

Main Township Supervisors Meeting
February 5, 2018 7:00 pm

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the meeting were:

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| Robert Frey, Chairman | Jack Pollard, Police Officer |
| Thomas Shuman, Supervisor | Matt Turowski, Solicitor |
| Richard Shuman, Supervisor | Larry Frace, Zoning Officer |
| Lisa Schell, Secretary | |

Minutes of Meeting

Lisa read the minutes of the January 2, 2018 meeting. Rich made a motion to accept the minutes as read; Tom seconded the motion.

Treasurers Report

General Fund

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| Previous Balance in General Checking | \$251,161.04 |
| Deposits Received | \$ 15,559.95 |
| Bills Paid | <u>\$ 26,978.85</u> |
| Current Balance | \$239,742.14 |

Employer Tax Account Fund

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| Previous Balance | \$ 1,907.86 |
| PA UC Fund | \$ 199.85 |
| PA Department of Revenue | <u>\$ 142.96</u> |
| Current Balance | \$ 1,565.05 |

Special Account

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| Current Balance | \$ 200.00 |
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State Fund

There were no bills paid from the State Fund Checking in January:

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| Current Balance | \$133,606.84 |
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Public Comment

Mr. Edwards stated that he felt that the police wages needs to be increased from \$13.50/hour due to their responsibilities when a laborer in the township is making \$12.00. Tom Shuman agreed that the police wages should be raised in the future.

Mr. Bodman asked what the rationale at last month's meeting was to no charge for signs any longer. Bobby stated that the township never deposited the money from the signs and a number of people at election time never submitted the deposit anyway. Lisa

stated that it became an issue of trying to track who made the deposits and who did not and trying to return the deposit after the signs were removed was too much of a hassle.

Mr. Bodman also asked the name of the zoning consultant and how he was selected. Bobby stated it was Carson Helfrich and he was recommended by Mr. Turowski. Mr. Turowski stated that he had previously worked with him and he did work for Beaver Township and a number of rural townships in the Poconos. Mr. Bodman felt they should have looked at someone from the Williamsport/Montoursville area that would have been closer and less expensive.

Mr. Bodman stated that he feels the 8x11 zoning map for the new ordinance is worthless and too small to even read. Mr. Turowski stated that the 8x11 is usually the size included in the zoning book and once finalized a larger map will be made for the township and zoning officer. Mr. Bodman stated that the current zoning ordinance has a bigger map in it.

Mr. Bodman also asked each supervisor if they read the entire current proposed zoning ordinance. Each supervisor stated they read it. Mr. Bodman stated that the current draft has numerous errors in punctuation, grammar, and formatting and felt the quality of work is poor. He felt there were many mistakes and inconsistencies throughout the ordinance and a lot of redundancy. He asked in terms of the public meeting that is being held tomorrow evening what is the format for comments. Mr. Turowski stated that it is a public hearing that is limited to two hours and a court stenographer will be present. Mr. Turowski suggested that if Mr. Bodman has his changes in writing he could bring them with him to give to the consultant to review. Mr. Bodman also felt it was presumptuous to be advertised that the zoning ordinance would be adopted at the March meeting since this is the first public hearing. Mr. Turowski stated that the notice in the paper cost \$550 to run and it was advertised as a tentative date of adoption and it will be re-advertised for each public hearing so a separate adoption advertisement would not have to be placed.

Old Business

Snow Blower

Bobby stated that the blower was delivered and is on the tractor.

Zoning Ordinance/Map Changes

The first public hearing for the public to comment on the proposed ordinance will be held February 6, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Fire Hall.

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Lisa read a letter dated 1/8/18 received from DEP confirming that the township has been granted the waiver. The waiver is good for five years from the date of the letter. The township must submit an application or NOI for coverage at least 180 days prior to the expiration of the current waiver.

Wheelchair Lift

Tom stated that everything has been approved for the wheelchair lift and they should have the lift installed within the next 2-3 years. The cost for the township is \$10,000 which will be paid by a \$5,000 installment for two years.

New Business

Garage Wall

Bobby stated that they are looking at knocking a wall down in the basement garage which would give them 12-15 ft. more space and moving two posts to make the garage area more accessible.

2018 Truck/Backhoe Bid

The bid notice will be advertised in February for a March meeting bid opening.

Resignation

Lisa read a letter of resignation from Richard Shuman, stating that he is resigning from his supervisor position effective February 26th due to personal reasons. Tom made a motion to accept the resignation; Bobby seconded the motion.

By township code, the supervisors will need to appoint a replacement within 30-days of the vacancy. Mr. Turowski stated that legally the township does not have to advertise for the vacancy but suggested that the township advertise for letters of intent to fill the vacancy prior to the March meeting. The only requirements for the vacancy is that the person be a registered elector and lived in the township for at least one year.

Bridge Replacement

Lisa read a letter from Larson Design Group dated January 9, 2018, regarding the planned detour when the deck replacement project begins on the bridge by the store on Mountain Road. The detour will take traffic across the steel bridge on Fisher Run Road and out the railroad bed (Bridge Road), back on to Mountain Road.

Rich Shuman stated that he wanted to dedicate this meeting in memory of John Adler, former supervisor, who passed away this past week. Rich stated that John was instrumental to the township; Tom and Bobby seconded that recognition.

Sewage Officer Report

Lisa read the January report received. Mr. Brior issued one repair application to Audrey Bronson, completed the 2017 year-end paperwork mandated by DEP and maintained the township's Act 149 files for January as mandated by DEP.

Zoning/Construction Report

Larry Frace provided the additional information from the December report:

Carryover zoning issues from 2017:

1. Chris Ehmer, July 11, 2017
2. Nathan Shelhamer, September 15, 2015

2017 Financials

Collected \$4,834 from all zoning, driveway and well permits

Zoning fees paid to Larry C. Frace Inspections, LLC - \$1,062.73

These figures do not include expenses the township paid such as advertising, board member fees, attorney fees, etc.

January Report

Zoning Permits

Zack Ferro - 823 Mainville Drive - \$15 Sign Permit

Construction Permit

No permits were issued

Zoning Reports

The Main Township Zoning Hearing Board Re-organization meeting was held on January 4, 2018 and the following appointments were made:

John Bower - Chairman and Hearing Officer - last year of a 3-year term

Cindy Hoffman - last year of a 2-year term

Josh Klingerman - Vice Chairman - 1 year term

Kenny Layos reappointed to a one-year term

The Main Township UCC Construction Board Reorganization meeting was also held on January 4, 2018 and the following appointments were made:

Dan Yeager - Chairman

Brandon Fisher - Vice Chairman

Gerald Bodman

Joe Orzolek

Dennis Jackiwicz

The DeRose Special Exception, 150 West Hillcrest Drive, is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2018. Notices were sent to all adjoining property owners, the property was posted, packets sent to the Zoning Hearing Board and it was advertised in the paper.

Received a copy of a Right to Know request on January 20, 2018 and Lisa confirmed she took care of it.

Notified property at 419 East Hillcrest Drive of rebar in the right-of-way on January 22nd. Went back on January 26th and confirmed it was removed.

Received a complaint from 2323 Brookside Road about the neighboring property, 2319 Brookside Road, of trash blowing onto his property, people suspected of living in the garage which as converted, two junk vehicles and a sewage smell in the creek. Tested the outlet pipe from the property and it tested for E-Coli and Coliform Bacteria. Contact William Brior on January 27th, but has not heard back from Mr. Brior yet.

Stop work order was issued on January 28th to Scott Bitler, 829 E. Hillcrest Drive, for no zoning or construction permits for a deck and ramp.

Violation issued to John Mylin, 478 E. Hillcrest Dr., for violation of the junk car ordinance due to six vehicles, two campers and one junk vehicle on the property.

Reviewed comments provided by Mr. Bitler on the new zoning ordinance.

Rich made a motion to approve the zoning officers' report; Tom seconded the motion.

Police Report

Jack read the January report:

56.5 hours

331 miles

Traffic Citations – 0

Non Traffic Citations - 0

The officers will attend training at Lackawanna College.

Tom made a motion to accept the January Police Report; Rich seconded the motion.

Other

Mr. Bodman stated that the new proposed zoning ordinance references the township's comprehensive plan and wanted to know if it was available for review. Lisa stated she will look for it.

With no further business to discuss, Rich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Tom seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell
Secretary