

**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, February 6th, 2023 in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Fayash, Gary Feathers, and Charles Hosler. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

Hosler made a motion to approve the January Reorganizational Meeting minutes and January Regular Meeting minutes. 2nd Feathers; All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$603,455.48 total - bank accounts. Fayash made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2nd Hosler; All approved.

Feathers made motion to add Computer upgrade to agenda, 2nd Hosler. All Approved

Answers to Last Month's Public Questions – none

Public comment on agenda items only – none

Police Report – 17 speeding citations and 1 Expired Inspection; 1/5-Assist other agency; 1/9 dog feces; 1/10 assist person civil; 1/11 Warrant Service; 1/12 Property and assist other agency; 1/17 Assist other agency (FireEms); 1/25 Trespassing Private Property; 1/25 Assist other agency-police; 1/31 assist other agency-police; 2/2 Parking Compliant. Per Hill she has sent the TraCS application and LPR agreement in, but hasn't heard anything. Gun Proposal – nothing at this time from police. John Zubris-Brockton How far can you park from a fire hydrant? per Officer Lex 30 feet, 15 feet for each side. How far can you park from a stop sign? Per Officer Lex 10 feet, How far can you park from the yellow lines? Per Officer Lex you can't park by the yellow lines.

Code Enforcement Report - None

Roadmaster Report- Mark Buccieri stated they plowed snow and salted roads, Equipment Maintenance, patched potholes, put up No Dog signs @ the Baseball field, cut back trees along roadsides, picked up trash and tires in the township. Replacing our Stop Signs to match ordinance. Supervisor Feathers stated if putting a new pole up, we need to follow the new guidelines with a tube pole vs. t pole. Buccieri stated they are putting reflectors on the pole also and replacing the signage is quite pricey. Discussion ensued regarding a stop sign on no name alley in Mary-D per Atty. Baranko need to do an ordinance for it. Discussion ensued regarding stops signs in Brockton on Valley and Mine Street. Per the Board of Supervisors- we are addressing what is in the ordinance and will revisit after completed. Replaced and raised drain on corner of Emerich and Valley Street in Brockton. Removed cinders from drains and culverts. Discussion ensued regarding ordering the stop signs. Fayash motioned to approve 5 more ton of coal patch if the weather gets warmer, 2nd Hosler, all approved.

Solicitors Report- Motion to advertise No Parking Valley Street, It is in its final form and is ready; No response from the county regarding reverting property back to the county; Sanderson Street is ready to motion to advertise ordinance, however we still need to tweak the Excess Maintenance Agreement to reflect Gary's recommendations and will be giving a handout to the supervisors after the meeting to reflect what should be done.

Zoning Report- 1 UCC Permit issued Constance Bernetskie, Valley Street Brockton, Roof Mounted Solar Panels

Committee Reports

Council of Government- did not meet

Tax Collection Committee- met on 1/24/2023 @ 6pm@ Court House - Charles Hosler, Denise Hill, & Jami Zelwalk were appointed to the 2023 Tax Assessment Appeal Board

Communications: Hometown Heroes project – collecting applications and payments for 2/15/23 ordering deadline checking to see latest date can be extended to for ordering due to low volume of request for HTH Banners and can still implement for Memorial Day 2023 A nonmilitary picture may be used; discussion ensue regarding hanging banner of flags; Secretary attended RTK and Sunshine update Webinar for 2022 mandates effective per Hill agenda and meeting minutes need to be completed for workshop meetings; Township back door installed 2/1/2023

Old Business: No Parking Valley Street-discuss motion to advertise, per Supervisor Hosler he is against this, Discussion ensued regarding No Parking Valley street, Feathers motioned to advertise ordinance, 2nd Fayash, Lester Andescavage interrupted the vote to ask if the white lines are even legal on the road Chairman Fayash allowed the question discussion ensued with Atty Baranko that they are fog lines and are legal. Lester asked why this was coming up now due to never having any issues with parking on Brockton Street previously. Supervisor Fayash explained that as the ordinance states currently there is no parking between signs and certain areas of Valley Street, previous supervisors prior to current board, had gone and removed signage throughout the township and never did any corrections to ordinances to reflect they removed the signage. Also there is a safety issues with 2 trucks passing, a car and a school bus are unable to pass each other without one moving over to let the other go. Discussion continued to ensue regarding what kind of traffic is allowed to go through there. Discussion ensued as to where are the resident are supposed to park. Hill explained that no one is going to like any of this being done and Feathers explained this is also a codification project that needs to clear up the contradicting ordinances that have been passed previous to this board. Discussion ensued regarding speeders. Discussion ensued that there are no curbing ordinances in the township they can park on their property if necessary, Discussion ensued regarding ticketing for illegal parking; Discussion ensued the township is conforming to the coal companies. Hosler was ticketed by DeCindio 2xs in the past. Per Fayash as it stand there is no parking there now but no signs are there to reflect that. Discussion ensued regarding placement of the white lines; Chairman Fayash made motion to withdraw the motion to advertise the ordinance to look into this further to move the white line to the south a bit and have all 3 supervisors meet with the Engineer. Per Hosler as long as it's not during the work day he can meet. 2nd Hosler. All Approved. Excess Road Maintenance Agreement-discuss motion to advertise Feathers made motion to advertise ordinance for Sanderson Street 2nd Fayash; All Approved; Supervisors would prefer to have haulers come to a meeting if they have any questions; Township Property-per Atty Baranko the county has not responded back to his inquiry.

New Business: William Zahora Resignation as Auditor Feathers motioned to accept Zahora's resignation, 2nd Fayash, All Approved.; Fees for Direct Deposit, per Hill due to the Township not having enough employees there is a fee for Direct Deposits. Cost is 46.92 a month and currently with how many payroll checks the township has left to use it is not beneficial to due direct deposit at this time, Fayash asked due we need to do direct deposit. No we do not. Board agrees to continue to utilize paychecks; Participation in Costars Program upcoming year August 2023-July 2024 Contract registration deadline is March 15, 2023 discussion ensued what the township can take and has to be a full truckload. Fayash made motion to order 100 ton for next year, 2nd Hosler, All Approved; Need to approve the Rates for CIA (Comprehensive Inspection Agency) & Complete Resolution for the Rates New Rates page 6 now shows commercial fees for electrical and fire, everything else has stayed the same. Hosler made motion to pass Resolution 2023-1 2nd Feathers All Approved; **Upgrade computer to support QuickBooks upgrades **Added Agenda item**, Hill explained that in order to do the QuickBooks upgrade we need at least 64 gig byte. Computer is currently maxed out. Kenny Dunkelberger has given an estimate of up to \$600 to upgrade the hard drive. Fayash made motion to have computer upgraded not to exceed \$600, 2nd Feathers, All Approved.

Public Comment – Bob Kupetz, Mary-D what is going on with Township property, per solicitor the county has not responded yet. Is the township going for any grants is there any one in particular you are looking at? Per Hill PSATS convention is having grant training. We still have one grant pending that hasn't been determined yet. Fayash explained that the township funds are also looked at when obtaining grant money.

Lester Andescavage – Brockton He showed Mark where the water gathers can he fix that? Why where the drains are they are 5 inches down. Can you look at that and fix them? Per Buccieri and Fayash they will look at them.

Jim Dino-Times News – What is the Excessive Road Maint. Agreement? Per Atty Baranko it for the 13 ton weight limit that is being put on Sanderson Street, so if any of the haulers are going to exceed that tonnage, the hauler will have to enter into agreement with the municipality, post bond, and agree to maintain the road. If they don't maintain the road then we hit the maintenance bond. There needs to be daily cleanup and if there is damage then they have to take care of it.

Mike Kellet – Mary-D- Swenson update on property. Per Atty. Baranko- Compliant is done, waiting on the green card and the remediation period to expire. Kellet asked what's the green card, Baranko stated the certified mail receipt. Discussion ensued regarding the certified letter. Once remediation period expires, go back take a look to see what was done and if nothing was done then move forward. Kellet asked moved forward how with speaking with you in October you stated that after the certified letter was delivered you would move him out of there. Kellet doesn't understand if we are using the International property code maint. Why aren't we moving him out as an emergency? Discussion ensued regarding the emergency procedure. Per Atty Baranko, he is telling Kellet how this will go. Per Kellet, Marty wants to remove him now, but the board is holding him back from removing him. Discussion ensued between Kellet and Atty Baranko regarding the procedure and what Marty told Kellet. Per Atty Baranko to Kellet there are very specific procedures that they are following and Kellet was told by Atty. Solt at January's meeting what they were. Baranko is not the one who goes out and tags the property. Baranko does not believe Marty told Kellet we are holding him back from removing the resident from the property. Discussion ensued again regarding emergency situation. The resident hasn't filed an appeal yet and the zoning hearing board would hear the appeal. Discussion ensued regarding the safety of the residents by Mike Kellet. Discussion ensued regarding constant communication between Marty, the Atty and the board of supervisors. Per Supervisors Marty hasn't deemed this an emergency. Kellet suggested the board read the International Property Maintenance Code. Discussion ensued regarding APOC Warrants and what the judge wants the officers to do. Kellet left the meeting.

Fayash motioned to go into executive session.

Discussed blighted properties and personnel issues.

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

Adjourned

Attest: Denise Hill