

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

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held Monday, September 12, 2022. Those present included Charles Fayash, Gary Feathers and Charles Hosler. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

Meeting Minutes- Fayash motioned to approve August Minutes, 2nd Hosler. All Approved.

Treasurer's Report-Total Township Assets \$656,764.22 (Bank Statements) Fayash motioned to accept 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 –19 Calls, 3 Assist other agency; 1 disposed of criminal property case closed; 1 parking compliant; 2 harassment; 1 warrant service; 1 burglary; 1 domestic (no arrest); 1 traffic enforcement; 3 traffic complaints (no arrest); 1 criminal mischief, 2 ordinance violations; 1 animal compliant-barking; 1 domestic (arrest). 13 citations issued 7 were from Catawissa Road. Discussion ensued regarding traffic on Catawissa Road between Chief and Supervisors. Fine money was dispersed.

Code Enforcement Report –Executed Swenson's Warrant, Twp is pending reports from all parties present for condemnation. Discussion ensued regarding next steps. 2 Letters sent out to residents for High grass and weeds. Tonight per Chief they will be ticketed for QOL for not responding. Discussion ensued regarding a speed sign on Catawissa Road. Per Chief DiMarco St. Clair has one coming down on the Burma which is a state road like Catawissa Road. Chief DiMarco asked about painting the road and Supervisor Feathers let Chief DiMarco know they parted the wrong area of the Catawissa Road. Discussion ensued speeding on Valley Street in Brockton. Discussion ensued regarding speed limits on Catawissa Road and Valley Street. Chief DiMarco asked Supervisor Feathers to go for a ride and look at all the speed signs. Joe Leskin from Brockton – heard there were shots fired at the Hideout, per Chief DiMarco that is not true and an investigation is taking place. David Yanacek needs clarification of property on valley street side of property. Discussion ensued who takes care of the right away to the street. Mr. Yanacek does not park there he parks on Green Street. Discussion ensued as to who takes care of the grass or weeds to the street. He assumes the fence is end of his property and he was told years ago that was borough property outside the fence. He works 12 hr night shift and with cars parking there, he is unable to cut the weeds while vehicles are there. Supervisor Feathers was asked what the ordinance is and he can't state without seeing where they are talking about. Per Chief DiMarco it is the resident responsibility to clear the sidewalk, per Hosler, you will have a sidewalk on both ends of the property from street to street. Mr. Yanacek does not have a problem taking care of cutting the weeds, it just not his property and the vehicles are parked there and he doesn't want to damage any of them. Discussion ensued regarding maintenance of the property and areas the residents are responsible. Per Fayash we need to see what the ordinance states as of right now no fine. Hill asked for Mr. Yanacek to meet after meeting to get his phone number. Shiela Jones asked why this isn't being enforced with everyone. Chief DiMarco stated Dollar General also received a letter. Discussion ensued regarding how many inches 10-12 inches for weeds and grass. Discussion ensued regarding the telephone number from top of letter is not correct. Chief DiMarco stated that is the correct number.

Roadmaster Report- Buccieri stated they did equipment maint., fixed potholes, paved entrance going into Reevesdale; paved & patched streets in Tuscarora, cut grass & roadsides; cleaned up back of old salt shed and cinders; took tires and trash to the transfer station; moved the storage shed out back; fixed broken drain pipe for gutter system on building. Biros was in and blew out drains in garage for \$645.00, which now have located

where the pipe comes out of. International dump truck sent to PVC fixed a couple of leaks, new brake shoes & parking brake \$2591.67 parts & labor. Fayash motioned to get Tow away signs, 2nd Feathers. All approved. Fayash asked Buccieri what are doing with paving the roads, Buccieri stated they just did Reevesdale, Tuscarora and are moving in order thru the township to complete. Fayash asked Buccieri about line painting the roads and no markings on the roads. Discussion ensued regard single line, double line, fog line, etc. throughout the township. Discussion ensued regarding who to call for the estimate. DBI, Guidemark recommendations from Mike Kellet. Discussion ensued regarding Firehouse road. Discussion ensued regarding cost of asphalt.

Solicitors Report- Sanderson Street Draft ordinance was circulated, Atty. Baranko is waiting to hear back from Dave, engineer, with any comments, redactions etc. Per Baranako this will be circulated on Thursday or Friday

Zoning Report-4 Zoning Permits –Joseph Toth, Carport; Dwayne & Connie Hacker, Pole Building; 2 Thomas Miller 205 & 207 Chestnut Street, Tuscarora- roof mounted solar panels; 1 UCC Permits-Dwayne & Connie Hacker, construct Pole Building

Committee Reports

Council of Government- meets September 28

Tax Collection Committee- did not meet

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- met to discuss grants coming out next mtg is in November. Dues for Feathers motioned to table the \$1200 to Exec. Session, 2nd Feathers. All approved

Communications: Game Commission deposit 8/3/2022 \$18.96; Rec'd garbage payment \$1357.82 for 27 Piersol Street; Rec'd remaining ARP payment on 9/9/2022 in the amt of \$55492.58; Rec'd payment \$150.00 from State for Liquor License fees; Workers Comp Audit – started; Price update for Breezeline Customers effective 9/1/2022; Per Hill Breezeline mailed to all residents the rate increase; see sheet; Per Robert Kupetz Breezeline is offering a promotional or capped rate for 12 months. Mr. Kupetz called Breezelines promotion dept @ 1-866-731-6393 and rec'd his discount. Susie Olsen-Mary D has done the same with Breezeline. Discussion ensued regarding Verizon lines and other companies running to our township, per supervisors it costs a lot to run cable to our area. Char-Pac Coal Company Surface Mining Permit No 54190102; Hill read letter. Empire Camera & Security was in 8/11 did evaluation- working on quote for Twp.; Fall Cleanup Event-see flyer with information; Schuylkill County Township Officials Association Convention 10/19/2022 starting @4:30pm @ Mountain Valley Golf Course.

Old Business: Sanderson Street Weight Limitations – Draft Ordinance under review and should have by Thursday or Friday; Handicap Parking application, Per Atty. Baranko the Handicap application is fine to go with; Dollar General Bond Reduction ; Mary D Community Association still have water restrictions; Per Gary Feathers the water company won't shut off the water. Per Mike Kellet it was voted by the water board that if you can't shut one off and not the others due to no water stops in some areas. Sewer Company did offer to put in water stops when they need to shut off. Per Mr. Kupetz there is water meeting on this Wednesday @ 7pm and have the discussion with them. Discussion ensued the legalities of shutting the water off.; Hometown Hero Flags-next steps to move forward – Implement date & deadline board needs to pick the flag, price of flag and application to participate with a photo if everything is in by 2/15/23 then the flags can be implemented for Memorial Day 2023; PSATS Insurance for FT Employee;(exec session) Vacant/Abandoned Properties-QOL ordinance per Hill there is verbiage for Abandoned and vacant properties; Schuylkill Township's owned property discussion ensued regarding selling the property. We can't sell it, it would have to be reverted back to the county discuss in exec session; General Code Project Hill did webinar with representative. We have 125 questions to go thru and review. It can all be delegated to each of you after you set up userids and passwords; We have conflicting ordinances currently. Per Hill new ordinances and resolutions at this time, however they do have them, its due to how the legal analysis is set up. Anything new will be added in before project completion. Deadline to complete 12/16/2022. Roads to be paved discussion ensued regarding asphalt prices.

New Business: Schuylkill Township Police Dept Gun Proposal \$1639.12 see papers Supervisor Feathers asked if there was any grant money left, Chief DiMarco stated he was still waiting for the install quote for LPR, Feathers motioned to pay with grant money and anything more needed will come from the general fund 2nd Fayash. All approved. Per Hill \$16929.82 is left of the grant money; Electronic Ticketing per Chief DiMarco that is through TraCS an outside source, need to fill out an application Per Feathers can we get this set up by the end of the month. Per DiMarco you have to be approved for it Discussion ensued regarding TraCS; ESRP Exit per Supervisor Feathers the cost is \$15000.00 - \$20000.00 for how many actually apply for things it would cost the township. Discussion ensued regarding ESRP and Zoning Permitting in Schuylkill Township and will discuss more in exec. Session. 7 applications last year and 3 applications the year before, Suzanne Olsen asked what ESRP does, Supervisors explained what the ESRP does with zoning, planning and permitting; Discussion ensued with Fayash, Feathers and Baranko with Commercial and Agriculture use under ESRP and Township doing their own Zoning Discussion ensued regarding in the future if the township would want to be out of ESRP; Feathers motioned to stay in ESRP at this time, 2nd Hosler, Fayash nay; Door Proposal for Maint. Door in garage, Fayash asked what the warranty is on the door, per Feathers he thinks 10 years, Hill will find out warranty on door, Fayash motioned to install a new door pending 10 yr or more warranty on door, 2nd Feathers. All Approved. Remove Trees-front of building Fayash motioned to remove trees in front of the building, 2nd Feathers, All Approved; move shed- shed is already moved.; ESRC Inv for 2022-2023 \$1200; 2022 Annual Assoc dues \$75 for Schuylkill County Township Officials Assoc; Schuylkill Headwaters Business/Assoc dues \$100; PVC \$2591.67; SealMaster 964.00 disregard SealMaster not our bill, it is Schuylkill Township Phoenixville, Chester County, Pottsville Material \$821.20; Fayash motioned to pay all above bills except SealMaster 2nd Feathers, All approved; Discuss & adopt NFPA Codes and Standards; Fayash motioned to table til next month 2nd Feathers, All Approved; Fire Prevention Programs Mary D & Tuscarora Fire Co's. \$1500 10/13/22 6pm Feathers motioned for \$1500 smoke detectors, fire extinguishers etc. 2nd Hosler, All approved Fire Company visits with VeriRisk as of 9/1 both fire companies have started their compliance. Tuscarora is done and Mary D adopted previous Emergency mgmt for SCUBA, Tuscarora is complete for SCUBA; Fire Prevention Academy Training available training for fire companies; Volunteer Fire Company Insurance quote \$8596.00 last year premium \$7960.00; Fayash motioned to pay VFC Insurance @\$8596.00 2nd Feathers. All approved. 2022-2023 Salt Contract; Hill completed in March, Hill went by email that was sent as a reminder. and placed it on the agenda. Discuss budget workshops Oct 23rd will be Budget Workshop meetings; Garbage Delinquencies (exec session)

Public Comment

Bob Kupetz – Mary D- He feels the township should do an impact study before selling any of this property. He is familiar with Ken Bensinger and feels the township should listen to his recommendations when twp contacted him to survey the property in Mary D. Discussion ensued between Fayash, Feathers and Kupetz. His question is What are the moral and ethics of that board?

Joe Leskin- Brockton- The engineer study on the culvert on Emerick street in Brockton, Per Fayash it needs to be raised up 2 inches on the backside. When will this be completed? Per the Roadmaster by the end of the year.

John Zubris- Brockton- Can I put my dads flag on pole outside of my house? Per Hill it hasn't been decided yet. We were looking at the main stretches. Per the flag company it depends on how many flags we will have and how they get placed. Discussion ensued with the board regarding placement of the flags.

Mike Kellet – Mary D – what's happening with back Street? Chief DiMarco will discuss where we are with the back Street property after the meeting with Mr. Kellet.

Error was made on vote for paying invoices, Fayash motioned to revoke ESRC payment for \$1200, 2nd Feathers. All approved, Garbage delinquencies were discussed and personnel issues were discussed Fayash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd Feathers. All approved

Adjourned

Attest: Denise Hill