

March 6, 2023
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Schuylkill Township
75 Walnut Street
Mary-D, PA 17952

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held on Monday, March 6, 2023 in the Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at the meeting included Charles Fayash, Gary Feathers and Charles Hosler.

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

Treasurer's Report

Ending Balance for February 2023 was \$597,350.50. Charles Fayash made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for February pending audit. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Answers to Last Month's Public Questions – None

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only – None

Police Report – February 2023

9 incidents of the following:

1 non-reportable crash, 1 criminal mischief, 1 assist other, 1 traffic hazard, 1 reportable crash, 2 parking complaints, 1 warrant service and 1 code complaint. 7 traffic citations issued for the month, 7 were for speeding in Middleport and 1 was for following too close in Schuylkill Township. No criminal or non-traffic arrests this month. The Enradd and the stop watches were calibrated at the end of the month. TraCs update – Secretary resent user IDs & passwords to them. Secretary is hopeful to receive the link within the next week, to get it installed. The LPR update Wayne Koveleskie has everything we are waiting to hear from him about processing and what the next steps are. Officer Litwhiler said the invoice was for the Stop Watches for the whole year. Secretary asked for a motion to pay the Stop Watch bill. Charles Fayash made the motion to pay \$206.50 for the year for the Stop Watch Calibrations. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Officer Litwhiler recommended we paint lines on the roads to use them.

Code Enforcement Report – Litwhiler asked if the trash on Locust St. is still there. He is going to look into it.

Road Master Report – Charles Fayash said the Board need to approve some bills. PVC \$163 was for the inspection of the International Dump Truck, F&L Door for \$412.32 was for the Police Garage Door to be Serviced and Truck Parts for \$116.29 was for speed odometer gear for the International so it can get

inspected. Charles Fayash made a motion to approve all three invoices. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Mark Buccieri read the Road Master's Report for the month of February. Equipment Maintenance, International Inspection, Removed dead trees along Roadside, Picked up Trash along roadside, Cleaned Drains out, Cleaned Cinders up at intersections, Patched Potholes, and changed some faded Stop Signs and Faded No Parking Signs. Road Master and the Board discussed drains. Locust Street needs to be done, that one is from Wyoming to Broad. Road Master said that is a big project and we will need someone to come in and do. That road will have to be re-paved after it is done. The question is if the grant will cover that after the drain is done. Gary Feathers will look into it.

Road Master spoke about Sunny Dr. & drainage in Mary-D. Road Master said there are three drains on old SR209 after New Kirk which have been blocked for a while.

Road Master said there is another drain behind the Tuscarora Fire Company that will need to be fixed as well. Gary Feathers made a motion for Mark Buccieri to reach out to get bids for the storm drains as soon as possible. Charles Fayash seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried 3-0

The BOS questioned the pile of wood behind the old salt shed. Mark Buccieri said it was from everything they cleaned up. Gary Feathers said load it up and take it to the Transfer Station.

Solicitor's Report – The Swenson Report we will need a motion to move it forward for filing. Sanderson Street we duly published that and is ready to go as far as the weight limit. They refined the excessive maintenance agreement with the Engineer.

Zoning Report – Charles Fayash read the Zoning Report. There was 1 UCC Permit issued, 10 Valley St. Brockton, for roof mounted solar panels.

Council of Government – Did Not Meet.

Tax Collection Committee – Did Not Meet.

Communications

- Charles Fayash said the amount changed for the bidding process to \$22,500 for public bid, written telephone bids are now at \$12,500. Separate bids are \$22,500.
- CoStar Salt Contract for 2023-2024 Season is completed.
- Liquid Fuels Payment - \$62,095.03 was deposited on March 1, 2023.
- Township has unclaimed property on the Treasury Website the amount is over \$100. Secretary said she believes it is at 300 Union St. in Brockton.

Gary Feathers made a motion to have Joe Baranko look at that. Charles Fayash seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

- Computer was updated, recommendations will follow.
- PPL sent letters to customers regarding billing issues. Secretary wanted the residents to know if you had an issue with their PPL bill to contact them. They fixed the issue the technical issue that occurred in December and they are committed to assuring that your bills for these periods accurately reflect your usage as well as supply charges, to achieve this effected bills will be canceled on February 11th and will begin to issue new bills, starting with December. The rebilling process could take 1-3 weeks. If you paid the bills with the wrong amount your account will be credited. Secretary wanted residents to be aware especially if they have automatic payments.

Old Business

- Sanderson Street Ordinance was advertised. Charles Fayash made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023 – 1, for Sanderson Street. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0
- Township Property – No Response at all.
- No Parking Valley Street Motion to Advertise or discuss Changes with the Engineer. The Board of Supervisors met with the Engineer on Valley St. He said the 300 Block Northside would be NO Parking, on the 200 Block the road would move over down around Charles Fayash’s mailbox and it would shift to the left, to allow parking to the right. It will make it tight on the left hand side. Officer Litwhiler asked how wide would the driving lanes be then? 10 feet on both sides.
- Charles Fayash motion to file a complaint against Back Street Property. Charles Fayash made the motion. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0
- Computer upgrade approved up to \$600, bill total \$655, An estimate for New System \$1,620. The quote for the computer & processor is \$995. The \$625 that was added on is for professional services. Charles Fayash made a motion to approve the extra \$55. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Secretary said the quote for the computer was to help us budget for next year. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the quote for a new system of \$1620, as long as the price is good for next year. Gary Feathers did a modification to the motion and use the COVID funds for it. Charles Fayash then seconded that. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0
- Researching CoStars for security vendor contracts – Dolphine Data.com with Vericada – previous estimate is no longer valid. Secretary is researching on CoStars.
- Police Jeep and Police Car – over a year since the incident with the police car. The Board did approve Frank DeMarco Automotive to fix it. Charles Fayash said that it is still not fixed. Gary Feathers spoke to Hope’s and they can take it in April 10 for the same estimate. Gary Feathers said they Jeep needs to get fixed first. Mark Buccieri said it needs brake lines & fender lights put on as well and a passenger mirror. Mark Buccieri said he can do the mirror. Charles Fayash made a motion to get the jeep fixed with the brake lines. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried 3-0 Charles Fayash made a motion to approve Hope’s to do the Police Car after the Jeep is fixed. Gary Feathers said April 10th.

Charles Fayash said he would like to redo the previous motion and have Dark Mountain Technology upgrade the computer for \$1620, using the COVID money within the next 30 days and to make sure they backup in the Cloud. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Charles Fayash made a motion to approve the car being done by Hope’s, April 10th as long as the jeep is fixed prior and for the same amount the was approved when Frank DeMarco would have done it for. Gary feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

New Business

- NEPA Invoice \$295.00, \$20 increase from last year. Charles Fayash made the motion to pay the invoice for \$295 for NEPA. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0
- Schuylkill Headwaters Association is asking for a donation. The Board donated \$100 the past two years. The donation will go towards stocking brook trout in the Schuylkill River. Charles

Hosler made the motion. Charles Fayash seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

- Road Paving

The Board and the Road Master discussed which roads were to be paved. They agreed that Sunny Drive in Mary-D is a priority. Mark Buccieri said he plans to do Sunny Dr. Mary-D, Bottom section of Mine St. in Brockton and some area in front of the old school, Washington St., Lewis St., and Union St. in Brockton.

Tuscarora has some small sections on Chestnut St., Wyoming St., Strawberry and Mulberry St. If there is money left over we can do ones that were left over from last year such as Coal St., Locust St., Washington St., and Firehouse St. If they believe the cost will be over \$22,500 they would have to bid the project out. The Board discussed what projects they want to do and what funds to use. Mark was asked to get quotes on Sunny Dr. in Mary-D, Mine St. in Brockton and Mulberry St. in Tuscarora.

Public Comment

Lester Anderscavage – Brockton – asked when will the new lines take effect. Chairman Fayash said the Attorney has to make a draft for the parking and as soon as we get quotes and we get them painted. Mr. Anderscavage said at last meeting the Board agreed he would be able to park his camper there for 48 hrs. to winterize and DE winterize. He wanted to confirm he was still able to do so. Gary Feathers said as long as he is within the lines and it doesn't affect the quality of life for anyone. Mr. Anderscavage also asked about adding Stop sign on Mine & Valley St.

John Zubris asked about No Parking on Valley St. Chairman Fayash said the 300 Block. He asked how far will the lines move. Chairman said 3Ft.

He also asked about moving the dumpster.

Bob Kupetz wanted more details on the unclaimed property. Gary Feathers said that is what we are having our Solicitor look into. The Board is not sure what it entitles. Secretary said she did a PSATs conference. It came up that some municipalities have unclaimed property on the treasury website. The Secretary said 300 Union St. in Brockton was listed on the website. The website is unclaimproperty.patreasury.gov.

Jim Dino – Times News – Is the 100 Block of Valley Street, No Parking on both sides? The Board said they didn't discuss the 100 Block. Mr. Dino said he thought there was something in the original ordinance. Chairman said there is nothing from Mine to Franklin which would be the 100 Block.

Why is there a weight limit on Sanderson St.? The Triaxle Trucks traffic loaded with coal are destroying the roads. By the Engineers the road is not set up to handle that kind of traffic with those weight limits.

Bob Kupetz wants to clarify information about the unclaimed property. The reason for his concern is because of a statement from the September 2017, Township meeting. Mr. Kupetz said the issue is the alley is blocked and there is no access the back of the homes. If it is an unopened road it reverts to the adjoining property owners. Mr. Kupetz concern is what if there is an emergency and the emergency personnel could not get back there. He believes the Supervisors before always had that opened for the access to the back of those homes. Mr. Kupetz wanted to make the statement that you have to be careful what you do with land around here. Chairman said he doesn't believe there was a motion made about that it

was anyone's property. The Solicitor said there may be private rights to that unopened road. That is not for the Township to advise.

A discussion was brought up again about the Back Street Property. Now that the 20 days lapsed from when it was posted, what happens now. The Attorney said we will file a formal complaint at the courthouse. It will be filed and served. He has 20 days to answer. If he doesn't then the Solicitor will have to do a default notice, then that is another 10 days to answer. It is not short term. It will get it back in the court. We have two counts one under the Blight Act and one under the Second Class Township Code public nuisance. We are asking to be removed physically from the property. Demolition may be an option although he is the middle unit.

Chairman called for a motion to go into Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session, they spoke about Personnel and Gun Prices. Previously, they had a motion about an online quote to purchase guns. The Chairman would like to remove that motion. Chairman made a motion to purchase the guns from Dave's Gun Shop for \$1564. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Gary Feathers made a motion that all Supervisors get an email, electronic or paper form schedule of the police department at least one week prior to that month. All Police Officers will have to have acceptance of their shift or any issues will be resolve one week prior to our meeting date. Charles Hosler seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Chairman Fayash made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

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