

**June 5, 2023**

**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 Wednesday, June 5, 2023 in the Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at the meeting included Charles Fayash, and Gary Feathers.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Charles Fayash called for the approval of the regular meeting minutes for May 17, 2023. Gary Feathers made the motion to approve May Meeting Minutes. Charles Fayash seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Charles Fayash read the Treasurer's Report. (April & May)**

April's General Ending Balance \$213,623.38, ARP \$94,686.22, State \$85,220, Payroll Fund Ending Balance \$13,432.43, Garbage \$42,107.05, CACL Savings is \$5, CACL Reserve Fund is \$122,619.34, Reserve Fund \$66,753.83. Total Balances of all Accounts equals \$638,447.28. Charles Fayash made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 May's General Ending Balance \$273,515.07, ARP \$94,721.24, State \$85,224.31, Payroll Fund \$31,786.47, Garbage Fund \$42,108.19, CACL Savings \$5, CACL Reserve Fund \$122,927.60, Reserve Fund \$68,756.66. Total Balances of all Accounts equals \$719,044.54. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept May's Treasurer Report Pending Audit. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

No Visa Report for this month.

**Answers to Last Month's Public Questions** – None

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only** - None

### **Police Report – May 2023**

The May Police Report consisted of noise complaint in Brockton, Fire in Middleport, Reported death in Mary-D, Reportable Crash DUI related, and a Fraud Complaint in Middleport.

The Police Light Bar is scheduled for Wednesday in Wilkes-Barre. Officer Litwhiler will be the officer to take it to the appointment. Gary Feathers asked if they had a price. No price until they look at it, then they will let us know. DeMarco said they were going to do speed on Tuscarora Mountain. He said they can take the Enradd up there because they cannot paint lines because of all the twists & turns. Charles Fayash also asked for them to sit at the pit stop down the street because it is like a racetrack. Gary Feathers said he would like to talk about Tuscarora Mountain in Executive session. There was another car damaged at Cemetery Gate, on the Tuscarora Mountain, which is being investigated. They believe it is a red Ford Ranger.

**Code Enforcement Report** – NONE

### **Road Master Report**

Mark Buccieri read the Road Report for the month of May. Assembled & put up Flags, Bought 25 new Flags to replace the damaged and faded ones. They were purchased for \$274.75 at M & S. Worked on GMC Dump truck to get it ready for Inspection. Equipment Maintenance, Patched Potholes, Worked on

Playground repairs, Mark Buccieri said he is getting a budget together for the park to do repairs, trimmed and mowed roadsides and grass, trimmed trees, worked on some drains costs, issued driveway permits and got approvals for the paving. Chief recommends Independent Door & Lock from Ringtown for the garage doors. Charles Fayash asked the Road Master to cut grass on Twp. Property in Brockton they discussed before the meeting. Gary Feathers said put it on your list to cut.

#### **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor said the County Solicitor's Office reached out about the property in question. Gary Feathers gave the Solicitor some clarification. Our Solicitor will respond based on the information provided. Gary Feathers suggested we tell them to lift all restrictions & allow the Twp. to do what they need to do to satisfy the situation.

Solicitor got some clarification on Valley St. on the 200 block up North & South and that you don't go over the white fog line. Otherwise, you will be subject to the same penalties.

**Swenson Property** – 10 days are up. Solicitor will press for a default. The Solicitor said understand that it will essentially limits or excludes him from presenting any type of contest or defense the allegations. In 10 calendar days he could petition to open. If he files a petition to open, it is opened. Then we are back to square one. If he doesn't we can move forward for a hearing. What concerns the Solicitor are the procedural rules say for the service of process was that the person in charge was served and it was some young lady in the house. Chief DeMarco said she cohabitates and we can prove that. Solicitor will continue with the process. He can still petition to open. Chief DeMarco asked if this was a remedy or for the Twp. to take over the property. Solicitor said remedy. The Board is not interested in ceasing the property. They just want it cleaned up. If the property owner does not clean it up, we will clean it up then put a lien on the property.

#### **Zoning Report**

Gary Feathers said we had a few Zoning Permits issued a moving permit to David Kropp, Driveway & Parking Pad Permit, Shed Permit, Roof Extension, Pole Building & Retaining Wall and Steps & Patio Permit.

**Council of Government** – Did Not Meet.

**Tax Collection Committee** – Did Not Meet.

**Communications** - None

#### **Old Business**

**Hometown Hero Update** – Gary Feathers said as of Friday all the Flags were ordered. There were 17 Flags ordered. They have about a 4 week lead time. Poles were ordered and they should be here in two weeks. The next time we order there will be an increase with the cost for the Flags. Gary Feathers said as soon as we get them in, the Township will get them mounted.

**Comcast Franchise Agreement** – Solicitor said someone was going to reach out directly. Gary Feathers said there is a team working on Tuscarora Mountain. He said they sent and I did receive a price sheet for Comcast & Infinity. It is cheaper than what we have currently. Charles Fayash made a motion to table the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor Motion was carried.

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**Sunny Dr. Bids** – Folk agreed to the price they submitted May 17<sup>th</sup>, \$22,500 to pave from S. Main St. to Back Street on Sunny Dr. They will be starting within four weeks or so.

Valley Street Parking Ordinance – Solicitor said he will put it in final form & circulate. He will run the ad after the next week after next month's meeting. Solicitor asked for clearance on verbiage after their review. Charles Fayash said the Chief may want to add something to it. Solicitor said the Ordinance will

read, parking in the 200 block North & South is ok but you cannot extend beyond the white fog line into the Township Right-of-way, subject to the same penalties & tow.

Line-Painting – Gary Feathers made a motion to approve the Line-Painting from Brockton through to the MiddlePort line through the main roads for \$14,256 from DCS, DeAngelo Contracting. Charles Fayash said it is a single white line and a single yellow line. Charles Fayash seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

**Swenson Property** was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Transfer Property** Back to the County – Was already discussed.

#### **New Business**

Ryan Township Bridge Project – Charles Fayash said they are going to do the Locust Lake Bridge. This will effect Brockton Mountain traffic. It is by the Byson Farm. This Correspondence was from PennDOT.

Gary Feathers said the Township received a communication from Schuylkill County Planning & Zoning an invitation to participate Hazard Mitigation Planning Process. The County will be updating the Schuylkill County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The County is asking municipalities to participate in the process.

#### **Public Comment**

**Bob Kupetz** – Mary-D – asked if the garbage fees were staying at \$200. Charles Fayash said, yes. He asked when will the bills be sent out? Gary Feathers said we are working on getting them printed. Gary Feathers said if anyone has anything to drop off they can use the drop off box.

**A resident** asked if someone would be in the office to pay their garbage bills. The board state they will announce when someone will be in the office to accept payments.

Gary Feather said they posted the Secretary/Treasurer Position.

Dino Times News asked to clarify Valley St. Ordinance.

#### **Executive Session**

Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Spoke about garbage fees. Charles Fayash made a motion to set the garbage fee to \$200/year. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Jones & Jones Audit will be June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment** – Charles Fayash made a motion to adjourn. Charles Fayash seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried.

Transcribed By:  
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