

**Main Township Supervisors Meeting  
September 7, 2021, 7:00 pm**

**First Order of Business**

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

Present for the meeting were:

Randy Rhoads, Chairman	Brandon Beck, Police Officer
Robert Baylor, Supervisor	Matthew Turowski, Solicitor
Lisa Schell, Secretary	

**Minutes of Meeting**

Randy stated that the minutes were posted to the webpage. There were a few changes to name spellings, etc. that need to be made that Lisa will take care of. Bob made a motion to approve the August 2, 2021, minutes with the clarifications/changes, Randy seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**

**General Fund**

Previous Balance	225,983.57
Deposits Received	27,473.62
Bills Paid	(21,997.16)
Current Balance	<u><b>231,460.03</b></u>

**Employer Tax Account Fund**

Previous Balance	431.92
Commonwealth of PA	(252.52)
Current Balance	<u><b>179.40</b></u>

**Special Account**

Previous Balance	66,874.29
Commonwealth of PA	3,873.96
Current Balance	<u><b>70,748.25</b></u>

**Fire Tax Account**

Previous Balance	39,633.78
Deposit	0.00
Current Balance	<u><b>39,633.78</b></u>

**State Account**

Previous Balance	154,007.39
Interest	32.70
Current Balance	<u>154,040.09</u>

Bob made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report; Randy seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Public Comment**

Jack Lenhart asked if the potholes on East Maple could be fixed. Randy stated that they would take care of them.

Glen Hunsinger Sr. stated that he lives at 2291 Brookside Dr. and has a complaint that his neighbor’s sewage is discharging from a pipe onto his property. Glen Hunsinger Jr. stated the sewage officer was there and looked at it before but now that everything is wet it is really coming out. He has pictures and videos of it. Randy stated that they will pass the information on to William Brior, the sewage officer, and ask him to come take a look at it.

Mr. Bodman asked if Josh Klingerman quoted the township insurance renewal. Lisa stated that he did not. Lisa provided the information he requested early on, but then closer to the renewal he stated he needed more comprehensive applications completed and there was not enough time to provide. If he is interested next year, he will request earlier.

Mr. Bodman asked about the current zoning setbacks for fences due to issues that have been in the papers lately regarding adverse possession. He wants to clarify a fence setback and who is required to mow within the setback. Mr. Turowski stated that this was not an agenda item, and he is not prepared to answer without looking at the zoning ordinance. Randy stated that he feels each party would mow up to the fence, but it will have to be looked into.

Mr. Bodman also stated that the discussion regarding the demolition permit for Bobby Frey’s mother’s house was not mentioned in the minutes, but Larry mentioned it in his report at the meeting, and it should be clarified as to when a demolition permit is required or when it is not. It was stated at the meeting that it was a non-living area, so it did not need a permit but was not sure if it was connected to the house or not. It was stated that Mr. Frey requested the permit, but the zoning permit was not needed so he did nothing wrong. Mr. Bodman stated that there should be more communication with the zoning officer as to when or when there are no fees are charged.

Mr. Bodman also stated that there is a rumor out there that he had denied the Fire Company from getting water from his pond. Mr. Bodman talked with his wife about it and want it clarified that is not the case. Dave Broadt stated that he never heard that rumor.

Bob Baylor asked Dave Broadt what the man-made pond on Rich Shuman’s property, across from Ralph Defrain Sr’s house, was put up for. Dave Broadt stated that Rich put up the block wall to create a pond for farming use and it will be seasonal. Dave stated that Rich worked with Barry Trivelpiece on the permit, and it passed except two blocks need to come down due to the height. Dave stated though it is for farming use, the Fire Company can use it as well if needed.

Michelle Loff asked if the supervisors knew what the intentions of George Hettler are for the lot across from her house. Randy stated that he received a call from Mr. Hettler about putting the structure up and Mr. Hettler stated that he had contacted Mr. Frace's office, so any issues would have to go thru Mr. Frace.

Ms. Loff also stated that the two driveways above hers send too much run-off down the road into the drain in front of her house for the drain to handle and it is an old, galvanized pipe. Also, the pipe across the road on George Hettler's side is crushed where the water comes out and goes into the swamp and she would like to see the township replace. Randy stated he will take a look at them.

### **Old Business**

#### **Yellow Truck**

Randy stated that the truck repairs are coming along, and he received a call from Bradco today about some extras for undercoating (@\$300) and for a new toolbox (@\$258) since they could not get the old toolbox back on.

#### **Chairlift**

Randy stated that the chairlift is done, but there is still work to be done since the men's bathroom toilet is not right and the handicap parking lines are wrong. Randy stated that Tom did talk with them and they are aware of the outstanding issues. Randy also stated the township will not make any payments until the job is complete.

#### **Dirt & Gravel Grant**

Randy stated that the grant for work on West Maple was denied due to larger projects being awarded the monies. The township will re-apply next year and look at submitting one for Fire Tower Road in the future as well.

### **New Business**

#### **Ordinance #1 of 2021 – Supervisor Compensation**

Per the second-class Township Code, elected supervisors for a population "not more than 4,999" are entitled to an annual compensation of \$1,875. Randy stated that this will take effect for newly elected supervisors coming in, not the current ones, who currently receive \$50 for each monthly meeting attended for their supervisory role. Randy also stated that this compensation is for the duties only as a supervisor. Supervisors also receive compensation, as set by the auditors, for being employees of the township such as roadmasters/laborers which is separate and is tracked separately. Mr. Turowski drew up the ordinance based upon some other townships and research he did.

Bob made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1 of 2021 – Supervisor Compensation; Randy seconded the motion; all were in favor.

#### **Insurance Renewals**

Lisa stated that the township and fire company's policies renewed with the incumbent carriers with only minimal increases. The Fire Company liability premium is \$6,197 and the Township Commercial policies are \$20,358.

### **American Rescue Act Grant Money**

Randy stated that the township applied for the grant for townships related to the Covid Pandemic. Main Township was allotted \$133,349 in two installments. The first one was received in August and the second will be distributed next year. There are restrictions on how the money can be used, but they keep changing. As of now the funds can be used for stormwater management, so they are thinking of purchasing a generator for the township building which is used when there is flooding. They were hoping to use the funds for a storage building but that is not an approved use at this time. Dave Broadt suggested purchasing a stand-by generator since the township building could be used to house people in the event of a disaster/emergency.

### **Meeting with Eric Stahley**

Randy stated that the supervisors and Lisa met with Eric Stahley, Columbia County Resiliency Officer to review Main Township's Action Items for the Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan was reviewed, and any changes made will be submitted with the County Plan.

The supervisors also discussed the Creek Clean-Up Grant received and Mr. Stahley mentioned that there are still some funds available, so the township is going to submit another grant request to clean-up additional portions of the creek to help alleviate flooding.

### **Sewage Officer Report**

Lisa read the August report submitted by William Brior:

A sewage malfunction investigation site visit was done for Richard Vannatta  
Two Re-Use of Existing System applications were filed for Richard Vannatta  
Two Repair/New Applications were completed for Richard Vannatta

Mr. Brior also maintained the township's Act 149 files for August 2021.

Bob made a motion accept the August Sewage Officer Report; Randy seconded the motion; all were in favor.

### **Zoning/Construction Report**

No report was received for the month.

### **Police Report**

Brandon read the police activity for the month of July:

Hours-315  
Miles Driven- 1,545  
Non-Traffic-0  
Traffic citations-40  
Incidents- 121  
Training Hours – 32

Mr. Bodman asked where the traffic citations were issued, Officer Beck stated he did not have the detail with him but knows they have been working Sycamore Drive and Rt. 339. Officer Beck also stated that they have been

switching their hours up more as well.

Randy stated that he has asked the police to be on duty in the early mornings now that school is back in, and on the first day, Officer Savidge arrested someone who passed a stopped school bus.

Bob made a motion to accept the police report; Randy seconded the motion; all were in favor.

### **Other**

#### **Snow Plowing**

Randy stated that if anyone is interested in plowing snow for the township, please email the township or get in touch with one of the supervisors.

#### **Tree Removal**

Randy stated that the guys have had an issue with removing a tree off the township right-of-way after a storm. The tree was on a resident's property but fell over on the township right-of-way, so the township cut up the tree and removed it, but they received a call from the landowner who was very upset, so they had to go back and return the tree. The supervisors had asked Mr. Turowski about the township's responsibility and he had provided them with a copy of Section 2325 of the Second-Class Township Code prior to the meeting which addresses the issue. Mr. Turowski advised they can remove trees and shrubs within the township right of way that the supervisors believe are hazards to the use of the road or present a dangerous condition, but that they have an obligation to turn over trees which are cut to the abutting landowner.

Randy also stated that they had hired a local subcontractor to help with tree removal, clean-up after the storm since they did not have the equipment to remove some of the trees. The subcontractor was local and did a nice job with the clean-up. Mr. Williams stated he did not feel they practiced safe work zones. Randy stated they were hired in an emergency and assisted the township when needed.

#### **Grass Trimming**

Randy wanted to thank Matt Frey and Cliff Orzolek for the nice job done with trimming. He has received a number of compliments on the job.

With no further business to discuss, Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm; Bob seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell  
Secretary