

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

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held on Monday, August 1st, at 7 P. M. in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Fayash and Frank Fabrizio. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

Fayash made a motion to approve the July minutes. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$416,953.32 total in bank accounts. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit by Fayash. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Replies to last month's public questions -

No replies to last month's questions.

Public comment on agenda items only -

No comments on agenda items.

Police Report –Chief DiMarco will not be able to make it this evening. No police report available.

Road master Report-

Started paving roads in Reevesdale, there are a few more to be done and also a pipe that needs to be dug up and replaced. Some roads are in need of paving and called to get quotes to have them done. Roads to be completed are Walnut St (by Seneca St), bottom of Locust St and part of Locust St at the bottom at the "T", end of South Main Street from the top of the hill to the bottom, and the alley by Gators and down. They will see how much it will cost and see what other roads need to be done. GMC is working, the rear is completed.

Solicitors Report- Christopher Slusser

No Solicitor Report.

Zoning Report- Paul Benulis

Paul is not available this evening. Fabrizio received report by email stating: 21 permits issued since February, and variance hearing scheduled for August 15th at 7:00pm.

Fayash stated that he is adding to the agenda this evening to have Solicitor Slusser start the paperwork to have the township opt out of Eastern Schuylkill Planning and have our own zoning. Fayash had opened the floor for public comment.

Gary Feathers, asked if this is going through the zoning committee that was active a year ago. Fayash stated yes.

Committee Reports

Council of Government- Committee did meet but Fayash did not receive information to discuss.

Tax Collection Committee- Committee did meet but Fayash did not receive information to discuss.

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- Committee was to meet, but sent email out stating the meeting was cancelled.

Communications

No communications to discuss.

Old Business

PLGIT Procurement Card process, Paul Robinson will be coming out on Wednesday, August 3rd to discuss and complete the process.

Approval needed for Ordinance 1-2016 which is authorizing the Borough Fire Department to obtain Reimbursement. Slusser explained more what the Ordinance entitles and explained it is for us to bill for reimbursement due to the situation that for the wax factory fire. Fayash made a motion to approve Ordinance 1-2016 for the Reimbursement to the fire companies. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

New Business

No new business to discuss.

Public Comment

Erin Donley, Brockton, questioned regarding the ordinance that was just approved if it was pertaining to what Ryan Slane was questioning about last month. Fayash stated yes it was pertaining to the foam that was used for the fire. Slusser also added that it will not help during this situation but it will help us in the future. Slusser had also stated he had spoken with Solicitor Baranko regarding this and stated that he has been on point with this situation and has been contacting the insurance companies as well as the owner and tenant of the property. Slusser said that they are actively moving along with this process. Donley questioned if someone is able to let Ryan Slane know what steps they are at with this process. Slusser stated he will have Solicitor Baranko reach out to him.

Solicitor Slusser stated that it is the Boards' desire to act as its own zoning. Slusser also stated that after hearing that there has been a zoning committee that has been created, he does not think that having the committee's involvement is going to affect the desire to opt out and create its own zoning ordinance. The zoning committee would serve as a role in reviewing the ordinance in regards to what we want and what we do not want in the ordinance. Fayash made a motion to have Solicitor Slusser do what ever action needs to be taken to have us withdrawn from the Eastern Schuylkill Planning. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

John Zubris, Brockton, wanted to state that PP&L had changed lights in Mahanoy City and Ringtown and that if we changed we would be saving \$70 a month and that he would like to find out how much the township pays per kilowatt and do more research. Fayash stated that there was a motion made to not change to LED lights due to it costing another \$35-\$40 more a month. Zubris questioned how long the township has been with Direct Energy. Fayash had discussed more on the situations of the price per kilowatt and the price difference between the companies and why it would cost more to switch. Fayash stated that PPL did say that they would be changing their numbers in the future so it may be cheaper in the future.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, wanted to mention that if it is going to benefit the town with the LED lights, even though it would cost more, Van Pelt states that she thinks it would be worth it. Fayash discussed more that the prices may come down in the future to possibly change then. Van Pelt also wanted to comment that she is unable to hear the Board talk during the meeting and wanted to mention to get a microphone so the people in the back can here them. Fayash stated that it is something they can look into.

John Zubris, Brockton, mentioned that in the future PP&L may make it mandatory to change to LED's and then it might cost us more to change over. Fayash stated that there might not be a charge for lights 10 years and earlier and that they will have to wait when that time comes.

Fayash wanted to thank the anonymous donor for the purchasing of the camera.
Fayash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd Fabrizio.

Adjourned

Attest: Natasha Tyson