

**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, October 3rd, 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 September minutes. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$404,155.47 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 -

Fayash answered Christine Verdier's last month's question regarding the 2 boards, it would pertain to the zoning hearing board as well as the planning board. Verdier questioned if the members would be notified. Solicitor Slusser stated it is being taken care of.

Public comment on agenda items only –

Christine Verdier, Mary D, pertaining to the minutes and the zoning changes, wanted to question if the board has reviewed the cost of other municipalities that have changed from regional/county plan, into their own plan. Verdier also stated that the cost of \$5,000 that the board was quoted to withdrawal is lower than the surrounding areas. East Union Township was charged \$50,000 for the 6 months of work to withdrawal which was discussed in the township minutes in 2013 when more research was being done. Verdier stated that if the board did not review other municipalities, have they looked at other options due to the concern of setbacks. Solicitor Slusser stated that he feels that the cost was including hiring a planner, which is something the township is not doing. From what Solicitor Slusser is aware of, is the board is looking to make some minor modifications to the current zoning ordinances. This is not going to include a complete rezone, nor a complete new comprehensive plan. Solicitor Slusser stated he does not see this being a very costly project. Verdier questioned if the cost for the project has been added into the budget for next year. Verdier also wanted to state that there is a lot that goes into a project like this and wanted to make sure the Board has explored all options available. Verdier questioned if the township has worked out any agreement on the recycling of the TV's. Verdier has stated that she met a gentleman from Penn State Recycling Market Center, who is able to help her explore more options to move forward. Fayash stated that the Secretary had called multiple places and no answer.

Joe Leskin, Brockton, wanted to question if the Board had found out who the zoning committee consists of. Hosler stated it was zoning hearing board, even though it is listed as committee, it holds three members. Hosler stated the three members are John Bashago, William Alonge, and Charles Stancavage. Hosler also stated that the planning board consists of himself, Frank Fabrizio and Donna Zelonis.

Police Report –

Chief DiMarco wanted to thank the Board for the purchase of the new radio as well as the hiring of the new police officer, Pete Sandor.

Officer Sandor introduced himself as well as his background of being a 14 year veteran, did law enforcement in Florida for the past 6 years and due to family obligations, he had returned here. He is here to help Chief DiMarco, but is looking to move back in the next 3-4 months. Wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity to be able to serve our township.

Chief DiMarco stated that the township has received their first check from Middleport Borough for police coverage in the amount of \$2,083 for the month which helps the payment of the officers in the township. Chief DiMarco had continued on to the report which includes the township as well as Middleport. Ordinance violation in Brockton that is being handled- smell coming from another house; parking complaint in Tuscarora; criminal mischief in Middleport; assault on 209 by Newkirk that ended in an arrest by Officer Stanell; harassment; ordinance violation at 65 Sunny Dr resulting in property being posted as condemned; abandoned vehicle in Brockton that was taken care of by Officer Stanell; 2 assist motorist on 209- 1 in Middleport and 1 in Mary D; animal barking complaint that ended in a citation; drug related complaint under investigation in Reevesdale; assist the Roadmaster do a detail on Piersol St.; another parking complaint that ended in a parking ticket in Middleport; citation issued for speeding on 209; suspicious activity on Valley St. that was handled by Officer Stanell; harassment issue that was handled by Officer Stanell; ordinance violation on Dodson St. that was handled by himself-called the owners to remove the junk from their yard; phone assignment; atv/dirtbike complaint in Middleport; abandoned vehicle on Back St. Mary D that resulted in the vehicle being tagged and spoke to owner to have the vehicle removed as soon as possible; information call; and 2 disorderly conduct citations have been issued for Middleport Borough for people causing noise.

Road master Report-

Folk Paving has been paving and they have everything paved except from Walnut to Seneca and part of Locust. Everything else is completed that was planned to be paved and sealed. There will still be patching completed within the next week or two.

Solicitors Report- Christopher Slusser
Nothing to report.

Zoning Report- Paul Benulis

Fabrizio had read off Benulis's report stating that there were 25 permits issued since February, 1 variance completed and 1 variance in progress.

Committee Reports

Council of Government- did not meet.

Tax Collection Committee- discussed paying bills and next year's meeting will only be in May and December. There will be more discussion on that this December.

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- Halloween parade will be on Tuesday, October 25th and Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, December 3rd 9am-11am.

Communications

Received letter from Senator Argall's office stating there is a special program that he will be hosting in Hamburg for the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Program. It will be held on Thursday, November 17th, at 6:30pm at the Hamburg High School.

The Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee will be holding a Halloween Dance/Social on Saturday, October 29th from 6pm-9pm. This will be located at the Salvation Army Center in Tamaqua, \$3 per person and RSVP by October 26th.

Trick-o-Treat night for Schuylkill Township was discussed to be Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6pm-8pm. Hosler made a motion to have Trick-o-Treat for Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6pm-8pm. 2nd Fayash. All approved. Hosler stated if there will be police coverage that evening, Chief DiMarco stated yes there will be 3 officers on duty that evening.

Schuylkill County Vision is hosting a Halloween Hustle 5k race or 1 mile fund run, its \$28 for the 5k race and \$18 for the 1 mile fun run. The race starts in Landingville but unaware of where the race will end.

Old Business

PLGIT Procurement Card is still in process.

The Board needed to discuss the size of a salt shed. The Board is looking at a size of 40' x 30' x 12' high. Post frame building on 8 ft high concrete walls 4:12 pitch roof trusses, pre-engineered, 4' O.C. 40 lbs snow load. 3ply 2"x6" Glu'lam pressure treated posts #2 SYP, 8' O.C. pm concrete wall attached to painted steel post brackets. Carrier system 2" x 12" MSR Southern Yellow Pine #1 on each side of post fastened with HeadLOK wood lags. 2"x8" pressure treated skirt board. 29 gauge galvanized painted steel on roof applied with screws. 29 gauge galvanized painted steel on sidewalls applied with screws. 2"x4" Perlins, 2' O.C. on gables, roof, sidewalls with 1' overhang with perforated soffit on eaves and gables, vented ridge cap, and rodent guard. Fayash made a motion to approve this size of building for the salt shed so we are able to send out for 3 bids. 2nd Hosler. All approved. A reporter asked for the size, Fayash stated 40'x30'x a total of 20' high-consisting of 8' concrete solid walls and 12' wood.

New Business

There is no new business listed.

Fayash wanted to mention that there are some issues with dumping on the Tuscarora Mountain. This area is only for brush, not to be used for TV's, decking material, wood, nails, etc. Chief DiMarco stated that there has been a chronic problem with this area for years. Fayash questioned what could be done that the residents have a place to dump the brush, due to it will start to cost the township money with the continuing of dumping in this area. Chief DiMarco recommended that the dumping completely stops up there due to the township cannot be responsible if something toxic would get dumped. Chief DiMarco also stated he feels that is county property, Fayash added he thinks that the entire stretch is county property. Chief DiMarco stated he will work on this to see what he can get done regarding this issue. Fayash had recommended due to the township owning some property, if the Board would mark off an area and if someone needs to dump brush, the residents can contact the township to have the gate opened. Hosler stated most of the township property is in town and not around the outskirts. Fayash stated that they will need to work on finding a solution for this ongoing issue.

Public Comment

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, asked if the proper procedure for when being called on to comment, is to stand up, state your name and where your from. Van Pelt asked if this was for everyone to follow or just for certain people. Van Pelt also questioned that the information that Verdier was questioning about, if it was on Argall's time or her own time. Fayash stated he cannot answer due to it has nothing to do with the Board.

Christine Verdier, Mary D, wanted to mention that the contact person for the real estate in the coal lands for the county is Lisa Mayhall. Verdier also wanted to mention that when the code enforcement officer was put on, there was no motion to identify a salary for this position and this may be something the Board may want to consider. Also, Verdier questioned regarding the video if it could also be posted onto the township website. Verdier wanted to also mention that the website is a little outdated that Joseph Sadusky is listed as the maintenance worker. Verdier also wanted to share that when the maintenance workers have been out in the past, they were to wear bright color shirts so they are visible during road work and in the new township news magazine, on page 89, that Penndot now requires anyone working out on the road must also wear a hard hat. Verdier wanted to also mention regarding the condemned property across from her on why the township worker cannot cut the weeds for the neighbors. Chief DiMarco stated yes that it can be done due to it being condemned, and asked for Mark to cut the grass and if he needs someone to accompany him, Chief DiMarco stated he would do so. Verdier questioned if there could be a correction to the minutes to add who exactly is going to be

on that committee that way it is noted. Motion made to amend the minutes as requested to put the proper names and the proper boards by Fayash. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Jessica Miller, Tuscarora, questioned when the Board would have a decision on the parking situation by her home due to the no parking will be in effect shortly. Fayash stated he looked at the area and there has been an agreement in the past that if there was any weather conditions, that there was to be no parking. Fayash recommended that they are able to park there and if there is any type of weather conditions coming that they need to move their vehicles, if they do not move their vehicles for weather the no parking sign would be put back up. Hosler had mentioned about removing the sign that the Board would need to amend the ordinance. Solicitor Slusser stated that it would have to be advertised to amend the ordinance. Solicitor Slusser stated to abide by the ordinance except for this particular situation. Miller stated she would give her vehicle information to the Board if they would need it for this situation. Solicitor Slusser also recommended giving the residents a specific permit that allows them to park in that particular spot. Chief DiMarco suggested to keep the sign no parking and understand that they may be a ticket given for parking there due to you will be parking at your own risk. It will be on recorded minutes that the residents are parking there at their own risk that if there is any weather coming that they are to move their vehicles.

Joe Leskin, Brockton, feels that the Board does not speak loud enough that the Board should have microphones. Fayash stated that it sounds like a good idea. Leskin stated that regarding the dumping that there used to be dumping on the Brockton Mountain and then it was shut down. Fayash stated that is why there was discussion on possibly putting a gate up and only open if a resident calls to dump brush. Leskin also questioned if there was a fee to get a handicap sign put up for a resident due to the recent request for one. Fayash and Hosler stated that they will look into but they do not think the township has an ordinance containing that. Leskin also commented to Chief DiMarco regarding the continuing of speeding in front of his home and wanted to mention it is especially in the afternoon from 3:30pm on. Chief DiMarco stated he will have Officer Stanell sit at that area more to cover the area.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, questioned due to Officer Sandor is only available for 3-4 months, what is going to happen when he leaves? Chief DiMarco stated he has a back up plan in line.

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

Adjourned

Attest: Natasha Tyson