

**Main Township Supervisors Meeting
November 1, 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	Philip Savidge, Police Officer
Robert Baylor, Supervisor (via phone)	Matthew Turowski, Solicitor
Lisa Schell, Secretary	Larry Frace, Zoning Officer

Appointment of Supervisor

Randy stated that they received applications from Ralph Defrain Jr., Clifton Orzolek, Christopher Bredbenner, Pamela Slusser and Joshua Shuman, all which are good candidates for the open supervisor position left by Tom Shuman. Bob Baylor made a motion to appoint Pamela Slusser to fill the vacant supervisor position. Bob stated that he felt she would be a good asset to the township. Randy asked the public if anyone had any objections or comments on the nomination of Pamela Slusser and stated that they could not really go wrong with any of the candidates. There were no comments and Randy seconded the motion to appoint Pamela Slusser as supervisor; all were in favor.

Mr. Turowski swore in Pamela Slusser as a current supervisor for Main Township and she then joined the meeting as supervisor.

Pam Slusser will fill serve the remainder of Tom Shuman's term until January 1 of the next May ballot, which the county will confirm.

Bob Baylor then dismissed himself since he got called into work at the university tonight.

Police Report

Randy stated that Philip Savidge was on duty for Montour Township tonight, but they agreed to allow Phil to attend tonight's meeting since we have a good relationship with their township, so in order to let Phil get back to work, the police report was moved up on the agenda.

Philip read the police activity for the month of October:

Hours-213

Miles Driven- 1,290

Non-Traffic-0

Traffic citations-16

Responded to two suicides – one on Fire Tower and one on Fisher Run Road

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

Minutes of Meeting

Randy stated that the minutes and agenda were available for review on the webpage. Pam made a motion to approve the October 4, 2021, Randy seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Previous Balance	241,955.16
Deposits Received	10,058.24
Bills Paid	(24,853.75)
Current Balance	<u>227,159.65</u>

Employer Tax Account Fund

Previous Balance	1,140.00
Commonwealth of PA	(219.66)
Current Balance	<u>920.34</u>

Special Account

Current Balance	66,874.29
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Fire Tax Account

Previous Balance	39,633.78
Deposit	181.89
Current Balance	<u>39,815.67</u>

State Account

Previous Balance	154,071.75
Interest	32.72
Current Balance	<u>154,104.47</u>

Pam made a motion to approve the October treasurer's report as read; Randy seconded the motion.

Public Comment

Mr. Bodman stated that he read the article in the Press Enterprise in regard to the building being haunted and that in the article is stated that the hallways are dark, which could pose a safety issue and felt there should be better

lighting. Randy stated that they did switch some the lights with LCD bulbs when they switched out the garage and there is a two-way switch upstairs in the hallway.

It was also noted that the transfer of funding that was in the paper Charlie Williams asked about last month was the funding of the American Rescue Act Covid relief.

Michelle Loff asked what projects would be worked on next year. Randy stated that they will replacing pipes and that the steel pipe above her driveway does need to be changed.

Kim Orzolek stated she felt it would be a good idea to have plaques made for the township building to honor all the past supervisors and stated it would be a good eagle scout project for a boy scout.

Jesse Bredbenner asked if there was any update on the owner of the railroad bed behind his house. Mr. Frace stated that he did not get a chance yet but will look into it. Jesse stated that he would like to do something since a number of out-of-town people are using it.

Diane Littlewood from Wonderview stated that she wanted to give an update on the Wonderview issues since she attended the township meeting in July. She stated that she took her concerns of putting up guiderails at the entrance to Wonderview to Catawissa Township but was told they do not have the funding or the manpower to do anything about the issue. She called PennDot about the entrance since it is off a state intersection, but they will not get involved since it is not on the state road. She also called Chris Young, Columbia County Commissioner about her concerns, who then referred her to Matt Hess from the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Hess even came out and looked at the area and stated there is possible funding, but they have not heard back from him. She also sent letters to the residents about her concerns with the safety of the entrance, speeding in the area and the upkeep of properties.

Randy stated that it is a sticky situation since the issue is not in our township and though the township could afford to replace the guiderails, due to liability concerns, there would have to be an agreement with Catawissa Township for permission to put it up and also who would maintain it, since Main Township has no control over that portion of the development.

Mr. Turowski stated that the township does not have any authority at this time to do anything since Catawissa owns it or has the jurisdiction of that area. Mr. Turowski asked if Mr. Yohey ever dedicated the road to the township after he put in the development, but as far as Randy knew, Main Township does not have any claim to the road. Mr. Turowski stated that the next steps would be to see who actually has ownership of that piece of property in question, by researching the original agreement for Wonderview with Mr. Yohey, which the Recorder of Deeds should have on file at the courthouse.

Old Business

Yellow Truck

Randy stated that Bradco is finished with the truck, and they are going to inspect it and then we can pick it up.

Chairlift

Randy asked Larry Frace if the one outstanding issue with the handicap sign was corrected yet. Larry stated the did correspond with county via email and will let the township know when it is completed.

New Business

Fire Company Report

Dave Broadt, Fire Chief, stated that since there have been number of questions about the fire company's expenses, he will provide his presentation at the end of the meeting since he has a PowerPoint presentation, and it will take over five minutes. The presentation will provide information on what the fire company does, how long they have been operating, discuss their expenses and goals for the future of the fire company.

2022 Budgets

Lisa stated the 2022 budgets will be advertised and posted on the webpage and be ready for adoption at the December Supervisor's meeting.

Sewage Officer Report

Lisa read the October report submitted by William Brior.

He investigated one sewage malfunction for Dan O'Kane and attended DEP Act 537 Training.

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

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

Zoning/Construction Report

Zoning Permits – no permits were issued.

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Zoning Issues

286 Main/Mifflin Road

The owner filed appeals on both citations and a hearing was held of September 2, 2021, and he was given a 60-day continuance to come into compliance. Larry stated the hearing is scheduled for November 2, 2021, at 10:00am.

250 River Drive

Complaint about grass and branches on the right of way. Letter will be sent out.

108 Mountain Pink

Complaint about trailer not being licensed in field. Larry sent the owner a copy of the Ordinance.

Pam made a motion to accept the Zoning Report; Randy seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Dave Broadt then gave his presentation on the Main Township Volunteer Fire Company.

With no further business to discuss after the presentation, Pam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm; Randy seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell
Secretary