

**Main Township Supervisors Meeting
September 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	Matthew Turowski, Solicitor
Robert Baylor, Supervisor	Adam Eckley, Zoning Officer
Lisa Schell, Secretary	Philip Savidge, Police
Public Attendees: 16	

Minutes of Meeting

Randy stated that the minutes were posted to the webpage. Bob made a motion to approve the August 1, 2022, minutes, Pam seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Previous Balance	233,237.92
Deposits Received	27,359.69
Bills Paid	(24,936.78)
Current Balance	<u>235,660.83</u>

**Employer Tax Account
Fund**

Previous Balance	239.61
Transfer from General Fund	1,200.00
PA UC Fund	(480.11)
Commonwealth of PA	(200.74)
Current Balance	<u>758.76</u>

Special Account

Current Balance	67,085.10
Deposit from State	3,873.36
Current Balance	<u>70,958.46</u>

Fire Tax Account

Previous Balance	59,559.24
	<u>0.00</u>
Current Balance	<u>59,559.24</u>

State Account

Previous Balance	236,124.10
Interest	<u>451.64</u>
Current Balance	<u>236,575.74</u>

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

Public Comment

Tom Phillips, Wonderview, stated that he knows a group from Wonderview want to get guardrails at the entrance, but he felt the township should consider what they would do when the township plows snow since they now push the snow off the side, and they would not be able to with guardrails there. Randy stated that the township is not doing anything with the entrance since it is Catawissa Township’s responsibility, and he should contact them.

Mr. Phillips also stated that two years ago the police painted lines on the roads in Wonderview and he asked to have lines painted on Riverview Ave. Mike Krolkowski said there was no reason they could not put them there, but he never heard anything, and no lines were ever painted. Phil stated that he will take a look at the road there.

Mr. Bodman stated that last spring the supervisors stated that they were looking at paving East Hillcrest past Arlie Thrush’s house when the roadwork for the project began, but the contractor is now gone, and the work was not done. Randy stated that when he met with Mr. Kehoe from the state, he felt no work was warranted at this time since there are still multiple layers of tar that can take the heat and cold.

Mr. Bodman stated that at last month’s meeting Randy stated that he thought the signs for the building were done, but there is not Main Township Municipal Building sign out front only one for the police. Randy will talk to Mike about it.

Mr. Bodman asked that the township update the website with the resolutions and ordinances passed over the past few years.

Josh Klingerman stated that he has worked with the township for this year’s insurance renewals and wanted to bring to light how lucky the township is to have an employee like Lisa working for them. He stated that the renewal process went very smooth and Lisa’s knowledge from working at Geisinger full time in the property and casualty insurance field is not something he is used to. She realized the total equipment values need higher limits and her knowledge was very valuable, and he wanted to let the township know what an asset they have.

Old Business

New Building, Generator and Furnace

The generator is installed and in working order. Mr. Bodman asked if there will be periodic checks and Randy stated they are automatically done. The contractor will also be coming to meet with a few of them to go over the generator.

Randy stated they are still on the contractor's schedule to install a new furnace and flush mount AC units in some rooms.

Ted Oman is still working on the estimate for the land development plan and building which will have to be submitted to the county.

Road Work

The project work has been completed.

Fire Company Funds

Dave Broadt presented two bills from Bear Fuels to the township, one for heating oil and one for fuel. The township will pay the fuel bill from the township funds and the heating oil from the Fire Tax fund. Dave stated he did not get to discuss spending 30% of the tax funds and he will try to abide by that but cannot promise that by the end of this year.

Charlie Williams asked how the supervisors arrive at the 30% figure. Randy stated that the three supervisors discussed the issue and came up with it. They had received multiple complaints about the tax funds not being used. Randy stated the 30% that would be paid out of the tax fund each year, just frees up the Fire Company's accounts by 30%. Dave stated that they would like to build the tax fund up to \$100,000 in order to use as a down payment on a new truck and the Fire Company would add \$100,000 from their truck fund account so they would have a sizeable down payment and then be able to use the tax account funds to pay the payments. Mr. Bodman asked if they considered ordering a truck now with the \$60,000 in the account now and the fire company adds \$60,000. Dave stated that he is just getting the truck specs now and once he has those, he will put out for pricing but with a truck being \$450,000 - \$500,000 the payments only putting @ \$100,000 down would be too high.

Mr. Turowski stated that the fire tax was put in place to help the fire company with revenue since their donations were going down. Randy asked if donations have dropped since the tax. Dave stated that they no longer send an ask letter to every resident since the tax was put in place which makes it fairer.

Charlie Williams then asked Randy if the township would consider out ruling the 30% rule if he had enough signatures on a petition. Randy stated yes, he would consider it.

New Business

Tri-County Cog

Steve Beilski and Stephani Davis from Tri-County Cog introduced themselves since they are now handling the township's building permits and inspections. Steve stated he has over 19 years with the Tri-County Cog and 29

years with municipal experience. Stephani is the assistant administrator. Mr. Bielski stated everything is done in-house. The Tri-County Cog was originally formed with Luzerne, Columbia, and Lycoming counties. Lycoming eventually developed their own and now they work with Northumberland County as well.

Mr. Bodman asked what the \$200 fee paid in June was for. Stephani stated that the fee is an annual fee to belong to the cog to get their services. Tri-County Cog is a subsidiary of the Main Cog.

Randy thanked them for coming to the meeting to introduce themselves. Adam stated that he works closely with Steve and Stephani for certain types of projects, and it is nice that they are located in Rupert, and they are very helpful.

Dirt & Gravel Grant

Randy stated that the township was awarded a grant for West Maple Dr. We also put in an application for Fire Tower Road but did not get funding for that one since it is such a large project. Randy said it is good to start with a smaller road and work will begin most like next spring.

Community Day

Pam stated that the first community day was held August 20th and they had 10 cars show, 2 fire trucks and the two police cars. They made \$347 on food and after expenses were paid the police will get \$173.50 and the fire company will get \$173.50. Pam stated they just rolled with it this year and hope to have one annually.

Sewage Officer Report

Lisa stated read the June report from Robert Fugate:

Prepared a Component I Planning Module for the Klingerman Family subdivision and submitted to DEP
Maintained the Main Township's Act 149 files for August 2022

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

Zoning/Construction Report

Adam Eckley stated he issued permits for the following:

- One attached carport – Brookside
- One driveway repair permit

Adam stated he was also busy with a number of calls in regard to complaints on high grass, trash and rubbish which are all out of compliance with township ordinances. Adam stated that the township is a nice place to live, and everyone should do their part to keep it nice and abide by the rules. He noted that these complaints take a lot of his, the supervisors and police officer's time.

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

Police Report

Phil provided the July and August reports:

July
1,219 miles

August
1,006 miles

99 gallons of fuel
1 criminal arrest for trespassing
80 incidents
14 traffic citations
0 non-traffic

79 gallons of fuel
1 criminal arrest – felony for possessing
10 ghost handguns and drug paraphernalia
14 traffic citations
58 incidents

Phil thanked Pam for her help with the Community Day, which went well for their first one.

Pam made a motion to approve the police reports; Bob seconded the motion.

With no further business to discuss, Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm; Pam seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell
Secretary