

Main Township Supervisors Meeting
April 2, 2018 7:00 pm

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

Present for the meeting were:

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

Minutes of Meeting

Lisa read the minutes of the March 5, 2018 meeting. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as read; Bob Baylor seconded the motion.

Treasurers Report

General Fund

Previous Balance in General Checking:	\$249,992.41
Deposits Received	\$ 11,313.39
Bills Paid	<u>\$ 20,129.05</u>
Current Balance	\$241,176.75

Employer Tax Account Fund

Previous Balance	\$ 1,373.47
PA Department of Revenue	<u>\$ 189.80</u>
Current Balance	\$ 1,183.67

Special Account

Current Balance	\$ 200.00
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State Fund

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

Previous Balance	\$133,735.02
Liquid Fuels	\$ 18,520.00
Road turnback	\$ 73,542.19
Interest	<u>\$ 255.32</u>
Current Balance	\$226,052.53

Public Comment

Dave Broadt thanked the supervisors for the use of the municipal field for the Easter Egg Hunt, which was successful.

Kim Orzolek stated that the supervisors have received several complaints about noise over the past few years regarding loud radios/music and stated that there is nothing in the new proposed zoning ordinance that Mr. Helfrich addresses except for the standard of industrial noise and wanted to know what the supervisors are going to do to address nuisance noise. Kim stated that Tom Shuman told Sam Breech at a township meeting in July 2017 that "there is something in the new zoning ordinance that addresses very loud radios and late night loud noise", but there is nothing in it. Kim stated that there are many permitted uses in the ordinance that the supervisors cannot do anything to control the noise and feels that something needs to be done. They addressed the issue of a barking dog by enacting an ordinance and asked they do the same by adopting a nuisance noise ordinance. Jack Pollard stated that there is no way to enforce nuisance noise since you would have to measure the decibels and they do not have the equipment to do it, plus it is difficult to measure and they do not have a standard to go by which would have to be established by a decibel meter. It was discussed that at the Bredbenner Special Exception Hearing, the supervisors came up with conditions for noise for the sawmill such as hours of operations due to the number of trucks going in and out so there would be no complaints from the neighbors and they were controlling him by putting in certain noise reducing methodologies and regulating him through a condition. Kim asked that the supervisors revisit enacting a nuisance noise ordinance. The supervisors stated it is a Catch 22 because they are criticized for having too many details and regulations and now it is suggested to have more. They are focused on finishing up the zoning ordinance for adoption and will look at once that is adopted.

Old Business

Truck

Bobby stated that the 2006 Ford has been repaired and is back. Bobby also stated that they have purchased a 2018 Ford F550 from Sunbury Motors/Bradco thru the Costars program for \$76,693.00 which includes a hitch and aluminum box. They did not need to purchase a plow or spreader since they will just pull off the old truck. The supervisors are also going to keep the old truck since they did not receive anything much for a trade.

Zoning Ordinance/Map Changes

The next work session to discuss the changes proposed from the public hearing will be held on April 11, 2018 at 4:00pm in the township offices. This meeting was advertised and is just a work session to review the changes made and discuss the comments in the letters received from Cindy Hoffman, Bill Bitler, Kim Orzolek and Gerald Bodman. They will also discuss the definition of a Bed & Breakfast.

New Business

Road Project

Bobby stated that he will be contacting our municipal representative at PennDot to come out and take a look at the roads for the 2018 project work. Bobby also stated that they are still

waiting from Hammaker to come back and review and repair the tar and chip at Wonderview so that project can be closed and the bill paid.

Letters from PennDot

Lisa read a letter dated March 9, 2018 from PennDot notifying the township of the planned resurfacing and sealcoat projects scheduled for 2018 starting in May. The areas are Mainville Drive to I-80 and Scotch Valley Drive from SR 339 to the Luzerne County line.

Lisa also read an email she received from PennDot notifying the township of the planned detour route when they repair the bridge on SR 339 in Beaver Township. The detour routes traffic from 781 Mainville Drive through Mainville, Catawissa, Numidia, Ringtown to PA 924 in Schuylkill County. It is a 42-minute detour.

Sewage Officer Report

Lisa read the March report. Bill Brior attended mandatory training courses, reviewed and issued correspondence regarding a sewage malfunction at 2319 Brookside Road and issued a new on-lot sewage disposal system application from Kellie Mensinger. Bob Baylor made a motion to accept the Sewage Officer Report as read; Tom seconded the motion.

Zoning/Construction Report

Zoning Permits

A new sign permit was issued to Ferro LLC

Construction Permit

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Zoning Reports

Attended the township meeting and Zoning Draft Ordinance meetings.
Received letters from Kimberly Orzolek regarding the Draft Ordinance
Went with Bill Brior to investigate a discharge into the creek at
2319 Brookside Drive.

Tom made a motion to approve the Zoning/Construction Report; Bob Baylor seconded the motion.

Police Report

Jack read the March report:

- 131 hours
- 592 miles
- 48 Incidents
- Traffic Citations – 8
- Non- Traffic Citations – 1
- Medical Assists - 3

Tom Shuman stated that Tom Brown is working on Axon Cameras. He is waiting on a cord to hook the cameras up to pc docking station.

Tom made a motion to accept the March Police Report; Bob Baylor seconded the motion.

With no further business to discuss, Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm; Bob Baylor seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell
Secretary