

**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, November 6, 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.

Hosler made a motion to approve the October Regular Meeting Minutes. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$377,963.31 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 – Bridgit Leskin, Brockton, asked a question regarding if this section on the agenda is last meeting's agenda items or this meeting's agenda items. Fayash answered it is tonight's agenda items. Leskin asked if she had a question from last meeting should she address it at the end in Public comment. Fayash stated yes.

Police Report –For the month of October: 13 total calls: assist other agency, suspicious incident, trespassing (2), disorderly conduct, phone assignment, traffic complaint, theft, ordinance violation, lettering, criminal mischief, abandoned vehicle, parking complaint.

Code Enforcement Report-none

Zoning Report- 13 permits issued in 2017 to date; 3 zoning permits issued in October, 0 zoning variances completed in 2017.

Roadmaster Report- Fayash stated Broad Street was paved from Walnut to the dead end by Schuylkill Paving. The fuel cell was installed in the GMC. Fayash stated we have the transmission and are working on getting it installed in the International.

Solicitors Report- Baranko stated he would research the zoning aspect of the proposed Arts Festival. Baranko questioned if there was an amusement ordinance for the township.

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Committee Reports

Council of Government—none

Tax Collection Committee—none

Recreation Committee—none

Communications- Schuylkill County Emergency Management Agency is holding a meeting on Thursday, November 9th at 1:30pm at Orwigsburg Memorial Building to update the Counties Hazard Mitigation Plan. Slusser Law Firm is holding their annual holiday party on December 1st at 6:00pm at Sand Springs. RSVP for township employees by November 23rd.

Old Business- none

New Business

Received notice from Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau that the property at 325 Valley Street, Brockton deeded to Regina Pillar, Anthony Pillar will be sold to Francis Devizia for \$1,474.00 unless the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township disapprove on or before December 1, 2017. It was discussed that the property was vacant for some time. Fayash made a motion to approve the purchase by Francis Devizia for \$1,474.00. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Schuylkill Firefighters' Financial Development Organization is asking for a pledge of \$5000.00 payable as a lump sum or over a period of three years to go towards the total cost of the project of constructing a facility for fire fighting training. Hosler made a motion to pay Schuylkill Firefighters' Financial Development Organization in three payments over three years: \$1,750.00 for the first two years and \$1,500.00 the last year. 2nd Fayash. All approved. The NPDES Permit Renewal Application will be submitted to PA DEP on behalf of the Schuylkill Valley Sewer Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant. Act 14 of 1984 amended the Commonwealth's Administrative Code to require us to notify you that they are applying for a permit renewal before these permits can be issued. Dave Horst emailed a copy of a letter sent to the county regarding the remaining balance on the Tuscarora Waterline Project. Dave recommended meeting with the supervisors to discuss action with the Municipal Authority of the Township of Blythe. Hosler stated that Blythe was suppose to service and do some of the work but the cost went over what the grant was for. Baranko questioned about the ownership of the line. Hosler stated Blythe could not get the grant; the township had to go for the grant. The original reason for project was firefighters stated they were losing pressure in the water lines. Baranko stated he would reach out to Blythe's solicitor. The project is completed and final payment it due. Schuylkill County Hazard Mitigation Planning Team is requesting the return of the Authorization and Acknowledgement letter, along with appointing a municipal representative. Leskin, Brockton, interrupted the meeting stating he could not hear. Barrett stated we have to appoint a representative to attend meetings in order to be eligible for grants. There was discussion as to meeting requirements and times. Hosler made a motion to appoint Fayash as the primary and Hosler as the alternate for the Schuylkill County Hazard Mitigation Planning Team. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. The Board of Supervisors have reviewed and discussed the 2018 Annual Budget. Township needs to advertise the Annual Budget for 2018 in the newspaper. Hosler also added that the total revenues are \$ 449,487 and the total expenditures are \$443,600. Fayash made a motion to advertise the Annual Budget for 2018 in the newspaper. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Karen Parrish emailed stating the Board needs to approve a fair housing resolution this year as required for the CDBG program. Resolution 2017-7 Fair Housing Resolution. Hosler made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-7 Fair Housing Resolution. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Annual Contribution to the volunteer fire companies: Tuscarora, Mary D, and Brockton at \$1,500.00 each company. Hosler made a motion for the annual contribution to the volunteer fire companies: Tuscarora, Mary D, and Brockton at \$1,500.00 each company. 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Public Comment- Billy Zahora, Mary D, questioned when Chuck would be cleaning that house out. Zahora expressed concerns about trash, mold, bacteria, and rats. Fayash stated when he gets the time he will clean up the inside and he would clean up the outside of the house. Zahora stated there are items on the porch and in yard. Zahora stated he contacted the Board of Health and Jerry Knowles and was told that it was Fayash's responsibility. Zahora and Fayash discussed the issue. Fayash questioned Baranko. Baranko stated that a notice of violation is needed through the code officials. Fayash stated he would board the window up and that it was still condemned. Joseph Leskin, Brockton, concern with consolidation of the fire companies and the lack of discussion with the town. Baranko stated if the fire companies are volunteer then they are under the municipal umbrella and report to the municipality. Baranko stated that the fire company representatives were there last month. Hosler stated it is being discussed by the fire companies and it is a lengthy process. Leskin expressed concern that Brockton has never sent anyone to fire training that the township is donating to. Fayash stated it was for all three fire companies not just Brockton. Leskin stated the Brockton fire company doesn't do anything and expressed concerns over the new fire truck there being given away. Feathers stated that's a reason for consolidation. It was brought up again that the fire company representatives were at the last township meeting discussing the consolidation.

Bridgit Leskin, Brockton, questioned the possible sale of generators. Fayash stated there are 3 but they do not work. Leskin also expressed concern over the speeding on Valley Street, Brockton.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, Fayash asked Billy Zahora to leave the meeting for interrupting the meeting. Van Pelt continued her question regarding the coal trucks that the problem is still going on. Baranko stated it is an enforcement issue requiring a formal ordinance because Hosler stated it is an agreement currently. Fayash stated DiMarco suggested putting up signs. Baranko stated road restrictions require ordinances. Fayash stated it was 6:00am not 7:00am

Carol Hartung, Mary D, questioned the police department's jurisdiction in Tamaqua and West Penn. Baranko stated we have a reciprocal agreement with Tamaqua. Hartung questioned the police department's vehicle being at the gas station near Leiby's, in Tamaqua, and at DiMarco's garage.

Joseph Leskin, Brockton, spoke of a conversation with DiMarco about limiting the township police giving out speeding tickets unless they are 10 miles over the speed limit; the state cops are 6 miles over the speed limit. Leskin proposed that the township drop the speed limit to 15 from 25 miles per hour. Fayash stated it would be discussed.

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

Adjourned

Attest:

Colleen Barrett