

**Main Township Supervisors Meeting
May 1, 2023, 7:00 pm**

First Order of Business

The meeting then began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the meeting were:

Randy Rhoads, Chairman	Philip Savidge, Police Officer
Pamela Slusser, Supervisor	Mike Krolikowski, Police Officer
Bob Baylor, Supervisor	Matthew Turowski, Solicitor
Lisa Schell, Secretary	Adam Eckley, Zoning Officer

Public Attendees: 15

Minutes of Meeting

Randy stated the April minutes were posted to the webpage for review. Pam made a motion to approve the April 3, 2023, minutes; Bob seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Previous Balance	287,124.21
Deposits Received	12,726.14
Bills Paid	(20,317.04)
Current Balance	<u>279,533.31</u>

Employer Tax Account Fund

Previous Balance	533.18
Deposit from General Fund	1,200.00
PA UC Fund	(298.34)
Current Balance	<u>1,434.84</u>

Special Account

Current Balance	123,910.39
Transfer to General Fund	0.00
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Fire Tax Account

Previous Balance	58,744.62
Deposit	0.00
Current Balance	<u>58,744.62</u>

State Account

Previous Balance	153,133.34
Interest	818.46
Commonwealth of PA (Liquid Fuels)	70,634.24
Current Balance	<u>224,586.04</u>

Bob made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report; Pam seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Public Comment

Ralph Lewis, 275 Riverview Ave., Wonderview, stated he has lived there for eight years and there is a drainage issue in the front of his house, and he is concerned because there is a crack across his driveway and his porch is sinking. He stated he is very concerned and asked if there was anything the township could do.

Randy stated that they would have to look at the sight and asked Mr. Lewis for his contact information, which he provided, so the guys can set up a time to look and assess the situation.

Joyce Lingousky thanked the supervisors, police and zoning for getting the property at 286 Main-Mifflin cleaned-up.

Mr. Bodman requested that the minutes reflect in the zoning report, the full name and address for the permits issued each month and include the cost of each permit. Adam Eckley stated he can provide more information going forward.

Robert Baylor III stated that there are missing pieces on the climbing wall on the playground area and a few bolts are missing as well. He also noted that the backboards are very old and feels they should be replaced.

Randy stated that they will take a look at the playground area for any maintenance issues.

Robert also asked if there is an actual road plan for the work being done above his property on West Maple? Randy stated that he can provide a copy of the information from Aaron Eldred, Columbia County. Randy also stated Sokol was awarded the bid.

Mr. Baylor asked what the markings on West Maple were for. Randy stated it is to indicate that the hemlock trees do not be cut. Mr. Baylor also asked that they do not dump the chips on his property. He

also asked if there was a “no dumping” ordinance in the township.

Randy apologized and stated that he is not sure what happened with the tree trimmers and there must have been a miscommunication and when he found out about it, he had them stop and had them cleaned up. Mr. Baylor confirmed it was taken care of. Randy stated that there is no ordinance on dumping and suggested posting his property and if he sees someone dumping call the police. He also noted that most landowners in the township will take the chips and firewood. Joyce Linqosky also noted that you can also take over to Bloomsburg compost site and you only have to pay \$10 if you are from outside of the town.

Charlie Williams stated that at last month’s meeting Mr. Defrain brought up the idea of having a portable bathroom at the township building and felt that Mr. Rhoads dismissed the idea. Mr. Williams stated that he would like the board to consider and even obtained the following prices:

Beaver Valley - \$50.00/month with all supplies
Starr \$90.00/month
Biros - \$115/month

Mr. Williams asked the board to consider using some of the American Rescue Act funds to pay for it since there are no public restrooms locally.

Candice Cotterman stated that there are groups of kids that practice on the fields and use the playground as well and feels it would be a good idea.

Randy stated the board will consider one, and Adam Eckley stated it should be handicap assessable and anchors so it cannot be tipped.

Old Business

West Maple Dirt & Gravel Project

Randy stated that some of the prep work is being done and Sokol, Inc. plans a completion date by the end of June for the project.

New Building

Pam stated that she contacted Michael Remple at M.K.R. Design to discuss the preliminary plans that were drawn for the building since an engineer must write the specs in order to be able to advertise for bids. She received a proposal for the work, which is not to exceed \$7,200 for their professional services for the bid packet and specs. The firm was recommended by Ted Oman and others for their reasonable costs.

Bob made a motion to accept the proposal by M.K.R. Design; Pam seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Truck Repairs

Bob stated the old yellow truck is still at Gerber Truck Repairs and they should be starting the repairs any day now.

New Business

2009 Ford Truck

Randy stated they are looking at replacing the bed on the 2009 Ford since it is in bad shape from the salt. The estimated cost is \$14,050 with a camera for an aluminum one. Again, Randy stated that we are trying to preserve the equipment that we have instead of purchasing new due to the cost of new trucks.

Road Estimates

Randy worked with Steve Kehoe from the state to work up estimates for finishing Mt. Pink repairs and to finish East Hillcrest repairs and/or paving.

Monetarily, we will only do one project since Fisher Run Road is being done and the West Maple dirt and gravel work, so we will be advertising the bid for the Mt. Pink project, which is the smaller project.

Sewage Officer Report

Lisa stated read the report submitted for the month:

Attended mandatory DEP SEO Training March 12 -14

Maintained the township's Act 149 files for the month

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

Zoning/Construction Report

Adam received a report for the 1st Quarter UCC Permits Issued by Tri-County COG:

Scott Levan – New Home

N. Klingerman– Residential Construction

Jones – Residential Construction

Kevin Maguire – Residential Construction

Adam then provided the details of the course of action taken for the property located at 286 Main-Mifflin Road:

9/20/22 – Sent certified letter to landowner regarding the zoning violations related to junk vehicles and maintenance. The landowner was verbally informed prior to the letter that if the property is not cleaned up, he will be cited. Certified letter never signed for.

February 2023 – Second notice was sent, which was returned as well. Also, Tri-County COG brought in, and Adam, Main Township Police and Steve Bielski visited the property regarding the condition of the property and violation of the zoning ordinances. Property owner was also taken into custody that day for outstanding warrant in Berwick.

Area Agency on Aging became involved to offer assistance in order to keep the property, but property owner did nothing again. Mike Krolikowski stated that mental health assessments were done by the Area Agency on Aging, and they did not feel that there was anything debilitating with the owners that they could not clean up the property. Owners agreed to clean up and given an extension by the county to do so. Nothing was ever done.

April 2023 – Property tagged uninhabitable due to infestation of vermin and notice posted as a health hazard and house condemned. Power was also shut off to the property.

The township hired lawn service to clean-up the property, towing company to remove junk vehicles. A lien will be placed on the property for the cost of \$3,371.25 for the services. Police have 14 hours involved as well.

Adam thanked everyone that was involved since it was a cooperative effort to get this property cleaned up.

Mr. Bodman asked who would be doing the additional lawn maintenance services. Randy stated that if anyone is interested to let him know; otherwise, Unger's Lawn Services will do it. Any other costs will also be attached to the deed, but the property may be under contract already.

Mr. Turowski work on getting the lien filed as soon as possible to it is not sold prior to the lien being attached.

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

Police Report

Phil provided the April report:

- 820 miles
- 160 hours
- 55 gallons of gas
- 67 incidents
- 16 traffic citations
- 2 criminal arrests

Officer Savidge stated that all SOP policies are now up to code and their computers have been updated.

Officer Savidge also thanked Mike Krolikowski for his time and work with the property on 286 Main-Mifflin.

Mike went above and beyond to check on the well-being of the owners and tried to work with them and it was very much appreciated.

The police have also been having an issue with loose animals lately, not just dogs, but horses, donkey's etc. and suggested that the supervisors may want to consider an ordinance on the issue.

Officer Krolikowski suggested purchasing a catch pole that they can use for @ \$150.00 that they can keep in the car. The supervisors thought that would be a good idea.

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

Other

Mr. Edwards thanked the supervisors for the ditch work done by his house.

John Lenhart asked for a moment of silence in memory of Carl Beamer who passed away since he did a lot for the township. A moment of silence was held.

With no further business to discuss, Pam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm; Bob seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Schell
Secretary