

**Main Township Supervisors Meeting**  
**September 11, 2023, 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	Phil Savidge, Police Chief
Pamela Slusser, Supervisor	Adam Eckley, Zoning Officer
Bob Baylor, Supervisor	Lisa Schell, Secretary

Public Attendees: 12

**Minutes of Meeting**

Randy stated the August minutes were posted to the webpage for review. Pam made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023, minutes; Bob seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**

**As of July 31, 2023:**

**General Fund**

Previous Balance	336,031.21
Deposits Received	11,972.17
Bills Paid	(65,313.83)
Current Balance	<u>282,689.55</u>

**Employer Tax Account Fund**

Current Balance	<u>1,434.84</u>
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**Special Account**

Current Balance	123,910.39
Transfer to General Fund	(19,569.00)
	<u>104,341.39</u>

<b>Fire Tax Account</b>	<u>75,072.25</u>
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**State Account**

Previous Balance	224,762.04
Interest	767.38
Deposit from General Fund	40,244.50
Midland Asphalt Materials Inc.	(38,705.70)
Sokol, Inc.	(94,778.36)
<b>Current Balance</b>	<u><b>132,289.86</b></u>

**As of August 31, 2023**

**General Fund**

Previous Balance	282,689.55
Deposits Received	72,437.99
Bills Paid	(24,141.69)
<b>Current Balance</b>	<u><b>330,985.85</b></u>

**Employer Tax Account Fund**

PA UC Fund	1,434.84
	(347.79)
<b>Current Balance</b>	<u><b>1,087.05</b></u>

**Special Account**

Current Balance	104,341.39
Commonwealth of PA	3,873.36
<b>Current Balance</b>	<u><b>108,214.75</b></u>

**Fire Tax Account**

**75,072.25**

**State Account**

Previous Balance		132,289.86
Interest		575.28
Sokol, Inc.	1658	(33,799.32)

**Current Balance**

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**99,065.82**

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Pam made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Bob seconded the motion.

**Public Comment**

Diane Littlewood from Wonderview stated that Catawissa Township still has not done anything with the entrance and now it is all grown up, so you do not see the drop off as much. Diane stated that she knows Catawissa's solicitor sent a letter to Main Township asking to take the road over and we did not, and she will continue to go to their meetings even though they refuse to do anything with the entrance. Diane also stated that there is also a row of potholes on the Catawissa end that need to be taken care of as well. She stated there are lots of cracks in the roads and grass growing through them and they will not fix anything. She came to ask if the supervisors would try to talk to Catawissa Township to see if they can get them to help.

Randy stated that it is Catawissa's responsibility and they have never approached our township about working together, they only asked us to take over the road and never even looked into how it would affect the tax basis, school district, Penn Dot, engineering fees, map changes, etc.

Randy stated he would ask them to do something about the potholes and maybe they can even come up with an agreement for small general maintenance to the roads in their portion. We already have a snow agreement to plow down there.

Ralph Lewis, 275 Riverview Dr, Wonderview asked what the supervisors decided about the water situation at his property since he feels it is the township's responsibility to make sure the water does not run onto his property and if nothing is done, he will get an attorney.

Pam stated that they did have a contractor look at the area and they felt that the slope of the land does not allow us to do much since they would have to dig a 6-12 inch ditch at his driveway which would be too deep and would be dangerous since it is close to the intersection and would not be safe for him or anyone else. Pam stated that they cannot control all the water that comes onto his property.

Randy stated that the township can only work within the township's right-of-way, which is 25 ft from the center of the road and cannot legally put water onto anyone else's property. Randy suggested that he either talk to his neighbor behind him to see if he can tie into her drains, or have a contractor give him an estimate to see what Mr. Lewis can do himself.

Mr. Bodman stated that there are low limbs to take out from the Emanuel Church down to the township building. Randy stated that the tree trimmers are scheduled to do work so he will have them take care of.

## Old Business

### **New Building**

Pam received a phone call from the engineer working on the drawings and stated we cannot build with those pre-cast walls. Randy stated that there was a communication breakdown, and the engineer is not familiar with what we want.

### **Truck Repairs**

Randy stated that the white truck is at North Point on Rt. 11 to get the new box installed.

## New Business

### **Insurance Renewals**

Lisa stated that the township policies renewed with Selective Insurance with an increase of \$1,950 for a total premium of \$25,191. The Fire Company's policy renewed with VFIS with an increase of \$205, for a total premium of \$6,886.

### **Fire Company Fire Tax**

Randy stated that the township is considering transitioning the fire tax to a yearly donation from the township general fund to fire company. Lisa provided the following pros and cons:

#### **Pros:**

- Grows as the township grows
- Reliable income
- Everyone has to contribute
- Good as a savings plan to save for larger purchases

#### **Cons:**

- Requires additional oversight by the township
- Township can request more transparency of fire co's finances to understand their financial position
- Can only be used on fire apparatus, equipment, building appropriations
- Must follow bidding guidelines of the township ordinance
- Township Controls the funds
- Requests must be submitted to the township for approval of the payment
- It can create issues between the township supervisors and the fire company

Randy felt that the township has sufficient funds to support and budget for a yearly donation at this time and it would lower the residents' taxes. He stated that it also free's up the money for the fire company to do what they want with it.

Jack Lenhart stated that if it were a flexible donation the township could decide not to give anything and felt that would be a problem.

Randy stated that he is going to present it to the fire company to discuss.

### **Sewage Officer Report**

Lisa read the July and August Reports:

- Maintained the Main Township's Act 149 files for July & August
- Issued a repair permit to Wayne Schutz, Church Road

### **Zoning/Construction Report**

Adam stating three permits were issued in July:

- Barratt, Sycamore Drive – new deck
- Gerasimoff, Mainville Drive – fence
- Keyser, Railroad Lane – driveway reconstruction

Two issued in August:

- Milbrand, Fisher Run Road, shed
- New Home permit for Scenic Ave, which just started.

Adam provided the Tri-County COG IBC report:

June Permits:

- Chyko Construction – residential deck Gregas
- Fusion Homes – new home construction Bodman
- Sunpulse Solar - residential permit Watson

July Permits:

- Garratt Barratt - residential permit, deck

Pam made a motion to approve the sewage officer and zoning officer reports; Bob seconded the motion.

### **Police Report**

Phil provided the August report:

- 200 hours worked
- 1,288 miles
- 102 incidents
- 19 traffic in
- 2 non-traffic incidents
- 1 warrant arrest
- Repairs made to vehicle
- Officer Krolikowski attended Defense Tactics training

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

**Other**

With no further business to discuss, Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm; Pam seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell  
Secretary