

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP
75 WALNUT STREET
MARY-D, PA 17952**

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held Monday, November 7, 2022. Those present included Charles Fayash, Gary Feathers and Charles Hosler. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

Meeting Minutes- Hosler motioned to approve September, October & October Budget workshop meeting minutes, Feathers 2nd. All Approved.

Treasurer's Report-Total Township Assets \$661,467.55 (Bank Statements) see Treasurer's report for detail. Fayash motioned to accept treasurer's report pending audit, 2nd Hosler. All approved

Answers to Last Month's Public Questions – Residents are responsible for cutting grass on property per International Property Code Maintenance of 2009 and the Quality of life ordinance.

Public comment on agenda items only – None

Police Report & Code Enforcement Report Ticket for Valley Street resident for not cutting grass, Assist with Trick or Treat in Schuylkill Township and Middleport Borough, abandoned vehicle tagged on Piersol Street in Reevesdale, littering compliant in Mary D-issued citation; abandoned vehicle, Mary D; EMS Assist in Mary D; Dumping Compliant in Newkirk; Animal Compliant – dog barking, removed dead deer from Brockton Mountain, warning issued on Green Street for Trash and weeds- resident cleaned up front and back; fleeing & eluding incident, arrest warrant, Assist EMS, Mary D; Assist EMS, Tamaqua; Assist Ems; non reportable accident, Mary D; Theft of Services, Mary D. 3 Suspended licenses; 11 speeding citation; stop sign, no inspection; registration suspended, no registration & no insurance. Supervisor Feathers thanked Doug for his presentation at the fire company for fire prevention night and commended them on helping with trick or treating. Per Chief DiMarco, LPR license plate reader quote is ready, just need approval to purchase. Discussion ensued regarding 3 quotes for LPR. Balance for quote is \$16,225.00 and the remaining balance in the Morgan Grant fund is \$16,929.82 per Hill. 100% grant covered. Feathers motioned to approve the quote at \$16,225.00, 2nd Fayash. All approved. Per Chief DiMarco the paperwork has been submitted to TraCs.

Roadmaster Report- Buccieri stated they did building & ground maintenance, new lights; stop signs, No Parking signs & other various signs throughout the township replaced; Equipment maint. Plow spreaders on trucks; drains-cleared leaves; paved roads in Mary D & Brockton; patched pot holes, cut back branches on roadsides, put up new reflectors by drains through the township; picked up trash on Old 209. Per Buccieri someone is dumping on Old 209 & Tuscarora Mountain again, becoming a weekly thing. Quote for garage door seals for \$400 from Raynor Doors. Discussion ensued regarding the garage door seals.

Solicitors Report- Discussion ensued regarding Swenson Resolution and posting the property and civil action being taken against him. Atty. Baranko asked Hill to get him a copy of the International Property Code Maintenance of 2009. Mr. Kupetz let the board know that he is getting water damage to his property. Kupetz asked if the board is going for eminent domain, per Feathers it will be boarded up and the property owner's responsibility. Discussion ensued regarding civil suit for Kupetz against the property owner. Discussion ensued regarding the property owner heating property with propane tanks. Fayash motioned to approved Resolution 2022-7 for action against property owner, 2nd Hosler, All unanimously approved.

Zoning Report- None

Committee Reports

Council of Government- did not meet

Tax Collection Committee- did not meet

Communications- Light-Heigel rate for 2023 Zoning Administration is \$72.08 per hour; The Slusser Law firm rate for 2023 same as 2022 \$115.00; Donald Karpowich Zoning Atty rate for 2023 is \$125.00 per hour 2022 rate was \$100.00; 2023 PSATS UC Group Trust rate is 2.15%; E-TIDES will be retired and moving to myPATH late November; Workers Comp Audit Completed-will be coming to do physical audit-date to be announced; Slusser Law Firm Christmas Party Invite- need to let know by 11/26 who is attending

Old Business: Ft Employee Contract, discuss in Exec session; ESRC-Nate, Nate MacDonald from ESRC discussed Schuylkill Township opting out of the ESRC (Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee) Discussion ensued to having ESRC participating in Schuylkill township and would like to set up a meeting with the Board to discuss; Suzanne Olsen suggested instead of watching movies to have the children do a hands on project for Christmas, Discussion ensued with Supervisors and Nate regarding ESRC. The board thanked Nate for his time; Pickup truck to be disposed of by Copart – sent paperwork waiting for call to have picked up; Truck to be picked up Tuesday. Township Timbering waiting for new Forestry person to set up to come to twp; No Parking Ordinance review for all of Schuylkill Township, executive session; General Code Project make Nov 23rd workshop meeting to General Code Project meeting, Fayash motioned to make the Nov. 23rd workshop meeting to codification meeting at 6pm, 2nd Feathers, All approved.

New Business: The Board of Supervisors have reviewed and discussed the 2023 Annual Budget. Township needs to advertise the Annual Budget for 2023 in the newspaper Hosler made motion to advertise the 2023 Budget, 2nd Fayash, all approved; Tamaqua Public Library donation. \$500.00 annually in the past 5 years, Hosler made motion to donate \$500 to Tamaqua Public Library, 2nd Feathers, All Approved; Invoices to be paid Police Oil Change 95.79, Workers Comp audit increase of \$953 Orwigsburg Service Center – repair GMC \$3773.59; Fayash motioned to pay previous invoices listed, 2 Feathers, All Approved. Workers comp resolution for new policy effective 11/10/2022 to 11/10/2023, Fayash motioned to table to Dec till correct resolution was written, 2nd Feathers, All Approved; Grant writer, Feathers motioned to hire a grant writer that needs technical experience to help with grant writing, 2nd Fayash. All Approved Discussion ensued regarding Hill reaching out to West Penn, Christine Troxell and research grant writer for next meeting.

Public Comment

Bob Kupetz – Mary D – Feels the grant writer is a very good idea and suggested speaking with Tamaqua Borough and how they do their grant writing. He feels township would benefit greatly from a grant writer. Blighted properties once condemned doesn't Harrisburg have money available annually to get money to tear down the properties. Per Baranko it is through the county that is down and in order to apply the township would have to own the property, which we don't want to do. Discussion ensued with Mr. Kupetz and Solicitor. Mr. Kupetz stated about previous property on that street being torn down years ago by Schuylkill Township.

Jim D Arner – Times News – Is Budget same mileage as last year? 10.88 is millage. Is it all general fund? Yes. Is the budget the same as last year or is it up or down, No its decreased some from liquid fuels Liquid fuels is estimated. Is tonight the tentative budget finalized? Yes, we will be passing the budget at our next meeting in Dec. Discussion ensued regarding Blighted properties and the township

Mike Kellet – Mary D – we settled the house part I was asking about. I wasn't at the last meeting but the meeting before that I brought up about the vehicle sitting on Back Street with no inspection on it and the license plate has changed, now the vehicle is sitting down on corner going on to the hill so it can be caught in gear to start. Chief Dimarco asked if he should impound it, per Kellet he would love that, Per Chief DiMarco this will be towed tonight.

Fayash motioned to go into exec. Session 2nd Feathers. All Approved.

Discussed personnel, potential issues arising with parking Litigation in the township

Fayash made motion to adjourn meeting, 2nd Feathers . All Approved.

Adjourned

Attest: Denise Hill