roadmaster Report- Hosler stated Maintenance scraped the roadside for water drainage, patched potholes, fixed and replaced stop signs, cut grass, picked up cider piles, cleaned culverts, tvs were removed from the shed. Discussion about the coal patch that is owed to the township.

Solicitors Report-Baranko stated ESRP Commission met on April 29th. Hosler made a motion to advertise Public hearing on the Zoning and Subdivision at 6:30pm June 3rd and adoption proceedings at the regular meeting at 7pm on June 3rd. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Zoning Report- no permits were issued.

Committee Reports

Council of Government Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee
Tax Collection Committee- Committee did not meet

Communications: HA Thomson \$11,107 has been paid for the insurance coverage.

Old Business –Fayash made a motion to advertise yard sale in Times News and Pottsville Republican on June 22nd. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

New Business- Hosler made a motion to pay the hotel stay for PSATS Conference in the amount of \$130.98 to West Brunswick Township. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Hosler made a motion to pay Mileage & Meal Reimbursements for PSATS Conference for Colleen Barrett \$39.01 (meals for three days) and \$78.88 (mileage to and from conference 136 miles @ .58cents) for a total of \$117.89. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Fayash made a motion to sponsor two veterans at \$100 for the Schuylkill County Veterans Trip. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Hosler made a motion to give authorization for Light Heigel (Zoning) to issue a Certificate of Non-conformity for the property at 44 Valley Street, Brockton for the Auto Repair Garage for Jason Hollan. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Public Comment

Patty Skripko, Brockton questioned about the Quality of Life progress and the fact that a committee had made a Quality of Life Ordinance tailored to our township but it was never put into play. Discussion ensued regarding what happened to the document. Baranko stated almost every municipality has them in place but that the issue is the enforcement of it. Skripko stated that the township controls what is in the ordinance. Discussion about if a Quality of Life Ordinance will fix the current problems or not.

Several residents discussed the garbage and vehicles at Monk's property and the township's ordinances.

Jen Quinn, Reevesdale brought up several previous complaints (garbage, speeding, vehicles, loud parties, etc.) and the lack of anything being done about them for years. She asked the board what was going to be done. Baranko stressed the importance of the enforcement aspect. Baranko stated private recourse is available. Baranko stated the Board of Health option was available if the municipality wants to have the responsibility. Discussion ensued about code enforcement and Quality of Life.

Joe Leskin, Brockton discussed the committee that worked on the Quality of Life ordinance specifically made for this township and that it was difficult to agree on many of the areas.

Gary Feathers, Tuscarora questioned if specific issues can be addressed with the ordinances the township has in place. He also brought up that to hire a full time enforcer would most likely make taxes go up.

John Zubris, Brockton asked if the township had the original copy of the Quality of Life.

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

Adjourned