

**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, September 14, 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 August's Meeting Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$540,877.37 total in bank accounts. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hosler. All approved.

Visa credit card report – \$41.85 GPS

Answers to last month's public questions – Chief DiMarco asked Mr. Seip if he could enter his property to view the problem property because DiMarco cannot see anything from the road. Mr. Seip gave him permission to enter his property to view it. Mr. Seip stated that he has since removed two windows and the roof rafters are showing and in a state of disrepair. Discussion ensued regarding the various problems. Discussion ensued regarding a fence and permitting, along with surveying and deeds.

Public comment on agenda items only - Gary Feathers, Tuscarora requested the closure of Mulberry Street from 10 am – 2pm for the hoagie sale. Hosler made a motion that Mulberry Street be closed on September 19, 2020 for the Tuscarora Fire Company's hoagie sale pick up. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved.

Police Report – Chief DiMarco reported 33 calls from July 1 through September 15, 2020 including code enforcement. DiMarco also stated that Farber did not accept his summons from Plachko's office and the violation letter that Benesch sent. DiMarco stated he did not know where the court was going to go to from this point. The township received the check from the JE Morgan Foundation Grant. DiMarco stated he would get in touch with Coaldale or West Penn about where they got their LPR. DiMarco will get the information on what unit and costs. Hosler asked DiMarco how we are going to address the ATV vehicles. Discussion ensued about the ATV issue, jeeps without tags, and side by side vehicles on the roads.

Code Enforcement Report – Included in the Police Report.

Roadmaster Report- Hosler reported fixed flags, patched potholes, cut roadsides, cut grass, equipment maintenance, picked up tires, drain projects, etc. Hosler made a motion to purchase 3tons of coal patch. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fayash. All approved. Paving of the roads is scheduled for the end of September.

Solicitors Report- Atty. Baranko discussed an item with the Board regarding the garbage contract bid. Hosler made a motion to advertise the garbage contract bid. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fayash. All approved.

Zoning Report- No zoning permits were issued. No UCC building permit was issued.

Committee Reports

Council of Government- none

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- none

Tax Collection Committee- Committee did not meet

Communications: Schuylkill County Fall Cleanup & Recycling Event: This week at Tamaqua Transfer Station: Monday through Friday 7am – 4:30pm and Saturday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> from 7am-11am. There will be no Electronics

collected this year. Items accepted & fee schedule are listed on flyer. Notification of Estimated Allocation Municipal Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$59491.84 for 2021. Notice of Public Hearing of the Zoning Hearing Board regarding Dennings's special exception for expansion of a nonconforming use and Mengle's appeal/variance to construct a deck around a swimming pool with reference to lot coverage % on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Old Business – Discussed the permit portion of Section 103 of Ordinance 2000-1. DiMarco stated part 2 is necessary because it deals with parking along with part 3. DiMarco recommended repealing Section 103. Discussion ensued about the Ordinance 2000-1 and Quality of Life Ordinance. Atty. Baranko stated QOL states that motor vehicle nuisance is unregistered or uninspected, inoperable, or unlicensed can be fined. Discussion about motor vehicles on township property that are unregistered and uninspected to be towed. Discussion ensued about motor vehicles on private property that are unregistered or uninspected, inoperable, or unlicensed as it is written in the QOL definition. Atty. Baranko stated he would have a draft of a proposed repealing of Section 103 of Ordinance 2000-1 for a motion to advertise next meeting. QOL changes and limits to be reviewed and discussed next meeting. Discussion ensued regarding Emerick, Valley, Green Streets and right a way of those roads. Hosler made a motion to have roadways near 336 Valley Street, corner, Brockton surveyed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved.

New Business- Fayash made a motion to hold Trick or Treat Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 pm with a raindate of Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fabrizio. All approved. Jack Edwards requested a letter from the Board stating that the township has no objections for Ringtown Rentals/Charlie Surotchak to get a permit to do their mining operations in area across from the Ballfield. Mr. Edwards stated that their trucks would be using the Route 209 entrance and exit the majority of the time. Hosler stated that he spoke to Jack and he needs a letter stating the Board has no objections. Fayash made a motion to make a letter stating no objections as long as they are responsible for the dirt deposits on township roads. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hosler. All approved. Discussion ensued regarding trucks and damage to township roads. Hosler spoke of possibly bringing someone else in for Code Enforcement. Discussion ensued about having our Zoning Officer/Company – Light & Heigel doing Code Enforcement because it keeps falling behind and violations are not being issued. Hosler made a motion to have Light & Heigel to do Code Enforcement. Discussion ensued on the cost and being charged twice for Zoning and then Code Enforcement. Gary Feathers, Tuscarora, asked the Board why we don't pay the police officers more and hire more police officers. Fabrizio gave an example that one property it has been 105 days since something has been done. Discussion ensued about violations and court proceedings. Brian Seip, New Ringgold, complained about having to pay so much more for fire insurance to insure that house he bought because of the Swenson property. Discussion ensued about the frequency of ticketing and cleaning up properties and new violations. DiMarco stated it is a very timely process. Feathers suggested increasing the police officer's hours to address the code enforcement issues. Atty. Baranko stated you can take it to court to do an injunction but to not go into court with deteriorated properties without an engineer. Atty. Baranko stated the township needs someone almost full time to do code enforcement that he will send contact information for other code enforcement officers (Freeland & West Hazleton). Fayash expressed his concerns about cost for the township. Brian Seip, New Ringgold, revisited the issue of the drain and it being opened up if it is on township property but Atty. Baranko stated that the water from the drain cannot be diverted to private property unless it is the natural flow of the water. Atty. Baranko suggested going right to Schuylkill County court for a consistent problem property but that an engineer is definitely required but it is expensive. Mark Buccieri stated he is constantly going around the entire township that he could take the pictures and do code enforcement but expressed concern over the number of hours that would be required in court. More discussion ensued over code enforcement. Dimarco stated he believed Oldt might be resigning and that he wants the Board to handle the hiring if necessary.

Public Comment –None

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

Adjourned

Attest: Colleen Barrett

