

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

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held on Wednesday, April 1st, 2015 at 7p.m. in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Hosler, Christine Verdier and Charles Fayash. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

The Chairman entertained a motion to accept the March Minutes. A motion was made by Verdier, Hosler second. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$245,872.31 in total in township accounts.

Verdier made a motion to accept the report as written pending audit; Hosler 2nd. All approved.

Answers to last month's public comments

-Verdier stated police liaison does not require education, more of a chain of command but I do have a background in criminal justice.

-Jaime- Joe Pedron's insurance costs the township approximately \$11,000/year.

Public comment on agenda items only

- none -

Police report - Jennifer Dempsey

Monthly Report for March 2015

Total Hours worked 118

Total Mile Patrolled 246

Assisted Municipal Police 2

Phone Calls 26

Citations issued 4

Verdier made a motion to accept police report- Second Hosler- All Approved.

Road Master Report- Charles Hosler

Several snow storms required plowing, salt & cinders.

Plow repairs.

Pot holes filled.

Solicitors Report- Michael Greek

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports –

1. Council of Governments March 25th, 2015

- Chuck Fayash reported the fees of \$200 are due, more work on land bank and discussion on a municipal workforce.

2. Tax Collection Committee, March 24th, 2015

-Chuck Fayash reported that Berkheimer was voted for 5 more years as tax collectors. A discussion was held in regard to in-house collections.

3. Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee, March 26, 2015

- Verdier reported she was elected to serve as Secretary. John Mirachi, Executive Director attended the meeting and was introduced.

- Fundraising program Yankees/Orioles baseball game on Sat May 9th.

Communications

Received a letter from Carol Hartung in regard to a handicapped parking space request at 63 Sunny Drive Mary-D, for her mother Eleanor Prosymchak. Verdier made a motion to put a handicapped sign at this location. Fayash 2nd. All approved.

Old Business

1. File Cabinet Access/Safe Deposit Box for Security (passwords)
Fayash –requested we change lock on file cabinet and keep spare key in safe deposit box where as 3 supervisors would have to sign to access the box if need be. Verdier motioned to change locks, Fayash 2nd. All Approved.
Fayash to find out if Riverview or MCT have safe deposit boxes and the cost.
2. Verdier made a motion to keep a bonded assistant secretary/treasurer, Suzanne Apanavage, on staff.
Fayash 2nd. All approved.
3. Joe Pedron- Raise/Insurance- Tabled until there is more information on his medical condition and return to work date. Correspondence sent in regard to FMLA leave/return to work requirements.

New Business

1. The new Garbage bill rate for 2015 will be \$165/year per household. Bills come out in June. Motion made by Verdier, 2nd by Hosler. All approved.
2. HR Policy Review- All positions
Verdier and Moore will review the current HR policies.
3. Insurance Policy Review
Verdier and Moore will review the current policies in effect to determine if money can be saved.

Public Comment

John Zubris – Asked Verdier about her 2011 election announcement, she advised she did not do an announcement at that time. He also asked her about her background or the necessary background of the Police Liaison position. Although Police Liaison does not require a criminal background, Christine Verdier replied that she does have a Minor in Criminal Justice.

He also asked About Verdier reviewing and editing the meeting minutes. Verdier advised she has been doing so for years. Fayash stated it is ok to proof read the minutes but not to change them.

Fayash questioned the use of personal credit cards for township purchases, he stated he was advised by PSATS that one cannot use their personal credit cards for township purchases if they receive any kind of kickbacks, like reward points, cash back or flight miles. Fayash suggested that we instead set up a credit/debit card account through our bank for purchases instead.

Paul Benulis- Questioned when the truck budget would be purchased. Verdier suggested we explore USDA grants first. He also reminded those present that the meetings are being recorded and posted online on YouTube. He asked about the garbage contract being \$20 less this year and why the garbage money paid for computer work.

Mary VanPelt- Does the township follow the Sunshine Laws for these meetings? She stated the motion to adjourn at the end of the meeting needs a 2nd to end.

Meeting Adjourned. Motion by Verdier, 2nd by Hosler, All approved.

Attest: Jaime Moore