

**Main Township Supervisors Meeting
November 3, 2020 7:00 pm**

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

Present for the meeting were:

Robert Frey, Chairman	Matt Turowski, Solicitor
Tom Shuman, Vice Chairman	Mike Krolikowski, Police Officer
Randy Rhoads, Supervisor	Jennifer Alexander, Police Officer
Larry Frace, Zoning Officer	William Brehm, Columbia County

First Order of Business

Minutes of Meeting

Lisa read the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting. Mr. Bodman stated that a change was needed to the information Mr. Turowski was to look into, the minutes should state that Mr. Turowski was asked if a contractor has to be licensed in order to submit a bid to the township for a project/contract. In November the question was refined to where one needs to be licensed in order to rent equipment to the township. Randy made a motion to accept the minutes; Tom seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

EFTPS		\$1,399.98
Wright Express	11894	\$211.72
PenTeleData	11895	\$99.95
YCG, Inc.	11896	\$15.00
Thomas Brown	11897	\$156.35
Void	11898	\$0.00
Hanson Aggregates of PA, Inc.	11900	\$575.63
PPL	11901	\$87.16
Renco	11902	\$84.49
William Brior	11903	\$732.85
PPL	11904	\$189.41
John Deere Financial	11905	\$454.93
Selective Insurance	11906	\$5,958.00
Verizon	11907	\$37.50
Verizon	11908	\$154.52
Belles Property Management	11909	\$5,500.00
Michele Greenly	11910	\$5.97
Berkheimer	11911	\$113.93
Iola Lumber Co.	11912	\$162.84
Thomas Brown	11913	\$47.63
Mike Krolikowski	11914	\$699.35
L. Schell	11915	\$110.00
PPL	11916	\$98.65
L. Schell	11917	\$199.99
Matthew Frey	11918	\$117.58
Robert Frey	11919	\$184.08
Mike Krolikowski	11925	\$693.39
Teresa Michael	11920	\$50.39
Randy Rhoads	11921	\$63.96

Lisa Schell	11922	\$831.71
Tom Shuman	11923	\$308.39
Kenneth Singley	11924	\$693.39
Scott Welsh	11925	\$550.23
John Pollard	11926	\$50.09
Jennifer Alexander	11927	\$494.39
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	Total	\$21,133.45

Deposits Received

Interest Earnings		\$47.06
Berkheimer		\$478.83
Berkheimer		\$805.84
Berkheimer		\$1,196.10
Berkheimer		\$3,962.26
Berkheimer		\$1,133.12
Berkheimer		\$979.64
Berkheimer		\$658.18
Berkheimer		\$96.97
B. Johnson		\$690.00
M. Pickin		\$690.00
Brenda Lupini		\$324.48
District Magistrate		\$324.58
Commonwealth of PA		\$198.91
District Magistrate		\$670.73
Columbia County (Debris Grant)		\$5,500.00
District Magistrate		\$323.99
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		\$18,080.69

Previous Balance General Fund		\$205,268.54
Deposits Received		\$18,080.69
Bills Paid		-\$21,133.45
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Current Balance		\$202,215.78

Employer Tax Account Fund

Previous Balance		\$1,605.56
PA Department of Revenue		\$187.86
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Current Balance		\$1,417.70

Special Account

Current Balance		\$4,073.36
Moved to General Account		-\$3,873.36
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		\$200.00

Fire Tax Account

Previous Balance	\$19,553.69
Deposit	\$0.00
Current Balance	<u>\$19,553.69</u>

State Account

Previous Balance	\$153,017.36
Interest	\$32.40
Bills Paid	\$0
Current Balance	<u>\$153,049.76</u>

Public Comment

Mimi Mylin reported on the website updates stating that she and Lisa talked about suggested changes and that she just provided Lisa a draft of the suggested changes for the home page. They would like to move the navigation to the top of the page and have the important contact listed so you see that information upon opening the site. Mimi also provided a very rough draft of an emergency services page that would have the police and fire department information. Once the supervisors review the changes to the homepage, Lisa will ask Aaron to make the changes.

Mr. Bodman asked what the large deposit from Brenda Lupini was for. Lisa stated that it was for real estate transfer taxes.

Mr. Bodman asked if as stated in the minutes Mr. Turowski looked into state laws on township residents using their equipment for township work. Mr. Turowski stated that he is stilling looking into the issue.

Mr. Bodman asked Randy was the status of the LED light replacement was. Randy stated that they received the materials, and the guys are about halfway done with the basement.

Mr. Bodman asked Tom the status of the chairlift. Tom stated that an update will be given under old business.

Mr. Bodman asked if they have looked at the ditch on Church Road yet since the one end is rusted out and sloping down. Bobby stated that he looked at it and they will not be doing anything with it at this time.

Mr. Bodman asked Larry Frace if he found anyone to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Frace stated the did not and they will have to advertise it if they cannot find someone.

Mr. Bodman asked Mike Krolikowski is the police department is looking into becoming part of the regional police force that he read an article in the paper about. Mike stated that the township was not contacted by anyone yet. Bobby stated that a few years back Beaver Township had asked the township to provide police services to them and the supervisors looked into it and it was not conducive to the township since the it would cost the township more money due to the liability costs. Bobby stated that regionalized police forces are spread thin and the State Police respond to our township when no officers are on duty.

Mr. Bodman stated that about 10-15 years ago the township had the police start using a timeclock and suggested that all employees use a time clock. The supervisors stated that it would be too difficult since the guys are often times called out and go from home or wherever they are and end elsewhere so it would be too difficult.

Mr. Bodman stated that he felt the Agricultural Security Area Board established July 1, 2019 was not in compliance since it should be consisted of three active farmers, 1 local citizen and one member of the board of supervisors. The current board members are Bobby Frey, Ronald Rhoads, Josh Shuman, Mr. Bodman and Tom Shuman. Mr. Turowski stated that he read the section of applicable law and the township is in compliance. Randy stated that he received the new handbook and the township cannot solicit for any changes to the current ag security area which means no phone calls to anyone, no advertisement, etc. it can only be by word of mouth now.

Mr. Bodman stated that he felt that roles such as police director, assistant police director, treasurer, etc. should be rotated. Tom stated that he is bonded as the treasurer and he has taken multiple training classes for being the EMA director and it just would not make sense.

At this time, Mr. Frey left the meeting and did not return.

Mr. Bodman stated that he heard that Mr. Turowski did some personal work for Bobby Frey and stated that was a conflict of interest. Mr. Turowski stated he has been in the practice for 25 years and that any personal work that he may or may not do for a public official has no bearing on his representation of the township and is not a conflict.

Mr. Bodman stated that several times he has heard that Lisa is very busy and suggested the township look at hiring a person to assist her.

Old Business

Chairlift

Tom introduced William Brehm, 504 County Officer, to inform the public on the status of the chairlift grant work. Mr. Brehm stated that on October 30th bids were received and they are vetting the two bids received as follows:

Mohawk Contracting & Development (Allentown) - \$119,275.00

Bognet, Inc. (Hazleton) - \$124,778.00

The two bids are still being vetted and once the final review is completed, the bid should be awarded to Mohawk Contracting & Development pending no issues once completely vetted.

Mr. Brehm stated that the job will entail a platform lift from the 1st floor to the 2nd floor, and to address the lack of ADA compliance in the bathroom, they will add a handicap stall. Mr. Brehm stated he felt this was the best most cost-effective solution for the township.

Randy made a motion to accept the low bid of \$119,275.00 from Mohawk Contracting & Development, pending no vetting issues; Tom seconded the motion. Tom noted that the project will only cost the township \$10,000. Mr. Brehm stated that the county is seeking the remaining final amount from different programs.

New Business

2021 Budgets

Lisa stated the 2021 budgets will be advertised and made available for review for approval at the December meeting.

Sewage Officer Report

Lisa stated no report was received for the month.

Zoning/Construction Report

Zoning Permits

Scott Bellum 335 Church Road, Demolition

Fred Sponenberg, 788 Mainville Drive, Demolition

James Gurshall, 553 East Hillcrest, In-ground pool

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Peddling Permit

Francis Persed, Agent for Sun Pulse Solar

Zoning Reports

Stopped and talked to the owner of an unkept property in Wonderview
Compliant on setbacks on an in-ground pool on E. Hillcrest Drive
Compliant about garbage on Main/Mifflin Road
Responded to an email on codes in the township

Larry stated that there is not much he can do about garbage or unkept pools since there is no ordinance in place. He stated that Nescopeck Township has one for these things and he will send to Mr. Turowski to review.

It was noted that consideration is still be given to adopting an ordinance for dangerous buildings.

Police Report

Mike introduced Jennifer Alexander as the new part-time police officer. Mike stated that he has been working with Jenn and she is doing very well. She is very knowledgeable, versed in all aspects and well adapted to farming communities since she works as a part-time officer for Benton as well.

Tom stated that Tom Brown and Nick Saullo are on reserve status since Tom is very busy with training for Lackawanna Academy and Nick is working more since school is back in.

Mike read the police activity for the month of October:

Total Hours 171.5
Milles driven 1,604
Traffic citations 21
Fuel 46 gallons
Incidents 48

Mike stated that he does not have the totals from PSP since it is too early in the month yet.

Randy made a motion to accept the zoning officer and police reports; Tom seconded the motion.

With no further business to discuss, Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm; Tom seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell
Secretary