

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP
75 WALNUT STREET
MARY-D, PA 17952**

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held on September 13, 2021 at the Municipal Building. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited. Those present included Charles Hosler, Frank Fabrizio, and Charles Fayash.

Charles Hosler made a motion to approve the August Meeting Minutes, 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Treasurer's Report- \$638,815.73, total in bank accounts. Hosler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit, 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Visa Report - \$ 161.25, Gps \$44.36, Staples binders, envelopes - \$52.89, Walmart –Shredder – \$64.00 Hosler motioned to accept the visa report 2nd Fayash. All Approved.

Answers to last month's questions – Fayash spoke to Mr. Garcia about utilizing the cross, per Mr. Garcia it's too hard to go up in the winter time out of the 2 exits down below. Mr. Garcia mentioned about donating money to the township for the roads, but not sure what amount they would donate. Fayash stated we should set up a meeting with them to see. Per Hosler that is how Tuscarora Coal is set up. They donate to the township to help with the roads.

Public comment on agenda items only -Gary Feathers, Tuscarora Are we getting royalties from the coal funds? Per Hosler he thought we were however, it goes to the county. Barrett had looked into this previously per Hosler. Per Gary Feathers the township should be receiving some funds. Gary Feathers, Tuscarora stated he put a letter in around August 14, 2021 to be placed on the agenda and it's not on the agenda. Per Hosler the letter was lost in the shuffle of Colleen and Denise switching in the office. Gary stated at last meeting Dollar General stuff wasn't on the agenda, Hosler stated the Sunshine Law went into effect on August 29, 2021. Hosler asked Atty Baranko can we address his letter. Hosler and Atty Baranko asked Gary if the plan was submitted and Gary stated it was at the zoning hearing with the board. Hill submitted letter to Atty Karpowich and he hadn't responded. Atty Baranko stated they are looking for a waiver of preliminary/final if sketch details are there. Get with engineer and submit Gary's Plan to Land Development Approval.

Police Report – 8/1 Trailer Ordinance, 8/7 Township supervisor Abandon vehicle not private property, 8/12 ATV-Dirt Bike, 8/21 Patrol, ATV-Dirt Bike, 8/24 Weather Report Request, 8/25 Patrol, ATV-Dirt Bike, 8/26 Suspicious Activity Person, 8/31 Vehicle Abandoned and 1 Civil Compliant. 3 Expired Registrations, 2 No Inspections, and 1 suspended License. Total Calls – 10 . Officer Lex did foot patrol at the Fish Rodeo and Town yard sale.

Code Enforcement Report – Will be discussed in executive session.

Roadmaster Report- Buccieri stated he cut branches for school buses, he cut roadsides, cut grass, and equipment maintenance, dug out culverts, storm cleanup, filled potholes, Fixed dirt road down to Hollow Ave water was going towards houses diverted water back to drain, started taking down flags. Smarr cut the tree in Brockton. Chopoff saw was purchased from JC Small from Weatherly for \$1,149.99. Buccieri will continue to search for a better deal on the trailer... Fayash asked if potholes could be filled on Seneca Street. Buccieri stated he ran out of coal patch. Buccieri stated he will be filling pot holes in the Dutch Hill section too of Tuscarora. Hosler motioned to buy 3 ton coal patch, 2nd Fayash, All Approved. Hill stated Schuylkill Paving sent signed contract back and Schuylkill Paving is only scheduling a week at a time due to the weather and wouldn't give a tentative schedule date. Hill stated she discussed with Angie that it needs to be complete by 10/31/2021. Fayash asked Buccieri if planning to cut anything and put some hot in. Buccieri stated he plans to now that the grass is slowing down. Hosler asked about the rollers. Buccieri states we have hand rollers, but it needs to be fixed. Discussion ensued about breakdown of roller. Buccieri stated he will try fixing it again. Pickup truck needs

coil packs, Hosler motioned to buy coil packs for the pickup, 2nd Fabrizio, All approved. Fayash asked if wanted to replace all 8 Buccieri stated only need to replace 7 when first got the truck 1 was replaced. Buccieri stated tires will be needed on Dump Truck, Pickup Truck and police car for winter. Buccieri will price tires for vehicles and look into wheels for the police car. Buccieri stated Bob Weaver is waiting on parts for the brake service the police car needs. Check Engine light came on and car needs whole ABS system replaced. That is what the codes showed to be replaced. Hosler made a motion to buy 20 cones, 2nd Fayash. All Approved.

Solicitors Report-Atty. Baranko stated LST ordinance is ready to be passed and endorsed tonight.

Zoning Report- 2 zoning permits were issued in August Pedron-Shed, & Boualaoui-Fence. 1 UCC building permits was issued in August, Dollar General Sign

Committee Reports-

Council of Government-did not meet

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- Met on 9/8/2021, Fabrizio got the invoice and Resolution to review. Hill states it looks as though they have crossed off boroughs or towns no longer participating. Fayash motioned to table it so it can be reviewed, 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Tax Collection Committee-did not meet.

Communications: Special Meeting was held August 10, 2021 @ 7:30 pm to discuss Road Paving. Meeting was advertised. Quotes were given by Schuylkill Paving @ \$4.59 per square yard and Folk Paving @ \$5.77 per square yard. Roads to be paved Strawberry St, section of Church St, portion of old route 209, and section of Locust St. Hosler motioned to approve Schuylkill Paving Bid at \$4.59 per square yard. Fayash 2nd. All Approved. Interviews for Secretary/Treasurer Position were held August 10, 2021. Denise Hill was hired on August 12, 2021 as the Secretary/Treasurer @ Rate of \$13.00 per hour for 24 hrs per week. After 90 days pay increases to \$14.50 if job requirements are met. Hosler made motion to hire Denise Hill, 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Fayash motioned to have Audit done on previous secretary, 2nd Hosler. All approved. 2021 Fall Cleanup-Hill stated information listed at Post Offices and mailboxes. Fayash stated there is also a Tv and Electronics Cleanup thru K&B Recycling in different municipalities. Hill stated this will be hung with the 2021 Fall Event at post offices and mailboxes.

Old Business-Hosler motioned to approve LST Ordinance 2nd Fayash. Ordinance 2021-2 signed. All approved.

New Business- Hosler motioned to pay Schuylkill Headwaters yearly membership dues of \$100.00 2nd Fayash, All approved. Schuylkill County Township Officials Convention is on October 20th at Mountain Valley Golf Course – tickets are \$25.00 each person. Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner to honor 2020 & 2021 Business of the year and 2020 & 2021 Citizen of the year is on 9/23/21 at Mountain Valley Golf Course – tickets are \$35.00 each person. Hosler motioned to pay Colleen Barrett 2% garbage commission from November 2, 2020 to August 24, 2021. \$1,755.52 is the commission amount. Total collection of garbage fees from this time frame is \$87,776.00 2nd Fabrizio. All Approved. CD is due \$25,613.36 current interest rate is .1%. Discussion ensued regarding that most of interest was earned in beginning under the promotional rate of 2.05%. Hosler motioned to pull cd out and place back in reserve fund while Hill researches interest rates, 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Hosler made motion to table to next meeting, AmTrust Workers Compensation for VFD 2nd Fayash, for Hill to research another Workers Compensation for VFD. Hosler appointed and motioned Denise Hill as RTK officer, 2nd Fayash, All Approved. Hosler motioned Hill as primary contact for Intuit Quickbooks, 2nd Fabrizio, All Approved. Motion by Hosler to vote in the B2021 Ballot for Election of Trustees 2nd Fabrizio, All approved.

Public Comment-Tom Smith- 68 Sunny Drive Mary D, House by him was condemned and someone has now bought it. In the last Month to Month and Half, there are contractors banging and constantly pounding all hours of day from 8-9 am til 11 at night. What can you do about this? It even goes on Saturdays and Sundays, When he lived in Pottsville he could call police to have something done with the noise. Officer Lex explained to Mr Smith to call the police when it is happening and maybe he can do something at that time. Mr. Smith stated he didn't even know when police are around. Officer Lex explained they do not give out their schedules for security reasons. Discussion ensued with Office Lex and Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith stated a sign was knocked down and placed back up incorrectly. Between 330pm and 6 – 7pm he says cars fly like crazy up and down there. While on his way here to meeting he ended up with a car up on him till he came in parking lot. Discussion ensued about traffic on the hill. Discussion ensued about people having more than 1 car. Mr. Smith states he has serviced this township property since 1992. Can he put up a sign to not park there? Per solicitor Atty Baranko, its township property we should be maintaining the property. Discussion ensued about people living around there and parking around fire hydrants. There is music being played loudly. Per Fayash, when he was Roadmaster he took care of the property Mr. Smith is discussing. Mr. Smith is tired of people parking where they want on township property. Per Hosler its township property and if 1 is allowed to park on it, so are other people. Per Hosler they can't put junk vehicles or abandoned vehicles on the property. He feels something should be done. Discussion ensued about the contractor working on the home by Mr. Smith. There is no building permit on property. Per Hosler they should have a permit.

Suzanne Olsen –76 Laurel Ave Mary D across from Mr. Smith. There is an increase in traffic on the hill and people are not slowing down. Hosler asked is it Sunny Drive. Yes, it is. Per Miss Olsen since the 2 properties sold the parking isn't safe. The person who bought the properties only provided safe parking for 1 of the tenants and the other tenants are the ones parking unsafely. It's hard for her to get out of her driveway due to the road when cars are there. The trash didn't get picked up a couple weeks ago due to the garbage truck not being able to get down the road due to the cars being parked. She saw the police vehicle and fire trucks going down the street she figured they were checking the road to get thru. Per Hosler they were checking the fire hydrants, they did get thru but it was tight. Per Miss Olsen sometimes the garbage truck is driving on part of the property to get thru. Parking is an issue. Winter time the road is icy and she feels the tenants shouldn't have to be walking across the ice with the groceries etc. She feels the person who bought the properties should be made aware of the parking issue and they should provide safe parking for their tenants. Fayash asked what properties? Miss Olsen stated 73, 75, 76 Laurel Ave, Mary D. Mark cut the bank and brush back 3 weeks ago. Fayash asked if she means where you turn off Sunny Drive onto Laurel, the cars park on the right where the no trespassing sign was. Discussion ensued about widening or using the property across the street for parking. Officer Lex confirmed 15 ft when parking by a fire hydrant. Suzanne asked if there is a payment plan for garbage. Per Hosler and Hill yes there is a payment plan for garbage. Per Fayash call and set up a payment plan with the secretary and as long as you keep current with the plan you will not be charged a late fee, if you default on plan then you will be charged a late fee. Miss Olsen congratulated Hill and thanked her for being at the meeting.

Donald Gerber – 118 N Main St, Mary D. He walks baseball complex almost every day. Yesterday, Sept 12, 2021, around 130pm, 5 side by sides ,4 smaller ones, 4 dirt bikes they come in the driveway turn and go across the grassy area and the dirt bikes and atvs are doing wheelies going up the hill. You can see how it's ripped up. They also took the netting down and go right thru there. Per Mark he blocks it off so they can't go on it and they just go around it or over. Mr. Gerber states there are rules listed at the park. He feels this will end up like the walking route on 209. Is there anything that can be done to keep them from there? Per Officer Lex if they aren't creating a nuisance off the highway there isn't anything he can do about it. Discussion ensued regarding walking path on 209. Discussion ensued regarding the Baseball complex and grass about how to stop them. Per Hosler Officer Lex will work on something to stop this.

Al Snukis – Tuscarora Mtn- He is having a problem with his neighbor Joe Toth, playing music all hours of the day and night, Mr. Snukis had to put up a tarp on his back patio to block the flood lights and cameras from Mr Toth's property. Per Office Lex he can help with the music, it would be disturbing the peace, but Mr. Snukis needs to call while it is happening. If a township officer isn't on, please call state police, they will handle it. In regards to the flood lights and camera per solicitor, Officer Lex , Hosler and Fayash that is a civil suit. Lighthouse out front is on 24/7 and is blinding coming up over the mountain. Garbage is placed out front of Mr. Toth's property if a bear or animal rips garbage apart who is responsible for cleaning it up. Per Hosler & Fayash it's the property owner's responsibility. Mr. Snukis thank the supervisors for their time.

John Zubris – Will new secretary get the 2% garbage commission? Per Hosler Yes

Hosler made a motion to go into executive session.

Discussed Code Enforcement Properties

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

Adjourned

Attest: Denise Hill