

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 October Meeting Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report –

\$415,927.42 total in bank accounts. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the October's Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hosler. All approved.

Public comment on agenda items only - none

Police Report – 18 total calls for October. Officer Oldt stated calls included harassment, littering, drug law violation, theft, abandoned vehicle, traffic enforcement, and others.

Code Enforcement Report – none

Roadmaster Report- Hosler stated maintenance patched potholes, building maintenance, cleared drainage ditch, cleaned streets from storm, fixed signs, and maintenance on plow for snow. Fayash made a motion to purchase scraper blades (edges) and chains for plow as needed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved.

Solicitors Report- Quality of Life Ordinance was advertised.

Zoning Report- One UCC permit was issued: Tewksbury (deck ; Two Zoning permits were issued Julie Jupin (shed) and Harold Foulk (porch).

Committee Reports - Council of Government, Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee, and Tax Collection Committee did not meet.

Communications: The Budget Workshop Meeting was held October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. An Emergency Meeting was held on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm to discuss the safety concerns of trick or treaters. The township voted to move trick or treat from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-8pm due to the weather forecast of strong winds and thunderstorms. Discussion ensued regarding a community group to decide dates etc. for community events. Atty. Baranko stated whatever a community group would recommend it would still have to come to the Board for a vote because it involves police and fire companies etc.

Old Business: Line painting needs the mileage or linear feet for a quote.

New Business- Fayash made a motion to adopt the Township Awareness Act (Quality of Life) Ordinance 2019-3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved. Fayash made a motion to advertise the 2020 Annual Budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved. 2020 Budget Revenues: \$464,114 Expenditures \$459,620. There will be no tax increase. Hosler made a motion to renewal membership with Schuylkill Headwaters in the amount of \$100.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved. Hosler made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Tamaqua Public Library. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fayash. All approved. Discussion ensued about the resident's request at 149 School Street, Mary D asking if the township would be willing to sell some of the township's land next to his property. Fayash made a motion to pay the invoice of \$5000.00 to Lettich & Zipay for the 2018 Financials/Audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hosler. All approved. Fayash made a motion to approve of the 2% garbage commission check for Colleen Barrett for \$1813.78 on the \$90,689.21 collected

from 11/05/18-10/24/19. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hosler. All approved. Atty. Karpowich reviewed the minor subdivision and recommended to the Planning Commission to approve. The Planning Commission met October 17, 2019 and recommends to the Board of Supervisors to accept the minor subdivision of Robert & Janet Canfield and Roy Habel. Fayash made a motion to approve the minor subdivision for Canfield/Habel. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved. Hosler stated that the Budget Workshop Meeting was previously scheduled prior to that meeting and it was not a meeting about moving Trick or Treat. Moving Trick or Treat was discussed but was never brought to a vote at the Budget Workshop Meeting. Hosler asked Atty. Baranko about the township's liability with regards to the social media account on Facebook despite the fact that it is not a township run account. Atty. Baranko stated as long as the township is not involved sponsorship or administrative wise there should not be liability. Barrett questioned liability if a township employee comments on the site. Atty. Baranko stated township employees should not be commenting on the site. Hosler stated that the supervisors should not be commenting on the site and Atty. Baranko agreed. The township's website and One Call System should be used for getting information out to the community. Fayash questioned if a supervisor as a resident could comment and if there was a law stating you cannot. Atty. Baranko stated that a supervisor should not put it out there like that.

#### Public Comment

John Zubris, Brockton, brought up a card that was out stating Mr. Fayash spent approximately \$50,000 for a salt shed. Zubris brought up that it takes two supervisors to vote for an item. Discussion ensued about amounts.

Gary Feathers, Tuscarora, wanted to thank the police department and fire department for Saturday evening for the safety and security of the community (on trick or treat).

Fayash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved.

Adjourned

Attest: Colleen Barrett