

**Main Township Supervisors Meeting
July 5, 2022, 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
Pamela Slusser, Supervisor
Robert Baylor, Supervisor
Lisa Schell, Secretary

Matthew Turowski, Solicitor
Philip Savidge, Police Officer
Adam Eckley, Zoning Officer

Public Attendees: 20

Minutes of Meeting

Randy stated that the minutes were posted to the webpage. Pam made a motion to approve the June 6, 2022, minutes, Bob seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Previous Balance	226,748.69
Deposits Received	19,312.34
Bills Paid	(19,167.82)
Current Balance	<u>226,893.21</u>

Employer Tax Account Fund

Previous Balance	759.15
Commonwealth of PA	(288.59)
Current Balance	<u>470.56</u>

Special Account

Current Balance	<u>66,874.29</u>
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Fire Tax Account

Previous Balance	58,496.68
Transfer from General Fund	0.00
Current Balance	<u>58,496.68</u>

State Account

Previous Balance	235,586.17
Interest	<u>217.93</u>
Current Balance	<u>235,804.10</u>

Pam made a motion to approve the June treasurer’s report as read; Bob seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Public Comment

Bob Edwards thanked the township for doing the ditch work.

Mr. Bodman asked about the Special Account. Lisa stated that account has the American Rescue Act funds in there along with the \$200 which keeps the account open. That account is used for government monies since the ARA funds, or any grants received are not allowed to earn interest or the township would have to pay all the interest back.

Mr. Bodman stated with harvest truck traffic starting up there is a tree between the Reformed Church and Dave Klingerman’s that needs to be trimmed since you cannot drive thru with a truck unless you drive in the opposite lane.

Mr. Bodman asked if the minutes could reflect the number of attendees at each month’s meeting. Last month he looked at the log with Phil and only 10 people logged in at the book; but there were 18 people in attendance. He noted that a number of township’s do not get many attendees if any and thought it was a good idea to show the level of participation.

Tonya Dodge from Wonderview, stated that there were two separate incidents in Wonderview, the first one was a domestic incident with shots fired where she called 911, who called PSP since the Main Township Police were not on duty and an hour and 38 minutes they still did not come. Then last week it was a 911 call related to a severe allergy attack and fortunately they could use an EpiPen since it took 27 minutes for an ambulance to show. Also, it came with no lights or sirens. As a nurse she is very concerned about response times since in situations like the two mentioned, minutes count. She called 911 to make a complaint and was told to come to the township meeting. She asked if there could be more police presence in Wonderview.

Randy stated that the township’s police force is only part-time, and they cover the best they can and even increased the police budget this year so they would have more hours.

Phil stated that the PSP is in charge of their troopers who could be anywhere in the county area at the time, and they need to complain to the PSP since they operate on their own. Phil stated he works a few days a week mostly in the evenings/nights, and Mike works most days during the day, and they are looking for an additional officer for evenings.

It was also noted that Main Township does not have an ambulance service and she would need to contact the 911

Center.

Dave Broadt stated that ambulance response time has been bad, and she should also contact Dr. Kupas at Geisinger since he is in charge of the Berwick/Danville ambulances. He also stated that when a call goes into 911 Columbia County it is toned out for two minutes for Bloomsburg Ambulance and if there is no response or they are not available, then it goes to mutual aid to see who is available. Dave told her to contact Jeremy Brown who is the director of the 911 Center. Dave did note that another reason for delays is there is not enough EMS staff and a number of the ambulances do nursing home transfers since they make more money on them which ties up the vehicle as well.

Dave Broadt provided the following Fire Chief's Report for January – June, 2022:

Dispatched for:

- 9 - Structure Fires, 9 were mutual aid
- 7 – Wild Fires, 4 were mutual aid
- 5 – Motor vehicle accidents, no injuries, 3 were mutual aid
- 3 – Motor vehicle accidents with injury, 1 was mutual aid
- 9 – Powerline down / tree fire
- 1 – Medical assist
- 1 – Automatic fire alarm
- 1- Oil spill
- 1 – LP Gas leak
- 1 – Dumpster fire

38 total calls for the first six months, 23 mutual aid responses. Main Township did not need any mutual aid for use.

Old Business

Building Signs

Mike is still working on the signs for the front of the township building. Joyce Lingousky stated the police sign looks great. Phil stated thanks goes to Mr. Beamer for the work.

New Building, Generator and Furnace

The generator is on order.

Randy noted they decided on a contractor for the new furnace and AC and will work on getting on their schedule.

Ted Oman was here today to do the survey and will start work on the estimate for the land development plan and building which will have to be submitted to the county.

Road Work

HRI is backed up with work and pushed back the start of the project work until late July.

ATVs on Township Roads

Randy stated that Mr. Turowski has provided the supervisors with information on this matter, and it shows that it

opens up the township to a number of liability issues and they need time to process the information, so they will not be moving forward with it at this time.

New Business

IRS Mileage Change

Effective 7/1/22 the new IRS mileage reimbursement rate is 62.5 cents per mile.

Insurance Broker Change

The township has changed insurance brokers to The Henry Dunn Group and will be working with Josh Klingerman as their contact.

Sewage Officer Report

Lisa read the June report from Robert Fugate:

Maintained the Main Township's Act 149 files for June 2022

Pam made a motion to accept the sewage officer report; Bob seconded; all were in favor.

Zoning/Construction Report

Adam Eckley stated that he has been familiarizing himself with the township and reviewing the new Zoning Ordinance.

Larry Frace is continuing with the three previous UCC permits he was working on.

Pam made a motion to accept the zoning report; Bob seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Police Report

Phil read the police activity for the month of June:

Hours- 182.5

Miles Driven- 1,056

Incidents - 95

Traffic citations-32

Non-traffic - 2

Criminal arrest – 2

Phil stated the township purchased the new police car from Montour Township and will be getting the signs put on it.

Phil noted the police are now selling challenge coins for \$15 each as a fundraiser for police equipment. They are also accepting donations for the police for the equipment fund which they have been maintaining a list of items so they can use the budgeted money from the township for salaries so they can provide more hours and staff.

If anyone would make a donation of any type it is logged on record, as well as a copy to the person making the donation, the police office, and a copy to the township.

Dave Broadt noted that if the police need some supplies now to call Capital since they are offering a 40% discount thru the end of Sept.

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

With no further business to discuss, Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm; Pam seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell
Secretary