

May 17, 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, May 17, 2023 in the Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at the meeting included Charles Fayash, Gary Feathers and Charles Hosler.

Amended Agenda

Charles Fayash called to amend the Agenda for Check signing modifications / requirements temporarily because they do not have a Secretary/Treasurer available to sign the checks at this time. Charles Hosler explained that at the reorganization meeting they approved the Secretary/Treasurer and one supervisor to have signing authority for the checks

Meeting Minutes

Charles Fayash called for the approval of the regular meeting minutes for March. Charles Fayash made the motion to approve March Meeting Minutes. Charles Hosler seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was carried. 3-0

Treasurer's Report

Charles Fayash read the Treasurer's Report.

General Ending Balance \$211,168.54. Payroll Fund Ending Balance \$10,792.16 CACL Savings is \$5, CACL Reserve Fund is \$122,321.75, Reserve Fund \$66,751.09. Charles Fayash called for an adjustment on the Total Balances of all the accounts because the ARP Funds were not accounted for in the total. The ARP Fund is \$94,651.51. Total Balances of all Accounts equals \$505,690.01. 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

No Visa Report for this month.

Answers to Last Month's Public Questions – None

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Ron Novack, Mary-D, would like to submit a Subdivision Plan. He explained what he would like to do. He would like to ask the Board if he can buy a piece of Township's Property and subdivide it off to join his property. He is looking to put up a pole building and he is looking for an additional section to build on. Attorney Jeff Rockman said the Township would have to get it appraised first. Mr. Novack would like to know the process on how he can do it. Attorney Rockman said depending on the appraisal value would determine if we would have to put it out for bid. The Attorney said the Township would be responsible for the appraisal. The Board will review in Executive Session. Ron Novack said he would take care of the survey.

Police Report – April 2023

The April Police Report consisted of 1 Welfare Check, 1 EMS Call, 2 Abandoned Vehicles (which were towed). Traffic Citations – 2 for Driving ATVs on the Roadway, 3 for Stop Signs, 1 for non-registered ATV, for uninspected ATV, 1 for Driving without Insurance, 1 Careless Driving and 1 warning for Inspection. Officer Litwiler said thanks to Hopes, the car looks great and smells good.

Code Enforcement Report – NONE

Road Master Report

Mark Buccieri read the Road Report for the month of April. Worked on Road Signs, Straightened out Crooked Road Signs, worked on Stop Signs, Cut down trees & Trimmed Branches along Roadside, Trimmed Trees on Laurel Ave., Mary-D, Put Weight Limit Signs up on Sanderson St., Cleared Drains & Removed Debris, Swept Cinders from Roadside & Intersections, Trimmed Township Property Trees, Equipment Maintenance, Cut Grass at Township Playground & Baseball Field, Building & Ground Maintenance, Planted Grass, Salt Shed is fixed. Filled Potholes on Old SR209, Picked up Roadside Trash, and we received 5 Ton of Cold Patch. Road Quotes – NS Paving @ 2000 Sq. Yards, Schuylkill Paving 2115 Sq. Yards and Folk Paving 3000 Sq. Yards for South Main St. down Sunny Dr. toward Back St. & Laurel Ave. Folk goes the furthest. Charles Fayash made a motion to approve Folk Paving as the awarded bid pending they waive the extra fee for fuel, if not the awarded bid will go to Schuylkill Paving for the awarded bid for \$22,500. Both are at the same price; however, Folk goes further. Charles Fayash made a motion to rescind the previous motion and he made a motion to award the bid to Folk Paving as long as they stay at \$22,500 they cannot go over the amount. If they would go over the bid it would be rejected & the fuel charge would be exempt and any other unknown escalation prices. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Road Master wants to get a quote for trees on Seneca at the end of their property to have them cut down in Tuscarora. Road master will get the quotes for next meeting.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor said he will make his comments under old business.

Zoning Report

Charles Fayash said we had a few Zoning Permits issued for a pool, pole building, solar panels and one to Tuscarora Fire Company for damage from the garbage truck.

Council of Government – Did Not Meet.

Tax Collection Committee – Did Not Meet.

Communications

Schuylkill Headwaters – Thanked the Board for their \$100 donation.

Old Business

- West Penn Township Mutual Aid Agreement – West Penn Township denied the Agreement. They are concerned with Liability Insurance.
- Franchise Agreement – Attorney Jeff Rockman sat in on Attorney Baranko's conference call with Comcast about the Franchise Agreement. He made some revisions to the Agreement which Comcast approved. The Board will have to approve the revisions and approves the Agreement, the Board can advertise for the Ordinance. Chairman asked if the revisions were from Attorney Baranko or what the Board sent over. Gary Feathers expressed they did make some of the revisions but they are refusing to take care of the Tuscarora Mountain and so he is not in favor of it. Gary Feathers is concerned that under Infrastructure, why are we wasting our time. If the Infrastructure builds out there, they are supposed to ensure everyone has good, adequate internet service. They are not putting anything in the Agreement to give us a better deal. Chairman said we should request again for them to include the Tuscarora Mountain. We will table this to next meeting. Charles Fayash made a motion to table the Franchise Agreement until the June Meeting. Charles Hosler seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

- Swenson Property Status – Solicitor said Mr. Swenson was served with the complaint on May 3rd, he has 20 days to reply, which will be May 23rd. If he does not reply, we will file promptly a 10-day notice of intent to take a default judgement. That will take it to June 2nd. If he doesn't reply, then he will have a default judgement. Then we are able to move & execute on the default judgement.
- Valley St. Parking Ordinance Status –asked the Solicitor to send over the Ordinance for them to review.
- Transfer of Mary-D Property back to County Status – Attorney has to reach out to the County for an update.
- Sanderson Street Status – That was with the West Penn Agreement. However, the signs are up and we will have to enforce it.

New Business

- **Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce** – Charles Fayash made a motion to renew with the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce for an approximate amount of \$375. Charles Hosler seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0
- **Garbage Bill Prices** – Charles Hosler asked what is the current yearly rate. Charles Fayash said we will talk about it in executive session.
- **Advertise for the Sec/Treas Position** – Gary Feathers said we may need to hire a temporary Secretary/Treasurer for the time being until we know hear the current status of the Secretary/Treasurer's medical leave. Charles Fayash made a motion to advertise for a Temporary Secretary/Treasurer. Charles Hosler seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0
- **North Union Police Vehicle for Sale** – Officer Litwilder works at another Township and said they are looking to sell one of their vehicles and wanted to know if the Board was interested in purchasing it for Schuylkill Twp. Police Dept. for about \$6K. Officer Litwilder said he can bring it down for them to look at.
- **Line-Painting Bid Proposals** – Two bids one for \$15K and one for \$30K from Tamaqua old 209 through Tuscarora, down to Mary-D then through Brockton. Charles Fayash made a motion to table the Line-Painting until next month for the June Meeting. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0
- **Jones & Jones Audit** – Charles Fayash made a motion to allow Jones & Jones to come and do the Audit June 26-27 to do the 2022 Audit. Gary Feathers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0
- **Check Signing Change** – Gary Feathers made a motion to modify the check signing from a secretary/treasurer and a Supervisor to Supervisor & Supervisor. Charles Fayash seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Public Comment

John Zubris asked if when they paint the lines will they blow the debris off the road.

Chairman said yes they have one on their truck.

Jim Dino asked if it was Folk Paving out of Shoemachersville. Board said, yes. He also wanted the board to explain where they were paving again. Mark Buccieri said the paver will go from South Main St. down Sunny Dr. towards Back St.

Executive Session

Chairman made a motion to go into executive session. Charles Hosler seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Chairman called the meeting back to order. Chairman made a motion to set the garbage fees at \$200, the fee stays the same as last year. Charles Hosler seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was carried. 3-0

Chairman said an update for the Jones & Jones Audit will be June 28th & 29th not the 26th & 27th. Chairman said the property, we spoke about earlier in the meeting, Gary Feathers said he doesn't think it would be feasible. He said if the Township did that they would not be able to expand. The Board feels it would be too much for the Township right now.

The Township is looking at other alternatives to monitor & enforce & do weights & scales on over loaded trucks.

Gary Feathers said there is an issue on a road that Mary-D Fire Company owns but the Township may lease it. People are dumping and should there should not be dumping there. Gary Feathers feels if the Township is responsible for that road, we need to block it to keep people from dumping there.

Jeff Rockman asked if the road is posted "No Dumping". He said it should be so we can enforce a fine if someone is dumping. Jeff Rockman said he will find out who owns the property.

Jim Dino, Times News - asked about the West Penn Township Agreement. Gary Feathers stated they didn't want to participate in the Agreement because it would be a Liability to their Township.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Hosler seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

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Temporary Secretary

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