

**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, June 3rd, 2019 in the Municipal Building. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited. Those present included Charles Fayash, Charles Hosler, and Frank Fabrizio.

Charles Hosler made a motion to approve the May Meeting Minutes. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Fayash stated on May 30th the supervisors along with Mark drove through the township reviewing the roads.

Treasurer's Report

\$446,229.01 total in bank accounts. Charles Fayash made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2nd Hosler. All approved.

Public comment on agenda items only - none

Police Report – Calls including trespassing, civil complaints, dog barking, drug violation, suspicious activity, littering, citation for burning.

Code Enforcement Report – DiMarco addressed Mr. Rutherford's issues of vehicles on the street by stating if the vehicles are registered and not inspected they can sit on the street. It is not until they move the car that they are in violation. DiMarco suggested creating an ordinance that states vehicles must be registered, inspected, and insured then they could do something about it. Tamaqua has an ordinance stating this. DiMarco also stated that it was included in the Quality of Life Ordinance that the committee created awhile back. DiMarco brought up another issue that abandoned or vacant properties must be secured by boarding or other means in order to keep out animals or persons. DiMarco would like this issue included in the Quality of Life Ordinance. DiMarco added that an inspection of a vehicle must be made within ten days of expiration or a violation would occur. DiMarco stated the remedy is quicker action compared to our ordinance which is thirty days and certified letters that are rejected. DiMarco stated the ticket is immediate and placed on the resident's door. If offense is not fixed additional fines will follow. Discussion ensued about abandoned vehicles on private property, vehicles not being moved within ten days, and abandoned houses. DiMarco stated that a complaint must be brought forward. Discussion ensued about the Quality of Life Ordinance and its entirety and not individual ordinances. DiMarco stated that the violations have to be brought on by a complaint and not drive around looking for offenses. Discussion ensued about high grass and making complaints about that. Discussion ensued about high grass on lots without structures. Reasonable effort must be made to notify the property owner about the high grass before attempting to go on private property to cut the grass but Baranko questioned if grass would really be considered an emergency situation. Baranko stated you have to be ready to support that in court for due process violation if you are going to cross onto someone's property. Baranko stated other municipalities put it on the engineer to state it is an emergency situation but normally that is in regards to collapsing roofs and foundations. DiMarco also mentioned the problem with the burned down house in the township that resident has not responded to any fines etc. about property. Discussion about the current ordinances following the International Property Maintenance codes that have an abatement period. More discussion about cutting grass and requirements. DiMarco also added he would like to change the fire chief clause of the Quality of Life Ordinance to include the fire chief on determination of safety in some cases. Hosler stated that these addendums should be added before the Ordinance goes to the public for inspection so everyone can look at it. Baranko stated the verbiage needs to be cleaned up also, along with consistency. It was requested that the copy for public viewing be posted on website as a proposal.

DiMarco asked the Board to hire Ryan Oldt on a probationary period. Fayash made a motion to hire Ryan Oldt as a part time police officer contingent upon signing agreement. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Roadmaster Report- Hosler stated Maintenance patched potholes, repaired damaged roadsides from storms, cut grass, put up no trespassing signs at Ballfield, put up the flags, and fixed water drain issues. The supervisors and Mark went around the township to review the roads for repair: section between Tuscarora and Reevesdale, flat section before Reevesdale, Tuscarora – on Broad Street from Locust to Walnut and Wyoming Street from Locust to Church along with Locust to Walnut, Mary D – South Main from Sunny Drive to Walnut and North Main the left and right shoulders, Brockton – Cemetary Road end of it towards the gate and Franklin Street from Green to Lewis and Valley to Green and Firehouse Road from Stremick to Emerick Street, by the Firehouse Hosler stated we would get pricing.

Solicitors Report-Baranko stated we had a public hearing on the Zoning & Ordinance changes and the Subdivision Land Development changes. Hosler made a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance (ESRP). 2nd Fayash. All approved. Hosler made a motion to approve the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance (SALVO - ESRP). 2nd Fayash. All approved.

Zoning Report- one zoning permit was issued to Jen Quinn.

Committee Reports

Council of Government- met and discussed the Electronics Recycling Event with Mascaro
Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- Committee did meet: discussed upcoming events
Tax Collection Committee- Committee did not have a quorum

Communications:

Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold their first Preparedness Conference. Tom Slane and Gary Feathers are registered to attend. The PA State Police Fines Payment in the amount of \$570.61 on June 3rd. Schuylkill Alert System for community alerts is in place and residents are encouraged to sign up. Hosler made a motion to pay the membership dues of \$325.00 to Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved. Online payment of UCC Fees to DCED needs a credit card. Hosler made a motion to have Barrett attend PA Dept of Transportation will be holding an informative session at the West Brunswick Township Office on June 11th with Earl Hebling. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Old Business

New Business- Hosler asked the Board to review the loan and put an extra payment of \$10,000. Fayash suggested reviewing the balance and interest first.

Public Comment

Bill Rutherford, Reevesdale, asked about the big party that occurred on the mountain on the weekend and the loud music. DiMarco suggested that the township looks into an entertainment permit. Dan Gray, Brockton, brought up the burning man east festival and the specific written rules. Gray suggested charging a fee for such a large gathering being held in the township.

Fayash made a motion to go into executive session. 2nd Fabrizio.

The board finished executive session and discussed unpaid garbage bills along with litigation.

Hosler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd Fabrizio. All approved.

Adjourned

Attest: Colleen Barrett

