

**Main Township Supervisors Meeting**  
**February 4, 2019 7:00 pm**

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

Present for the meeting were:

Robert Frey, Supervisor

Lisa Schell, Secretary

Thomas Shuman, Supervisor

Larry Frace, Zoning Officer

Robert Baylor, Supervisor

Matt Turowski, Solicitor

**Minutes of Meeting**

Lisa read the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting. Tom a motion to accept the minutes;  
Bob Baylor seconded the motion.

**Treasurers Report**

**General Fund**

Previous Balance in General Checking:	\$203,393.91
Deposits Received	\$ 10,863.72
Bills Paid	<u>\$ 55,444.15</u>
Current Balance	\$158,813.48

**Employer Tax Account Fund**

Previous Balance	\$ 1,233.52
PA Department of Revenue	<u>\$ 112.91</u>
Current Balance	\$ 1,120.61

**Special Account**

Current Balance	\$ 200.00
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**State Fund**

Previous Balance	\$ 82,452.84
Interest	<u>\$ 157.71</u>
Current Balance	\$ 82,610.55

**Public Comment**

Dave Broadt read the 2018 Fire Company Report:

Dispatches – 43

Main Twp. -21

Catawissa Twp. – 11

Beaver Twp. – 9

Mifflin Twp. – 1

Town of Bloomsburg - 1

## Manhours – 300.20

Bob Edwards asked what the cost of the final zoning ordinance was. Tom stated that the estimate Carson Helfrich provided was \$20,000, but it came in under that. Lisa stated she will provide the final cost at next month's meeting.

Kim Orzolek asked why the township's planning commission was dissolved. Mr. Turowski stated that the planning body was inactive for years. The ordinance was also unnecessary since the township uses the Columbia County Planning Commission and it was not needed under the newly adopted zoning ordinance.

Mr. Bodman stated that he feels that the new zoning ordinance was established with too many decisions made by Carson Helfrich and not enough input from the public. He feels that the final document has very few public comments. Bobby Frey stated that the township did make some of the changes that were proposed at the public meetings and the final version is adopted and the matter is now closed.

Mr. Bodman also asked why the zoning officer rate is as same as the janitorial rate. Tom stated that Mr. Frace bills the township for the UCC work at his rate reimbursement rate as well.

Mr. Bodman also asked for clarification on the varying rates for the zoning permits, since the it lists \$25 for the first \$5,000 value of the structure, then \$15 for the second \$5,000 value of the structure then it goes back to \$5 for each \$1,000 value over, which equals \$25 for \$5,000 which does not make sense. Larry Frace stated that the sliding scale is exactly how other 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Townships are written but understands Mr. Bodman's point. He will look into how to amend the costs.

Mr. Bodman asked why we are the only township with parking ordinance signs posted, where Bloomsburg, Catawissa, Nescopeck etc. do not have any. He stated he is not sure what the signs even mean. Tom stated that he brought this concern up a few months ago since he stated he had a state police friend who wanted to know what they meant. Tom stated that the ordinance was put in place mainly for plowing snow in Wonderview so people were parking on the road all the time and they could not plow property or may have damaged a vehicle. Jerry felt they were unnecessary and should be taken down.

Mr. Bodman asked if the advertisement when and if the ad was published twice for the adoption of Ordinance #1 of 2019. Mr. Turowski stated that he did not have the exact date on him that it was posted in the Press Enterprise. Mr. Turowski then read Section 1601 directly from the Second-Class Township Code book clarifying that it only needed to be advertised once and it is the zoning adoptions that need to be advertised twice. Mr. Bodman stated he was sorry for his mistake.

Mr. Bodman stated he has done some research on the state requirements for Ag Security areas and noted that state law requires the Ag Security areas be reviewed every seven years. He read the review must request recommendations from the planning commission and provide notification to the landowner between 120 and 180 days prior to the review. He noted that he owns his farm since 1990 and there have been no reviews since he lived there. Tom stated that he was just reviewing the Ag Security listing today and he will look into the requirements.

## **Old Business**

### **Carport**

Tom stated that the carport has been installed.

## **New Business**

### **Truck/Backhoe Bid**

Bobby stated that the Truck/Backhoe Bid will be advertised in the paper for a bid opening at the March meeting.

### **2019 Bidding Thresholds**

Lisa read the municipal bidding thresholds for 2019:

- Purchases and contract below \$11,100 require no formal bidding or written/telephonic quotations
- Purchases and contracts between \$11,100 and \$20,600 require three written/telephonic quotations
- Purchases and contracts over \$20,600 require formal bidding

### **Police Body Cameras**

Tom stated that he received a quote from Axon Industries to purchase two body cameras for the police. The estimate for the cameras is \$699 each and with the mounts, cables and warranty the total will be \$1,797. Tom also noted they are going with the manual download of the cameras so they can keep the footage in-house. Tom also stated that new bullet proof vests are ordered since the current ones are very old and there are lifespans on vests.

Tom stated that now while on duty, the police have tasers, body cams and bullet proof vests they will wear to protect them and keep them safe.

Mr. Bodman suggested a protocol be put in place, so they know what is expected of them and how to download the camera footage. Tom stated there will be a protocol in place.

### **Sewage Officer Report**

Lisa stated no report was received for the month.

### **Zoning/Construction Report**

Larry Frace provided the following report for January:

#### **Zoning Permits**

No zoning permits were issued in January

#### **Construction Permits**

No construction permits were issued in January

#### **Zoning Reports**

Letter to Chris Ehmer

One complaint about cars on Firehouse Lane

Dennis Williams 357B Mainville drive inquiry about a home-based business. Sent information to him.

Eugene Witherup 137 Deep Drift Drive apply for zoning for solar installation.

Attended the Zoning Reorganization meeting on 1/9/19

John Bower 3-year term will expire 1/9/22 Chairman

Cindy Hoffman 2-year term will expire 1/9/21 Vice Chairwoman

Josh Klingerman- did not attend meeting- Did not answer email- Left voice message.

Kenny Layos 1-year term alternate member- will expire 1/9/20

Attended the UCC Reorganization meeting 1/9/19

Brandon Fisher- Chairman

Josiah Orzolek

Dennis Jaskicwicz

Dan Yeager

Jerry Bodman

These are all one-year terms under the UCC- expired 1/9/20

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

### **Police Report**

Lisa read the January report:

Total hours – 152

Total miles – 711

Traffic citations – 9

Non-traffic citations – 1

Reportable accidents – 2

Burglaries – 1

Disorderly Conduct - 1

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

With no further business to discuss, Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm; Bob Baylor seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell  
Secretary