

**Main Township Supervisors Meeting
December 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	Matthew Turowski, Solicitor
Bob Baylor, Supervisor	Adam Eckley, Zoning Officer
Lisa Schell, Secretary	Philip Savidge, Police Officer

Public Attendees: 11

Minutes of Meeting

Randy stated that the minutes were posted to the webpage. Lisa stated there is one change where it states Bob made a motion, it will be changed to Randy. Pam made a motion to approve the November 7, 2022, minutes with the correction; Bob seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Previous Balance	216,810.45
Deposits Received	73,705.45
Bills Paid	<u>(12,791.45)</u>
Current Balance	<u>277,724.45</u>

Employer Tax Account Fund

Previous Balance	1,261.38
Commonwealth of PA	<u>(187.39)</u>
Current Balance	<u>1,073.99</u>

Special Account

Current Balance	133,759.39
Transfer to General Fund	<u>(9,849.00)</u>
	<u>123,910.39</u>

Fire Tax Account

Previous Balance	57,246.66
Deposit	537.16
Current Balance	<u>57,783.82</u>

State Account

Previous Balance	133,924.77
Interest	407.28
Current Balance	<u>134,332.05</u>

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

Public Comment

Mr. Bodman asked what the payment to the Fire Company was for? Lisa stated it was the Fireman’s Relief Fund payment the Fire Company receives from the state each year. The payment was deposited to the township account and the township gives to the Fire Company.

Mr. Bodman asked what the payment to Overhead Doors was for as well. Randy stated it was for the second garage door opener.

Mr. Bodman asked what the payment to Wade Hampton was for. Randy stated he is the one who installed the generator for the building.

Mr. Bodman then stated he felt the supervisors should take action on revising/editing the current zoning ordinance on solar installations, so the township does not end up in a situation like Scott and Montour townships, since our township has a lot of prime agricultural land. He also saw that a large system was just installed in the township and wants to make sure our township does not go thru what those townships are going thru.

Adam Eckley agreed that the zoning ordinance does not differentiate from residential or commercial and it is not clear on how it is defined in the ordinance. Adam stated that it is common for solar systems to be oversized and there is a current demand for them now. The systems seem to last 5-10 years and it is cheaper to make them larger than needed since it is easier to add then to put a whole new system in.

Old Business

New Building and Furnace

The new furnace has been installed and the mini splits for the A/C will be installed in the spring.

Charlie Williams stated that he did not see anything on the bids for the furnace and asked why they were not shared with the public. Randy stated that the bids were all received as phone quotes and then followed-up with written documentation. All bids came in under the bidding threshold (\$21,900) and only required phone quotes. He thought they may have been shared at an earlier meeting but would have to check on that. Bob stated that he did receive quotes from three contractors for the work. Mr. Williams and Mr. Bodman both felt that the information needs to be shared with the public so there is transparency, and the public is aware of large purchases/contracts. Randy stated he will do better on that.

Mr. Williams then asked the supervisors what is being done on the Wonderview guiderail issue since he does not recall anything was resolved. Mr. Turowski stated that the guiderails are not the township's issue since the area is not in the township's jurisdiction so they will not be doing anything about them.

Joyce Lingousky stated that she did some research of her own on the issue to see if the state or township would have any liability if a claim was made due to an accident. She found that the state will not do anything either since PennDot has no duties to maintain that area of the road; and lawsuits show that the Commonwealth of PA refrains from installing guiderails completely since the absence of guiderails does not render the highway unsafe for its intended use (driving and not leaving the road surface).

Matt again stated it is not Main Township's issue and they will not be doing anything about the guiderails.

Mr. Williams then asked if the township has done anything about the request Mr. Mitchell made about putting a yield sign instead of a stop sign on one side of the Fisher Run Road bridge. Randy stated that the state required them at the time the bridge was repaired, and Mr. Mitchell would have to contact PennDot.

Pam stated that Ted Oman submitted the building plans for the land development to the county and we are waiting to hear back from them. Randy stated that if everything is approved with the county the township will put a bid out for the building and if the bids come back in very high and above what the township has received funds for, they will just go with a pole building for salt instead. That way the only money the township would put out would be for the \$7,500 to the surveyor and the cost of the advertisement.

Truck Cameras

Bob stated that he will be ordering another camera for the white truck which will be put on in the spring. There is currently one on the red truck now, so only the old truck will be without one. Mr. Bodman asked why they wouldn't order one for that as well since they are not that expensive. The supervisors agreed.

Resolution to Engage a CPA for Auditing

Mr. Turowski stated a resolution will be advertised in January for adoption at the February meeting for the township to engage a CPA for auditing the books since there is no interest in elected auditors, which is allowed by the Second-Class Township Code. Mr. Turowski stated that he reviewed the revised scope of services the firm sent to Lisa and has no issues with it. Lisa stated the firm selected is the CPA for a large number of townships in Columbia County who use audit firms. She stated she called several local agencies, but they do not want to get involved with the state for the audits. She stated that Catawissa, Beaver, Montour, Roaring Creek all use this firm and have no issues.

Matt stated that the elected/appointed auditors will still be necessary to set the supervisor's wages at the Auditor's Reorganizational meeting in January.

New Business

Catawissa and Roaring Creek 2022-2023 Snow Agreements

Randy stated new agreements will be sent to Catawissa Township for \$600 for their portion of Wonderview and Roaring Creek Township for \$300 for their portion of Fisher Run Road for the current snow season.

Bob made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Snow Agreements; Pam seconded the motion.

Resolution for Implementing Act 57 of 2022

Mr. Turowski stated that Act 57 of 2022, amending the Local Tax Collection Law, signed by Governor Wolf on July 11, 2022, and October 10, 2022. Act 57 requires taxing districts that impose taxes on the assessed value of real property to adopt a resolution or ordinance within 90 days of the effective date of the Act, or no later than January 9, 2023, directing tax collectors to waive additional charges for real property estate taxes in certain situations. Matt explained that the Act will help in an instance when a property is sold, and the old owner does not pay the taxes since they received the tax notice but sold the property. The new owner then receives a notice the next year of the unpaid taxes and must pay the penalties/fees for being late, but they never received the notice for the taxes in the prior year since the County Assessment office only provides to tax collector at certain times which Matt did not know how long that took after a property was sold.

This resolution will be adopted at the January Reorganizational meeting.

Sewage Officer Report

Lisa stated read the November report from Robert Fugate:

Issued a permit to Allison Haupt
Maintained the Main Township's Act 149 files for November 2022

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

Zoning/Construction Report

Adam Eckley stated he issued one permits in November:

Lisa Schell– Railroad Lane – Pole Shed Garage

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

Police Report

Phil provided the November report:

1,236 miles
291.5 hours
63 gallons of gas
71 incidents and 787 year-to-date
13 traffic citations
0 non-traffic incidents
0 criminal arrests

1 arrest for a warrant which was related to the SD card theft on trail cameras
Investigated a criminal incident at the 100 block of Fisher Run Road for spray painting a vehicle.

Phil stated there is a recall on Car #1 so while that is in for service it is nice to have Car #2 available. There is a shortage on the parts for the exhaust system, so they are waiting to hear back from the dealership when it comes in, but it is safe to drive in the meantime.

Mr. Williams asked why this is the first time he is hearing about the incident on Fisher Run Road since he lives in the 100. Phil stated it seems to be an isolated incident and he spoke to the owner but have no leads yet. He did do a press release for the paper; however, they have not run anything yet. Phil also stated the posted something on the Mainville Police Facebook page as well. Mr. Williams was provided that information as well.

Pam made a motion to approve the November Police Report; Bob seconded the motion; all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss, Pam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm; Randy seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Schell
Secretary