

January 17th, 2024
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Schuylkill Township
75 walnut Street
Mary D, PA 17952

Introduction

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held on Monday, January 8th, in the Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at the meeting included, Charles Fayash, Gary Feathers, and Mike Boyle

Meeting Minutes

Charles Fayash made a motion to table the January 8th regular meeting minutes until the February 5th meeting. Mike Boyle second the motion. All in favor. Motion accepted. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the reorganization meeting minutes with the spelling error corrected. Mike Boyle second the motion. All in favor. Motion accepted.

Treasurer's Report (December) /Visa Report – Treasurer's Report will be completed at the February 5th meeting. Ann Miller read the visa report. Two charges adobe monthly fee. One charge for the paper for the police cars. Gary Feathers made a motion to accept the December visa bill. Mike Boyle second the motion. All in favor. Motion accepted

Answers to Last Month's Public Questions - None

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only (5 minutes per person)- None

Police Report

Charles Fayash per the police Chief parking issue on Walnut St. was taken care of in Tuscarora. Gary Feathers said they are still parking there. Charles Fayash not sure it was between the meeting and this meeting. He went and spoke to them. They are OK to park in the lot across the street and they were not supposed to park there anymore. Charles Fayash will let the Chief know there is still a problem.

- **LPR Status** – Gary Feathers questioned the price for Green's Communications. The amount is over \$17,000, almost \$1000 over what the original price was. Ann Miller explained this was a revised contract signed by Frank DiMarco. The board discussed the company honoring the contract as originally written. Gary Feathers made a motion to table this purchase until we can do some verification to see where there is a difference. Mike Boyle second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Researching item for purchase** – Chief not here
- **Discussion for Hiring another Officer** - Charles Fayash made a motion to table discussion for hiring another officer until the next meeting. Mike Boyle second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Road Master Report - None currently

Solicitor's Report - Chris Riedlinger I do not have a report currently. I want to comment on the return of property to the county Gary Feathers was explaining it to me. Chris called Paul Dotty and asked him the status. Paul had not investigate it yet. He was not able to give me much information. Charles Fayash we were trying to get the property back from the Township to the county because we could not sell or do anything with it. It is useless and we are liable if someone gets hurt. Chris Riedlinger, I imagine that there will be some movement towards that soon. Chris Riedlinger because I know that the County Solicitors Office just went under, went a big overhaul, there were, there is a full timer and two-part timers, and

Paul is one of the two-part timers and he is the only holdover from a couple of months ago. The full timer resigned to go take a job with PennDOT. They had to find a replacement for him and one part-time or retired worker and somebody who was just hired in their place. Two of the three people are different in the last month. There is only one staff member who knows what is really going on. Charles Fayash it has been in our old business for some time now.

Zoning Report – Gary Feathers only one the Valentines.

Committee Reports Council of Governments – Meeting scheduled January 24, 2024, 7PM

Communications - None

Old Business

- **PLIGIT's account status** – Treasurer not available
- **return of property to county status** – already discussed
- **Back street property status**- The Board explained to Chris Riedlinger the history of this property and that it is going for Sherriff sale. Chris Riedlinger said he would look into the matter and attend the hearing on the 25th.
- **Township Audit – completed January 12th. Status** – Gary Feathers there were some issues. The 2022 garbage balances did not match what we have in QuickBooks. The auditor went to the bank to get copies of the bank statements and they were denied a certified copy of the December 2022. The only one authorized is the Chairman. Charles Fayash I will call them tomorrow.
- **On the clock time keeping – status** – Ann Miller, secretary said we have Mark, Bob, Doug, and myself using it. Mark and Bob like it. Charles Fayash did the other police officers log on. Ann Miller none of the other officers have logged on.
- **PSATS Conference – status (who is going)- classes to attend**- Charles Fayash, Mike Boyle, Ann Miller, and Gary Feathers are going. Classes were approved for the PSATS at the reorganizational meeting.
- **State Ethic Commission – State of Financial Interest forms still need completed.** - Chris Riedlinger will complete his before April. Just a reminder this is for 2023 can be signed and dated in 2024. I still need Mike Boyle, Frank DiMarco, Doug Litwiller, Tony Stanell, Jason Lex, Bob Wallace, Donald Karpowich, Dana Brubaker, Matt Rudy, Aaron, Paul Dolly the entire zoning board all the Auditors, Marty Sowers, Dave and Charlie Hosler, Jacey Knaub, Dave Horst, Ryon Triplett. Gary Feathers, we keep getting giggered on the audit when the supervisors leave and do not complete the form.
- **Resignation letter received from Auditor, effective December 29, 2023.** - Chris Riedlinger suggested not to accept the letter until you have an auditor to replace the position. You only have 30 days from the date the resignation is accepted to replace the auditor. Charles Fayash or the day it is 45 days from the date of the resignation letter, it will be accepted vote or no vote. I must abstain from the vote because it is my wife. No action was taken at this time.
- **Appointment of Auditor**- No appointment of auditor since we did not accept the resignation letter.
- **New PSATS website** - Gary Feathers they are working on it. It is going to take some time. They gave us a tentative e-mail address. <https://schuylkilltownship.org>. Ann Miller, we have had several calls and emails about the progress of the new website. Charles Fayash confirmed the other website is still up.

New Business

- **Wording of motion to pay monthly bills** – Gary Feathers explained at the reorganization meeting we made a motion to authorize payment of regular monthly invoice is due prior to the next regularly scheduled with the Board of supervisors. Chris Riedlinger, I think your motion on the reorganization is fine to pay bills.
- **Purchasing Windows for Treasure laptop so she can access quick books remotely \$100.** - Gary Feathers said he reached out to our Ken to see if the price was right. Have not heard anything back currently. Charles Fayash made a motion to table the purchase of Windows for Treasure’s laptop from Quick Books. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried
- **Discussion and motion all positions be advertised, and candidates be interviewed by board before any appointments or hiring is made.** Chris Riedlinger said so basically you want to adopt a policy on hiring. Gary Feathers said he just wants to keep it fair and equitable for everyone to have an opportunity to apply. Gary Feathers made a motion to adopt this policy. Charles Fayash said I am saying I am against it. The Board discussed the motion. No one second the motion.
- **Contacting engineer to address water issue on Sanderson Street** – Charles Fayash this is where the dip is in the road. The water comes across the road. I said something to Mark about it. He said he could put a pipe in but where is the water going to go? Gary Feathers something needs to be done. The engineer needs to get involved. Charles Fayash said he was good at calling the engineer.
- **Need a motion to approve paying for Life insurance for non-working supervisors – (this has been the past practice need documentation for insurance company)** - Ann Miller explained the insurance company informed us the insurance is not available for non-working supervisors only for working employees. If we want to continue offering the life insurance, we need a motion to continue offering it to non-working supervisors. Mike Boyle suggested the supervisors should pay for their own insurance. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the non-working supervisors to get life insurance as has been the practice. Mike Boyle second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Gary Feathers made a motion that the supervisors pay for their life insurance and not the Township. Mike Boyle second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Chris Riedlinger there actually is written in the second-class township code that says the Township may deduct from any compensation payable to a supervisor such part of any insurance premium or charge which is payable by the supervisor within the terms of the plan regarding life insurance. So that is specifically authorized to deduct from your compensation to pay for the life insurance.
- **List of bills for approval** Charles Fayash made a motion to pay the list of bills provided to the board. Mike Boyle second the motion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Comment (5 minutes per person) - None

Executive Session - Board did not break for the executive session

Adjournment – Charles Fayash made a motion to adjourn Gary Feathers second the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried