

Main Township Supervisors Meeting
June 6, 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

Minutes of Meeting

Randy stated that the minutes were posted to the webpage. Pam made a motion to approve the May 2, 2022, minutes, Bob seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Previous Balance	200,734.92
Deposits Received	67,354.40
Bills Paid	<u>(41,340.63)</u>
Current Balance	<u>226,748.69</u>

Employer Tax Account Fund

Previous Balance	1,046.01
Commonwealth of PA	<u>(286.86)</u>
Current Balance	<u>759.15</u>

Special Account

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

Previous Balance	44,521.70
Transfer from General Fund	<u>13,974.98</u>
Current Balance	<u>58,496.68</u>

State Account

Previous Balance	235,449.02
Interest	137.12
Current Balance	<u>235,586.14</u>

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

Public Comment

Jennifer Sink stated that she wanted to petition the township for a permission to ride 4-Wheelers and other ATVs on the township roads legally. She stated that other townships, cities etc. allow these types of insured vehicles to ride on public roads. Mr. Turowski stated that he is not prepared to give a response since this is the first time he is hearing about it and would have to research the legality of it for the supervisors. He stated that riding on public paved roads with ATV’s is much different than riding on dirt roads/trails. Mr. Turowski also stated that Shamokin is part of the AOA and allows ATVs to ride on certain roads in partnership with the AOA and to help downtown businesses.

Kim Orzolek stated that the township cut grass back at the intersection of Church Road and Mt. Pink, but it is not low enough for sight distance. Randy stated that it was done by hand with a weedwhacker and once they mow with the mowers it will be better.

Diane Littlewood from Wonderview stated that it has been a year since she came to the township and asked for something to be done with guiderails at the entrance of Wonderview since it is a safety concern due to the drop-off to a cliff. During the past year she has talked to Catawissa Township, Senator Gordner’s office, Mr. Millard, Chris Young, and Matt Hess at the Redevelopment office. She stated Catawissa Township is reluctant to help since they only have eight homes in Wonderview and Main has @ 160 homes in their portion. They stated they do not have money left in their budget for guiderails. LTAC did an assessment of the entrance and when she asked Catawissa for the results, they were not willing to share. She did obtain a copy of the assessment from PennDot and the assessment states that up to 240 guiderails are warranted but is up to the township to do the work.

Ms. Littlewood stated she is reaching out again for help and asked if the supervisors could reach out to Catawissa again. Randy stated that they have gone to one of their meetings and can reach out again, but it is not Main Township’s responsibility, but they would be willing to discuss it with Catawissa Township again. Mr. Turowski stated that the township cannot do the road improvements due to the legality and liability issues since it is Catawissa’s portion of the road.

Randy heard a few concerns about potholes on Fisher Run Road and Hillside Drive and stated that the guys would be out cold patching this coming week and HRI will be doing the base repairs to Fisher Run Road when school is out in late June or early July.

Old Business

Building Signs

Mike is still working on the signs for the front of the township building.

New Building, Generator and Furnace

The generator is still in the works for the building.

They received three bids for the new furnace and AC for a few rooms in the building and are reviewing them.

The supervisors have hired Ted Oman as the surveyor to review and provide an estimate for the land development plan and building which will have to be submitted to the county. He is tentatively scheduled to come on July 5th.

Fire Tax Ordinance

The fire tax ordinance was advertised for adoption at tonight's meeting. Randy stated that Dave Broadt was provided a copy to review prior to adoption. Dave stated that he reviewed the ordinance with the Fire Department, and they were fine with the ordinance but just felt it was a little wordy and duplicative. Mr. Turowski stated that ordinance mimics the 2nd Class Township Code on how the tax money can be expended. Dave stated the fire company is fine with that.

Bob Baylor then made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2022 to Establish Rules and Regulations Regarding the Expenditure of Appropriated Funds Provided by Main Township to Volunteer Fire Companies; Pam seconded the motion; all were in favor.

New Business

Appointment of New Zoning Officer and UCC Code Enforcement Office

Randy stated that the township notified Larry Frace that they were ending his services as of May 31, 2022. Mr. Frace will continue with the work he has in process.

They have talked to Adam Eckley, who resides in the township and is qualified to perform the zoning officer duties and feel he would be a good fit with better communication and easier to get a hold of.

Bob then made a motion to appoint Adam Eckley as zoning officer; Pam seconded the motion; all were in favor.

The township would like to enter into the Tri-County COG for UCC services. Bob then made a motion to adopt Resolution #1 of 2022 to become a member of the Tri-County Council of Governments for UCC services with a fee of \$200; Pam seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Sewage Officer Report

Lisa stated read the May report from Robert Fugate:

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

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

Zoning/Construction Report

Lisa read the zoning report provided by Larry Frace for May:

Zoning Permits

MS Bond Busing, 335 Church Road, for a bus lot

MS Bond Busing, 335 Church Road, for a driveway permit

Construction Permits

No permits were issued for the month

Zoning Reports

5/16 Filed violations at the Magistrate against George Hettler for violations of the zoning and floodplain regulations

5/26 – Right to Know request

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 May:

Hours- 313

Miles Driven- 1,324

Incidents - 76

Traffic citations-26

Criminal arrest – 2

Training on tactical self defense

Phil thanked Mr. Beamer for the wonderful sign he painted for the police.

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 7:30pm; Pam seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell
Secretary