

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

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held on November 1, 2021 at the Municipal Building. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited. Those present included Charles Hosler, Frank Fabrizio, and Charles Fayash.

Charles Hosler made a motion to approve the October Meeting Minutes, 2nd Fayash. All approved.
Charles Hosler made a motion to approve the October Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes, 2nd Fabrizio. All Approved

Treasurer's Report- \$625,626.65- The total in bank accounts. Hill made a correction to the reserve fund due incorrectly recording CD Deposit- Recorded was \$26,613.36 and Actual CD deposit amount was \$25,613.36 Hosler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit, 2nd Fayash. All approved. Visa Report-\$44.36 for GPS. Hosler motioned to accept the visa report 2nd Fayash. All Approved.

Answers to last month's questions – None

Public comment on agenda items only - None

Police Report-Total of 22 Calls. 2 Information, 5 unwanted persons, 1 admin, 2 ATV/Dirt bike, 1 noise compliant, 1 littering, 2 assist persons, 2 abandoned vehicles not on private property, 1 civil compliant, 1 trespassing, 1 property loss, 1 accident (non reportable), 1 Traffic Hazard, 1 Assist other agency. Police issued 2 citations – no license, 10 speeding tickets, 1 lighting required, 1 expired registration, 1 expired inspection. Per Chief DiMarco the LPRs should be completed, he sent Supervisor Fayash the email from company that is making them, hopefully by the end of November due to them making new ones, They aren't the ones trunk mounted anymore, they go inside the back window outside of the weather, one is behind you and one is in front of you coming down from the visor. Discussion ensued. First Net Account information will be sent to Hill from Chief DiMarco due to information needed for account. Supervisor Fayash would like to thank our Police and Fire Companies for being out on Trick or Treat night for setting up flares and keeping traffic going slow.

Code Enforcement Report – Will be discussed in executive session.

Roadmaster Report- Buccieri stated he did equipment maintenance, cut Old 209 roadsides; grass was cut at Mine Street property, Buccieri Thanked Supervisor Fayash for helping him. Pot holes were filled, Cut down weeds on roadsides for Schuylkill Paving. Schuylkill Paving finished all the streets and Strawberry Street added to connect the last part. Invoice total \$21,250.00. Pottsville Materials Invoice is not ready. Purchased trailer from Tractor Supply for \$2999.99. Tire quotes through Costar for Dump Truck originally \$400 per tire/\$254.40 per tire. Pickup originally \$280 per tire/\$168.00 per tires. Buccieri asked if a limit could be set for purchasing the tires. Tire prices are from Ken's Tire. Hosler motioned to approve \$1000.00 for tires for the Pickup and \$2000.00 for the Dump Truck, 2nd by Fayash. All approved. Fayash asked about the police car and Buccieri state he is looking at Steel wheels for the police car. Discussion ensued regarding prices and steel wheels. Buccieri stated roads he is looking to be paved next year are in Mary D, Sunny Drive to South Main; in Tuscarora, Coal Street; Broad Street to Seneca, in Brockton, Cemetery Road, Lewis Street to Union Street; Firehouse Road, Mine Street to Valley Street.

Solicitors Report-Atty. Baranko stated LST ordinance was confirmed by DCED. Denise is ontop of the filing requirements in December. Gary Feathers Land Development Waiver is on Agenda and we will address at that time.

Zoning Report- 1 UCC permit: Yesavage (porch); 2 Zoning permits issued Nicolosi/Hamilton (fence); Dougherty (pole building)

Committee Reports-

Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Committee- Did not meet

Tax Collection Committee- Did not meet.

Council of Government- Did not meet

Communications- Zoning hearing was held on Thurs., Oct.7, 2021 @ 6 pm & heard the appeal of Michael Boyle requesting special exception/variance to use garage and parking property located at 100 Firehouse Rd. Brockton, PA for auto repair and cabinet making. This was approved with exceptions. The Planning Commission met on Thurs., Oct 7, 2021 to discuss Gary Feathers Storage facilities proposal. The Planning Commission approved the Land Development Waiver. Hosler made a motion to move forward with the Self Storage Facilities based on recommendation from the attorneys. 2nd Fayash. All Approved.

Old Business- AmTrust W/C bill for Schuylkill Township VFD for \$7960.00 Hosler motioned to pay the bill. 2nd Fayash. All Approved. AmTrust from 5/2021 from w/c audit of 2130.00 increase for vehicles and equipment, Hill called to Insurance Company and was told again this is due to the w/c audit for property and equipment. Hosler questioned invoice date of 5/8/2021, Fayash asked why 5/8/2021 to 5/8/2022; Hill stated that is the policy dates. Fayash asked if Hill asked is this a one time thing, Hill stated it depends on our audits and any w/c cases that would arise. Discussion ensued regarding bill and bill dates. Hosler motioned to pay the bill for \$2130.00 2nd Fayash. All approved. Resolution 2021-2 replaces Resolution 2018-1 for Berkheimer to appoint Secretary/Treasurer (Denise Hill) for Schuylkill Township, Schuylkill County; this will be able to be used in the future if another Secretary/Treasurer would be hired. Hosler motioned to approve Resolution 2021-2, 2nd Fayash. All Approved. CaCl is the highest interest based upon balances and their tiers. Hill did research Wells Fargo and M and T Bank both have interest rates that don't go above .05% majority of the interest rates are .01%. If you go with CD the rate is a bit higher but it is for a long duration of time. Wells Fargo and M&T Bank has an abundance of fees and there are things to set off the fees but it is not something we would do as a Township, i.e. 10 debit transactions per month from the checking account. Wells Fargo we could do something to offset balances with accounts however the interest rate is low. Discussion ensued regarding having accounts at Wells Fargo in the past and the fees were expensive. Discussion ensued regarding the fees. Supervisor Hosler asked where we were with the Loan, Per Hill, waiting on a return call from Karissa Brothers from MCT. Discussion ensued regarding the loan and the options there. Per Hosler CaCl is the better interest rate. Discussion ensued. Fayash made a motion to table looking where to move the money from CD to either the loan or new account. 2nd Hosler. All Approved

New Business- Budget for 2022 Total Revenue \$483,800.00 (All Funds); Total Expenditures \$483,272.00 per Supervisor Hosler there is no tax increase. Budget will need to be available to view for the public for the next 20 days. Hosler made a motion to advertise the tentative 2022 Budget, 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Noise ordinance per Supervisor Hosler we do not have one. Supervisor Hosler asked Attorney Baranko what other Townships, Boroughs and Municipalities have for noise ordinance. Discussion ensued between Supervisors, Chief DiMarco and Attorney Baranko. Attorney Baranko will circulate the ordinances he has to us. Hosler made a motion to donate \$500 to the Tamaqua Public Library, 2nd Fayash. All Approved. Hometown Hero Flags residents had asked Hill. Discussion ensued regarding the Flags and programs. Supervisor Hosler and Fayash stated it was ok to research. The Audit is not complete. Hosler motioned to pay the Schuylkill Paving portion of the bill for \$21,500.00, 2nd Fayash, All approved. Discuss paving project at 69 Sunny Drive. Per Hosler this was shoulder work that was done and we did something over top of it. Person had to have it redone. It was \$1000.00 for the complete job, agreement to pay for half the job. Supervisor Fayash asked why are we paying for residence stuff. Per Hosler, Fayash actually did the work, per Fayash the work was completed by him and Mark with the Engineer coming out to check it and said it was ok. Per Supervisor Hosler it was paved before then Supervisor Fayash went in and milled it. Per Supervisor Fayash we did it then they paved it, Hosler stated No it was paved first. Buccieri didn't remember. Per Hosler it was paved before then. Buccieri asked

Hosler what was done with it? This time milled removed and replaced 2ft x 56 ft of driveway. Fayash asked what resident was this? Per Fabrizio Christine Verdier. Buccieri state he saw she put a polish curb like in. Fayash asked Buccieri did you approve that, Buccieri state no. Fayash asked Hill if she had a permit for this, Hill stated No. Fayash stated its part of a driveway, Buccieri stated he thought there was one there. Buccieri stated he would have to go look at it. Hosler motioned to table to next month. 2nd Fabrizio. Charlie – Yay; Frank – Yay; Chuck – Nay we shouldn't be helping certain residents, if we do for one we need to do for all in township. Dollar General Community Program – Supervisor Fabrizio spoke with the Manager of Dollar General and they would like to do Walk with a Cop program. Any resident can purchase a gift card, then its presented to the Police Officer and the police officer contacts the child to set up a time to go to the Store and purchase an item while walking and talking with a police officer. Fabrizio made a motion to accept the Dollar General Walk with a Cop Program, 2nd Hosler. All Approved

Public Comment- John Zubris – Brockton Who is responsible for cutting the brush back by the guardrails on Old 209 by Old Fellows, Fayash asked Hill to call to see who is responsible for that. John also asked where we are with the Secretary Audit. Hill explained we are waiting for 2020 Audit and then will proceed with the Secretary Audit between secretaries. When is urinal going to be fixed, it's been a year or longer? Per Buccieri that has been like that for a month or two. Hosler asked what's wrong with it; Ballistic valve needs to be replaced.

Erin Donley – Brockton- What roads were they looking at paving in Brockton? Buccieri stated Firehouse Road and Cemetery Road. There is a huge pothole in front of her parents' house on 108 Lewis Street. Buccieri will look at the pothole.

Gary Feather – Tuscarora – Can we fill on side of grade and Dollar General Store, was suppose to get with the fire companies and he has heard nothing from then. Per Hosler it was built by Miller they should know what to do.

Hosler made a motion to go into executive session.

Discussed Code Enforcement Properties
Discussed Garbage Delinquencies

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

Adjourned

Attest: Denise Hill