

**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 5, 2020. 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 September's Meeting Minutes. 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$554,791.62 total in bank accounts. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Visa credit card report – \$113.47 (Envelopes, Post its, Copy Paper)

Answers to last month's public questions –none

Public comment on agenda items only – none

Police Report – Fayash reported calls from September 2 through September 30, 2020 including code enforcement. Items included in the calls are littering, atv complaint, township ordinance, ordinance violation, assist other agency, and accident.

Code Enforcement Report – Included in the Police Report.

Roadmaster Report- – Hosler reported removed cinders and dirt from the drains, patched potholes, assisted paving crew to remove dirt from near the drains, equipment maintenance, cut grass, etc. Fayash questioned Mark about the chevy pickup. Mark stated he was waiting on the welder. Fayash stated he had a couple of complaints about the Locust Avenue bank that was scraped in previous years and that the street sign is faded. Fayash questioned if N Main Street was suppose to be paved from Walnut up. Hosler stated it was quoted for School Street up to the road that leads to the Hideout. Fayash questioned Mark about the potholes on that road. Discussion ensued about how to fix the road. Fayash then questioned Mark about the potholes on Firehouse Road and Cemetery road in Brockton. Discussion ensued about the re-doing the road the right away and options.

Solicitors Report- Fayash opened the Garbage Bids:

Tamaqua Transfer: \$ 96,000 one year term 2021
\$192,960 two year term 2022
\$290,890 three year term 2023
\$389,790 four year term 2024
\$490,668 five year term 2025

County Waste: \$130,440 one year term 2021
\$264,800 two year term 2022
\$403,200 three year term 2023
\$545,760 four year term 2024
\$692,520 five year term 2025

Fayash made a motion for the five year term with Tamaqua Transfer pending they meet the terms and conditions of the bid contract. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Larry Wittig, Tamaqua Transfer, spoke that he used a

1% increase over the years as costs keeps increasing at the landfills that they take the garbage to. Fayash questioned Wittig about construction material. Wittig stated it was in limited quantities and weight limits.

Hosler made a motion to advertise Ordinance 2020-1 to remove and redact Part 1 of Subsection 103 of Ordinance 2000-1. 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Zoning Report- One UCC permits was issued: Denning (vertical lift); One Zoning permit was issued Denning (vertical lift). Barrett stated that Mr. Mengle questioned how long the building permit would be valid for and does he require an extension. He is concerned about finishing the remaining work before the winter. Discussion ensued regarding 6 months versus one year for the term of a building permit. Barrett stated the BCO told her typically 6 months. Fayash made a motion to extend it from 6 months to a year for him. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Committee Reports

Council of Government-met discussed a piece of equipment was vandalized

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- none

Tax Collection Committee- Committee did not meet

Communications: Fayash made a motion to pay \$4,656.59 to Volunteer Fire Relief Association. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Fayash made a motion to advertise the Budget Workshop Meeting for October 28th at 5:30 pm. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Old Business – The Quality of Life changes and limits were tabled until next meeting due to Chief DiMarco's absence. Discussion ensued about Code Enforcement and advertising for a police position. Hosler stated that Chief DiMarco talked of Ryan Oldt resigning and he hasn't done so. Barrett stated he was on duty since the last meeting. Discussion ensued about Oldt's specifics of his contract regarding his pay and hours (not to exceed 16 hours in a week). Hosler recommended discussing the personnel matter in executive session. Barrett questioned if Oldt is not coming in when Chief DiMarco is scheduling him. Fayash stated that he believed DiMarco did tell the Board that at the last meeting. Hosler made a motion to advertise for a part time police officer. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Hosler stated that there doesn't seem to be any follow up on these repeat offenders of the code. Hosler stated he spoke to Marty (Light & Heigel) regarding Code Enforcement. Barrett stated she spoke to Diane from West Hazleton and she asked if the township was using the International Property Code and very specific sections to deal with the structures of the building. Discussion ensued. Fabrizio asked if the township could put money in the budget for code for next year. Fayash stated yes but that money would have to be moved from somewhere else. Hosler stated Marty (Light & Heigel) would come to one of our meetings. Discussion ensued about properties with items (such as hoarding) inside and code access to these properties. Atty. Baranko stated that only if it became a fire and safety hazard and administrative warrants. It was decided to have Marty from Light & Heigel come to the next meeting to talk to the board. The Atlantic Broadband complaint letter was mailed about the internet service. Atlantic Broadband reached out for customer names and contact information. Discussion ensued about the cable services and internet along with the increase of prices. If customer has issue with increase of prices they should contact the better business bureau.

New Business- Recommendation from the Zoning Hearing Board regarding permeation, pervious and impervious coverage with the ESRP Zoning Ordinance. Atty. Baranko stated if collectively each municipality/ borough in the agreement got together to state the collective issues it can be addressed. Atty. Baranko stated amending it usually originates from the Planning Commissions not the supervisors. Gary Feathers reviewed the first recommendation with the board. Feathers stated that Schuylkill Township previously made the area that the Denning's residence is located on Commercial when it was once residential; through not fault of the Dennings that are now under the Commercial zone and had to file for a special exception/variance in order to extend their patio because there is different parameters for Commercial vs. Residential. The Zoning board recommended that the Board of Supervisors refund the Denning's special exception fees/variance for their

hearing. Also the Zoning board has put in place that the Dennings from this point on will be treated as residential despite the listing of commercial and not require special exceptions due to that classification. Discussion ensued regarding the Dennings refund/fees. Hosler made a motion to reimburse the Dennings their fees of \$700.00. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Fayash made a motion to pay Schuylkill Paving invoice \$20,599.00 pending seal of water & sewer stops. Fayash made a motion to pay Workers Comp (volunteer fire companies) Invoice in the amount of \$8,175.00. 2nd Hosler. All approved. Hosler made a motion to donate \$2,250 to each fire company (Mary D & Tuscarora). 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Public Comment –None

Fayash made a motion to go into executive session. 2nd Fabrizio.

The Board discussed personnel issues in executive session.

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

Adjourned

Attest: Colleen Barrett