

**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 1st, 2018 in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Fayash, Charles Hosler, and Frank Fabrizio. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited. Charles Hosler made a motion to approve the September's Regular Meeting Minutes. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$438,689.89 total in bank accounts. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Answers to Last Month's Public Questions- None
Public comment on agenda items only – None

Police Report – 26 total calls for September. Some of which include: Assist other agencies, phone assignments, welfare check, parking complaints, traffic complaints, littering, ordinance violations, abandoned vehicles.

Code Enforcement Report –included in police report

Road master Report- Hosler stated filled potholes and drain repair in Tuscarora, areas that washed out from the rain, cut grass, branches and weeds from roadways, took the flags down, replaced batteries in backhoe, building maintenance, and fixed signs.

Solicitors Report-Baranko stated property at Walnut Street in Tuscarora that filed bankruptcy had filed an amendment plan regarding the payment of the past due garbage fees (that will come from the Trustees office once the plan is approved). Barrett asked about the garbage fees past due after the filing of bankruptcy. Baranko stated that those fees can be invoiced but redact anything before the bankruptcy filing. Baranko stated to get him the information and he will include it in the information to her attorney. Baranko discussed the trees on the wires of Verizon. Baranko stated the township code is specific to state the township cannot maim a tree but can cut back a tree that is presenting a dangerous situation. He recommends sending a letter to the adjacent property owners and Verizon before doing so. Baranko questioned if it was in the township's right away. Hosler stated it was. Fayash questioned if something happened to the wires while we are cutting them would it be Verizon's responsibility? Baranko stated it would be Verizon's responsibility. Fayash questioned about the dumping on private property in township? Baranko stated not through township but through police through trespassing etc. Baranko stated that the property owner needs to put in the complaint. Baranko suggested contacting the contact.

Zoning Report- One permit was issued by Light Heigel. One UCC permit was issued by CIA. One driveway permit was issued by the Roadmaster.

Committee Report-Council of Government-met no quorum – talked about doing a group electronics recycling program, there are 19 municipalities in COG; Tax Collection Committee – none; Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee – did not meet.

Communications: Schuylkill Keep It Pretty will have their fall cleanup October 18, 19, & 20th – registration forms are due Monday, October 10th. PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust rate will drop to 1.80% in 2019 from 1.90% in 2018. Volunteer Fire Relief Association has deposited \$4,266.81 into the

township's general account. As required by Act 205, the proceeds must be paid to the Schuylkill Township Volunteer Fireman Relief within 60 days. Notification of Estimated Allocation Municipal Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$66,058.86 for 2019. Schuylkill Headwaters is looking for a contribution for \$100.00 for the Business/Association Membership. Hosler made a motion to contribute the \$100 to Schuylkill Headwaters. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. An informational meeting was held with the maintenance department – no decisions were made; discussed trees on wires, tvs and trash along 209, stop signs, and dumping on private property.

Old Business- none

New Business- Pat Trevisan from HA Thomson has given the township two workers' compensation quotes. The savings would be approximately \$789.00 if HA Thomson moves the township to EMC. Fayash motioned to table until next meeting. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Kozloff Stoudt – attorney for the Brockton/Mary D Fire Company merger was paid \$5,000.00 by the township (\$2,500.00 grant and \$2,500.00 agreed match of the grant). The remaining balance is \$1,563.83 as of September 20, 2018. Fayash made a motion to pay the remaining balance of \$1,563.83 to Kozloff Stoudt. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Loren Martello from Kinectenergy, energy advisor with the Schuylkill Chamber recommends changing from the variable rate to a fixed rate because rates are low at this time and our current agreement expires in 2019. Hosler made a motion to change the variable rate to a fixed rate with Entrust at .0497 starting June 2019. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Paving quotes from Ronnie Folk Paving \$19,400 and Schuylkill Paving \$36,210. Hosler made a motion to go with Ronnie Folk Paving at \$19,400. 2nd Fayash. All approved. Trick or treat will be October 31st from 6-8pm. Secretary/Treasurer requested increase weekly hours from 24 to 27 hours. Hosler made a motion to increase the Secretary/Treasurer's hours from 24 to 27 hours weekly. 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Public Comment

Joe Yesavage, Tuscarora, requested Fabrizio come by to look at the drainage area previously. Yesavage requested the other supervisors come out to see the drainage to come up with a solution to divert water or slow it down from the area of Wyoming/Coal Street.

Michelle Hill, Mary D, Joe Bashinsky stopped cleaning up his property and wanted to know how to get rid of tvs. Fayash stated the Tamaqua Transfer Station should take them for a fee but suggested to call them first. Also stated the other neighbor at 44 Dodson Street has not cleaned up his garbage.

Joe Yesavage, Tuscarora, street light is out in front of house. Yesavage also stated near Oddfellows cemetery moving towards Newkirk there is a lot of dumping by the guardrail on Old Route 209.

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

Adjourned

Attest: Colleen Barrett