

**Main Township Supervisors Meeting  
December 4, 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 Officer
Bob Baylor, Supervisor	Matthew Turowski, Solicitor
Lisa Schell, Secretary (via phone)	Adam Eckley, Zoning Officer

Public Attendees: 10

**Minutes of Meeting**

Randy stated the November minutes were posted to the webpage for review. Bob made a motion to approve the November minutes; Randy seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**

**As of November 30, 2023**

**General Fund**

Previous Balance	292,417.50
Deposits Received	33,358.88
Bills Paid	(33,086.63)
Current Balance	<u>292,689.75</u>

**Employer Tax Account Fund**

Current Balance	<u>1,087.05</u>
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**Special Account**

Current Balance	<u>104,341.39</u>
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**Fire Tax Account**

Previous Balance	73,507.05
Fire Tax Deposit from General Fund	401.17
	<u>73,908.22</u>

**State Account**

Previous Balance	146,333.24
Interest	616.64
Transfer from General Fund	5,758.51
Bills Paid	<u>(5,793.74)</u>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b><u>146,914.65</u></b>

Bob Baylor read the treasurer’s report; Bob made a motion to approve the report; Randy seconded.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Bodman stated he had concerns that since Larry Frace is no longer the zoning officer, there has not been a detailed report of zoning permits or UCC permits issued with a description of the project and the amount of money collected for those permits. Mr. Bodman stated that he was issued three permits this year, but there is detailed report with the information provided for the minutes, he just sees the deposits in the financial reports and feels there should be transparency with zoning, building and sewage permits.

Adam Eckley stated that he is not comfortable giving the detailed information, which he feels is personal information in his reports.

Mr. Turowski stated that the information given to the zoning office is not private information since they are filling out a permit for the zoning permits and the information is public information and he does not see any privacy issues with the providing the information, but it is up to the supervisors how they want to provide the reports.

Mr. Bodman also stated that he saw an article in the legal notices that there was a Main Township zoning variance granted for the property at 475 Riverview Ave. for a setback and since the township did not respond by scheduling a zoning hearing board meeting within the sixty days and it was granted in favor of the landowner.

Adam stated that he misunderstood the notice that was sent and what happened was a trick to get what the landowner wanted, and Adam did not get back to him in the 60-days, so the appeal was granted.

Charlie Williams asked if the township would appeal within the 30-day period; Adam stated it was not worth it at this time.

Mr. Turowski stated the law is clear and the township has 60 days from receipt of the facts of the matter and if the township does not respond in the 60-day time period, it is not a winning case. Adam stated that he will pay more attention to dates and will approve or reject within the 60-day period going forward.

Randy stated that Adam just had a conversation with the supervisors that he is maxed out on time and

feeling overwhelmed. He is looking for some assistance for zoning support to assist with the paperwork, which would also give Adam more time to review and make suggestions for changes to the zoning ordinance.

### **Old Business**

#### **New Building**

Randy stated that nothing has changed with the building plans so there is no update.

#### **Truck Repairs**

Bob stated the white truck is back from the shop. All trucks now have cameras and the lights needed, so we are ready for winter.

### **New Business**

#### **2024 Budgets**

Randy stated that the 2024 budgets were posted and advertised as:

General Fund - \$363,000

State Fund - \$87,985

Bob made a motion to approve the 2024 budgets for the general and state funds; Randy seconded the motion.

#### **Building Cleaning**

Randy stated they did find someone who will start to clean the building since Mrs. Baylor has submitted her resignation. They will appoint her at the 2024 Reorganization Meeting.

### **Sewage Officer Report**

Randy read the November report submitted by Brior Environmental:

A design review was completed, and a permit was issued to Wayne Schutz  
Prior Testing, site evaluation, and new application for Thomas Shelhamer  
Maintained the township's Act 149 files for November 2023

Bob made a motion to approve the sewage officer report submitted; Randy seconded the motion.

## **Zoning/Construction Report**

Adam stated he issued two permits in November:

- 2250 Brookside Dr. – small ground solar array
- 94 Lookout Dr. – pole building

Tentative dates for the reorganization meetings will be January 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm for the Zoning Board reorganization and 7:30 pm for the Zoning Hearing UCC Board.

Adam stated that he would like to have help with the zoning duties. He wants to better serve the community, but he is also busy with his full-time job and family. He would like help so he can better focus on reviewing the zoning ordinance since no changes have been made since 2018. Zoning has become busier with new buildings and solar changes, etc. and needs administrative help.

Mr. Turowski stated that the position should not be able to operate in a zoning capacity on their own since they are not the zoning officer and if they would do something wrong, there could be dire consequences to the township.

Charlie Williams asked if the budget would support the additional expenses if someone was hired; Randy stated yet, money is not the issue, time is the issue.

Bob made a motion to approve the zoning report; Randy seconded it.

## **Police Report**

Phil provided the November report:

- 202 hours worked
- 1,262 miles
- 56 incidents
- 22 traffic incidents
- 0 non-traffic incidents

All officers have completed mandatory defensive tactics training and firearms qualifications.

Bob made a motion to approve the Police Report; Randy seconded the motion.

## **Other**

Dave Mitchell asked if there was an update on the person who fell off the cliff on the railroad bed. Jonathan Broadt stating it was a man who was hiking with a friend and wanted to take a picture of a truck, dropped his cell phone, slipped and fell 85ft. down the mountain. From what Jonathan heard the victim is now recovering.

With no further business to discuss, Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm; Randy seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell  
Secretary