

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

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

Present for the meeting were:

Bobby Frey, Chairman

Lisa Schell, Secretary

Tom Shuman, Supervisor

Matthew Turowski, Solicitor

Robert Baylor, Supervisor

Larry Frace, Zoning Officer

Jack Pollard, Police Officer

Minutes of Meeting

Lisa read the minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting. Dave Broadt noted two corrections needed to be made regarding the 911 radio grant – the cost is only \$500 a company it is just Columbia County who has hired the grant writer, Montour is not involved. Also, Lisa noted the beginning balance of the Tax Fund was \$2,222.01, not \$459.77. Bob Baylor made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections and Tom seconded it.

Treasurers Report

General Fund

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| Previous Balance in General Checking: | \$121,325.26 |
| Deposits Received | \$ 20,709.62 |
| Bills Paid | <u>\$ 11,181.71</u> |
| Current Balance | \$130,853.17 |

Employer Tax Account Fund

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| Previous Balance | \$ 3,020.91 |
| PA UC Fund | \$ 313.87 |
| PA Dept. of Revenue | <u>\$ 169.87</u> |
| Current Balance | \$ 2,537.17 |

Special Account

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| Previous Balance | \$4,073.36 |
| Transfer to General Fund | <u>\$3,873.36</u> |
| Current Balance | \$ 200.00 |

State Fund

There were no bills paid from the State Fund in October.

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| Previous Balance | \$100,660.13 |
| Interest | \$ 149.03 |
| Bills Paid | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| Current Balance | \$100,809.16 |

Public Comment

Dave Broadt stated that he attended two great trainings in the last couple of weeks. One was an arson training which focused on arson detection and investigations and the second one with the Fire Marshall where they created some rooms, so they had a very useful hands-on training.

Charlie Williams asked if there will be an open meeting on the 2020 budget. Bobby Frey stated that the township is not required to have an open meeting on the budget. They must advertise the 2020 Budget is available for inspection at least 20 days prior to adoption at the December meeting.

Mr. Williams also stated that the Bloomsburg Recycling Center is looking for support from local townships and felt it is a worthwhile investment for the township since he feels a lot of the township residents use the facility. Bobby stated that the township did received a letter for the Bloomsburg Recycling Center and the supervisors will look to provide some sort of donation.

Mr. Edwards stated that he has not seen the speeding 4-wheeler lately.

Kim Orzolek asked Jack with the telephone number was for a non-911 call to the police department. Jack stated it is 570-784-6300 which goes to the county for non-emergencies.

Mr. Bodman asked Bobby the status of the Ag Security listing. Bobby stated that the supervisors are still reviewing the list that Mr. Turowski provided and then an Ag Security Committee meeting will have to be held.

Mr. Bodman asked Tom if he felt it was prudent to advertise the Fire Tax increase, so residents know that it is being proposed. Tom stated that the budget will be advertised for inspection and a special advertisement is not needed. Dave Broadt stated that a letter is going out in November, which will be the last letter going out from the Fire Company looking for donations, and the letter specifically states the fire tax is being proposed by the township and this letter goes to all residents of the township.

Mr. Bodman suggested to Larry Frace that a current member of the zoning board be replaced since he has not been present at two hearings. Mr. Frace suggested that instead of removing him completely, that he be moved to the alternate and open the spot up of a member. Larry stated that the township would then have to advertise for the open position or appoint someone, but he would contact Mr. Klingerman first to see what his intentions are. Bobby asked if there was anyone in the room that would be interested and Mr. John Lenhart noted that he may be. Bobby stated that he could be appointed at the Zoning Board Re-Organization meeting in January.

Mr. Williams stated that he felt the position should be advertised so there is transparency as with any employee. Bobby stated that the township advertised for employees in the past and only received one applicant who was not qualified and that if someone approaches the supervisors that they are interested in working they give them the opportunity and it is working.

Mr. Bodman asked about the mowing at 478 East Hillcrest and Mr. Frace stated that a notice was placed on the door of the residence and he is going to file a complaint with the magistrate.

Mr. Bodman asked Bobby if it was ever determined what the substance was that caused trouble with the white truck when they discovered something was in the fuel and the truck needed a new pump and tank. Bobby stated that the sample was sent out, but it was not ever determined what the substance was. Bobby mentioned that it happened to another person he knows of and they swear it was from a bad load of fuel from a station in Mifflinville, where that person filed a lawsuit against the company for having cooking oil in their fuel. Bobby stated that the township runs its own fuel in all trucks now which is supplied by Fruits Fuel Service.

Mr. Bodman asked Jack what his impression was of the new police officer hired a month or two ago. Jack stated that there are still only the three current officers. Tom stated that the supervisors were going to hire another officer with the condition that all background checks went thru and not everything passed so he was not hired.

Mr. Bodman asked Jack if the police officers every experienced disrespect or harassment while on the job? Jack stated no that there was only one incident with a person in Wonderview who was then incarcerated, released to a half-way house, released from there and then ended up in prison again and died while there, which the autopsy showed he died from natural causes.

Mr. Bodman asked Jack his impression on the new police vehicle since he has had time to drive it. Jack stated that it is a good vehicle and he has not had any issues with it, though he still has not gone over 65 mph with it. Bobby stated that the guys who took it down to New Holland to have the cage installed told he the steering is extremely responsive.

Old Business

Chair Lift

Tom stated that the bidding for the contractor will go out by the county around mid-December with work to start in 2020. Tom stated that he specifically stated that the work cannot start until after March 1st due to the heat in the building in the winter. The lift will hold 1 person and a wheelchair.

New Business

2020 Budgets

The 2020 budgets will be advertised and posted for adoption at the December 2nd meeting.

Snowplow

A new snowplow has been ordered for the white truck.

Dirt & Gravel Roads

Tom stated he attend the 16-hour required EMS training courses for the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Program so the township may be eligible for grants to fix the township's dirt and gravel roads. The dirt and gravel roads in the township are the Railroad Bed (Bridge Road), Mountain Road, Fire Tower and part of Maple Drive. The program provides grants, so the roads are graded, and proper pipes are placed so water does not run into trout streams. Bobby stated that Beaver Township received a large grant and the program paid for everything including the pipes. The DSA was put down with a paver and the state will grade every year and they claim the material will last five years.

Sewage Officer Report

Lisa stated that Mr. Brior prepared a new application for an on-lot sewage disposal system for Jesse Bodnar and maintained the township's Act 149 files for October.

Zoning/Construction Report

Larry Frace provided the following report for October:

Zoning Permits

John Fridman, 106 Fire Tower Rd, Deck
James Lapinsal, 315 Scenic Ave, Shed

Construction Permits

John Fridman, 106 Fire Tower Rd., Deck
Richard Shuman, 108 Mt. Pink, C/O

Zoning Reports

John Mylin, 478 E. Hillcrest, complaint on high grass

Police Report

Jack read the October report:

Total hours- 217
Miles driven – 1,244
Incidents - 25
Traffic citations - 0
Non-traffic citations - 0
Reportable accidents – 0
Non-reportable accidents – 0

Jack stated that lines were re-painted, and the officers have been out but there has been no speeders and you can't write fines if they are within 10 miles over the speed limit.

Jack stated that they found out who the driver of the 4-wheeler was Mr. Edwards asked about on Look Out Dr and they spoke to the father who was unaware of the issue and he will make sure it does not happen again.

Tom made a motion to accept the police report and Bob Baylor seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell