

## **Main Township Supervisors Meeting**

**January 2, 2024, 7:00 pm**

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
Pamela Slusser, Supervisor	Adam Eckley, Zoning Officer
Joshua Shuman, Supervisor	
Lisa Schell, Secretary (via conf. call)	

Public Attendees: 6

### **First Order of Business**

Pam made a motion to appoint Randy Rhoads as temporary chairman for this meeting; Josh Shuman seconded the motion.

### **Appointment of 2024 Officers**

Pam Slusser made a motion to appoint the following officers and positions:

Randy Rhoads as Chairman  
Pamela Slusser as Vice Chairman  
Joshua Shuman as Supervisor  
Lisa Schell as Secretary/Clerk  
Pamela Slusser as Treasurer  
Randy seconded the motion on the officers, all were in favor.

Pam made a motion to appoint the following:

Lisa Schell as vacancy board  
Attorney Matthew Turowski as Solicitor  
Brior Environmental as Sewage Enforcement Officer  
Adam Eckley as Zoning Officer  
Ralph Defrain, Jr. as Emergency Management Director  
Randy Rhoads as Police Director  
Lisa Schell as Open Records Officer  
Philip Savidge as Police Chief, Mike Krolikowski as Senior Patrolman, Nick Saullo as Patrolman, and Thomas Brown as Instructor for a one-year term  
Attorney Mike Gregorowicz as the Zoning Hearing Board solicitor  
Charlotte Thomas, Marie Gotshall and Joyce Lingousky as Appointed Auditors  
Appoint Herring, Roll & Solomon, as the township's CPA

Randy Rhoads, Joshua Shuman, Gerald Bodman, Ronald Rhoads and Dave Cantore as Agricultural Security Board Members

Retain Journey Bank as the township's depository  
Obtain a treasurer's bond for Pamela Slusser in the amount of \$200,000 with Selective Insurance  
The 2024 Office Hours will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday's from 5:30pm to 6:30 pm  
Monthly meetings will be the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm, unless it is a holiday, which then it will then be held on Tuesday.

Randy made a motion to accept all appointments for 2024; Josh seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**2024 Wages**

Pam made a motion to approve the following wages for 2024:

Zoning Officer	\$16.00
Building Code Officer	As billed by Tri-County Cog
Chief of Police	\$19.00
Patrolman	\$17.00
Senior Patrolman	\$15.00
Police Instructor	\$15.00
Skilled Laborer	\$18.00
Unskilled Laborer	\$14.00
Secretary/Clerk	\$16,000 annual salary

Josh seconded the motion of the wages; all were in favor.

Pam made a motion that:

Randy Rhoads, Pamela Slusser and Joshua Shuman be designated Roadmasters

2024 mileage rate set at \$ 0.67/mile

Zoning Fees for 2024:

- Zoning Hearing Board Fee \$800.00
- Appeal of Zoning Hearing Board Finding \$800.00
- Zoning Permit - \$50.00 for the first \$10,000 cost of construction  
Then \$5.00 per each \$1,000 over
- Driveway Permit \$125.00
- Driveway Reconstruction \$75.00
- Well Permit \$75.00
- Ordinance Book \$36.00
- Political Signs \$0.00

Retain Todd Pysner as Engineer

Lisa read the 2024 Municipality Bidding Thresholds:

- Goods or services that will cost **\$23,200.00** or greater for a calendar year requires public bidding.
- Goods or services that will cost between **\$12,600.00 and \$23,200.00** for a calendar year requires at least three written or telephonic quotes(documented).
- Goods or services that cost less than **\$12,600.00** for a calendar year can be purchased without any formal bidding or quotes.

Pam made a motion to accept all wages, nominations and appointments made for 2024; Josh seconded the motion; all were in favor.

### **Minutes of Meeting**

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Dec-23**

#### **General Fund**

Previous Balance	292,689.75
Deposits Received	28,533.66
Bills Paid	(18,809.94)
Year End Reconciliation Item	(24.19)
Current Balance	<u><b>302,389.28</b></u>

#### **Employer Tax Account Fund**

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

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

Current Balance	<u><b>73,908.22</b></u>
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#### **State Account**

Previous Balance	146,914.65
Interest Earned	649.63
Transfer from General Fund	35.23
Bills Paid	(9,470.00)
Current Balance	<u><b>138,129.51</b></u>

Lisa read the treasurer's report; Pam made a motion to approve the report; Josh seconded the motion.

### **Public Comment**

Bob Baylor congratulated Joshua Shuman as the newly elected supervisor.

Kim Orzolek stated that they are speeding again on East Hillcrest Drive. Philip Savidge stated that the police will continue to watch that area.

Kim also stated that she found an empty alcohol bottle and receipt on their property on the Mt. Pink Road side that they share with the Shuman's which shows that someone is drinking and driving as well. Phil stated that if she has an idea of when it is happening to let him know.

Mr. Bodman asked if the receipt had an address on it could the police use that to enforce the law. Phil stated that alone would not be enforceable but it pushes them in the right direction to watch.

Mr. Bodman asked the supervisors to check the time schedule for renewing the Agricultural Security Area since they must update during the open period for review. Randy stated he will check into it.

Mr. Bodman also asked for the particulars related to the variance that failed to get reviewed by the zoning hearing board. Adam stated that it was a timing issue since he misunderstood the notice, and it was for a side yard setback. Adam also stated that the variance was not needed since the subdivision was on a property that was originally subdivided in 1987 before the original zoning ordinance was enacted in 1992 so the property was grandfathered in.

### **Old Business**

#### **New Building**

Randy stated that nothing has changed with the building plans, but they will be trying to iron plans out in the next month or so to see if it will work out or not.

Cliff Orzolek asked when the funds must be used. Lisa stated by 12/31/2024 and Randy noted that if a building does not work out, they will use the money for road repairs or equipment.

### **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

### **Sewage Officer Report**

Lisa stated no report was received for December.

### **Zoning/Construction Report**

Adam stated that the dates for the reorganization meetings on January 8, 2024, will need to be rescheduled to January 22nd, at 7:00 pm for the Zoning Board reorganization and 7:30 pm for the Zoning Hearing UCC Board. This rescheduled notice will be posted on the township's webpage and in the newspaper.

Adam stated that he issued a total of 16 permits in 2023.

Adam also noted that he received a complaint on an unpermitted sign in the township; and when investigating, he noticed that there are a number of them throughout the township. He is going to start to enforce the sign ordinance by knocking on doors or sending letters since they are starting to pop-up more frequently. The ordinance has specific requirements in it and a permit for \$15 is needed. Political signs are excluded from the ordinance since most are removed after the election.

Pam made a motion to approve the zoning report; Josh seconded it; all approved.

### **Police Report**

Phil provided the December report:

- 151 hours worked
- 1,021 miles
- 41 incidents; 767 for 2023
- 3 traffic incidents
- 0 non-traffic incidents
- 0 criminal arrests

The siren system was repaired and updated on Car #2.

All officers have completed taser training.

New uniforms were ordered for the department, which will now be gray and black.

Phil stated that the department is starting a Neighborhood Watch program in the township. They are still working out the details and plan to have informal meetings about once a month with residents to come in and talk informally. They also plan to buy some signs, which cost \$40/sign to post around the township on township roads so people become aware there is a Neighborhood Watch program. Phil stated if anyone is interested in donating for the signs, please let him know. It was noted that before they post on stop signs, etc. they better check with the PennDOT or Steve Kehoe, the township's contact.

Phil also stated that since October when the can bin went up to support the police, a total of \$347.75 was collected so far. Some of the money was already used to purchase battery jumper packs for the cars.

Joyce Lingousky stated that the Main Township Gun Club has decided to put their cans in the police bin to help support them.

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

**Other**

Randy congratulated Joshua Shuman and Pam Slusser for being elected as supervisors. He also thanked Robert Baylor for his hard work, dedication and entertainment to the township.

Randy also stated that Kara Miller, Mountain Road, will be starting to clean the building.

Mr. Bodman stated at the last meeting it was talked about looking for someone to assist Adam with the zoning work and wondered if they had any interest. Randy stated that Pam has talked to Adam and will pick up some of the work to see how it goes this year.

With no further business to discuss, Pam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm; Josh seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schell  
Secretary