

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

October 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dennis Brown on October 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Township Office Building on East Village Drive. In attendance was Supervisor Michael Steinbacher and Solicitor Denise Dieter. Many attended from the community as well. Absent was Supervisor James Surfield.

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the regular meeting September 6, 2016 were reviewed and were approved as submitted. Motion: Dennis Brown; Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Sherry Hatch read the Treasurers report for the period of September 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016. Dennis Brown made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as submitted: Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

September 2016

Receipts:		\$ 12,080.79
Expenditures:	General Fund	\$ 15,449.49
		2,428.28
	Payroll Taxes	1,034.28
	Total Bills	\$ 18,912.05

Dennis Brown made a motion: To pay the bills as presented; Mike Steinbacher Seconded the motion; Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Dennis Brown discussed that the Supervisors have met with the representative from the MS4 program. They will be assisting the township with applying for a five year waiver from the program. If we are not approved for the waiver then the township will probably go in with the co-op which comprises surrounding townships to help defray expenses associated with the MF4 regulations. The anticipated expense will be approximately \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 a year.

ROADMASTERS REPORT:

- Jim Surfield was absent from the meeting however ask that a bid of \$1200.00 from N & S Paving be presented for the paving of First Avenue due to the time frame with changing weather. Dennis Brown made a motion to approve this with exception of the final bill not to exceed \$1200.00, seconded by Mike Steinbacher, motion carried.

PARK CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Mike said that there was nothing to report for the park, other than some clean-up and tree trimming. No rentals at this time. Mike spoke with Graffus regarding getting the sewer pipe finished before winter as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Emergency Plan adoption was brought up to date and is completed.
- The abandoned vehicle on First Avenue has been removed.
- The issues with 43 Second Avenue are still on going, Denise Dieter requested that Graffus send her pictures so she can submit a notice of violation.
- The Fiest property issues have been prepared by Denise Dieter and she stated she wanted Graffus Johnston to review before she submits to the court.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ordinance 2016-06, Ordinance adopting the 2012 International Building Code and Reaffirming the Opt - In provision of Act 45 the PA Uniform Construction Code was presented and approved as submitted.
- The Bassett Engineering Report will be tabled to next meeting so the supervisors can thoroughly review the report.
- The Private Criminal Complaints have been submitted by solicitor, Denise Dieter, who stated that she suspected they were being served now. Dennis Brown questioned the fees associated with these charges and Denise stated she applied for \$500 per day, per partner. However she stated that with first time offenders in past experience the courts have been more lenient.
- Zoning Officer David Hines discussed the dirt fill issue with Mr. Bailey and stated that Mr. Bailey had contacted an engineer and FEMA and he is in compliance. David also stated that he spoke with his neighbor and he is also in compliance. He stated they both should have applied for a permit due to being on the floodplain. Mr. Bailey has since applied for a permit. David also addressed the issue with on-lot storage and that according to the ordinance this requires screening. He stated there are several issues with this and wanted the townships direction in how to handle. David reviewed the pending and approved zoning permits as well as reviewing the invoice and the charges to the township.
- Frank Tripoli read a letter he wrote to the township pertaining to the Campground Lot And/Or River Lot Ordinance. He had several questions regarding the ordinance and the specifics as to what items needed to be removed in accordance with the ordinance. Denny Brown stated any permanent structure was fine however any temporary item that could be carried away in a flood needed to be removed. Denny stated that all three supervisors would be touring the campgrounds to see if all were in compliance and would

let the owners know if not, so they could address with their tenants. A copy of Mr. Tripoli's letter is at the township if anyone would like to read it in its entirety.

- Codes Enforcement Officer, Graffus Johnston presented a status of Property Maintenance Code Violations log and reviewed status of pending and now compliance properties to date.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

- Mike Steinbacher gave the Fire Company Report. He reported they responded to 8 alarms for the month of September (4) Medical calls, (1) Overdose, (2) Mutual Aid, (1) Phone Wire Down. Mention of Hurricane and watch. National Fire Prevention week of October 15 and 19th. They were award \$36,000.00 in grant for new radios.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Dennis Brown stated that we received the letter from Penn Dot with the figure of \$ 33,286.82 for Liquid Fuels and \$21,400.00 for the Turnback monies allocated to the township for 2017 Liquid Fuels and Turnback Program.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Previous Owner

Wells Fargo Bank

New Owner

Alfred Anthony Stevens

Janice B & Thomas L Henderson

Joel E & Christine K Henderson

Edith L Saar

Edith L & Lee R Saar

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Larry Brungart questioned the status of First Avenue and the pipe left there. Graffus stated he was waiting for Jim Surfield to return to complete, however he would remove the pipe left there.
- Matt Brewer questioned if the township had any storage that tenants in the campground could utilize when removing from site. Dennis stated that the township did not have any storage.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dennis Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42PM; seconded by Mike Steinbacher; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Hatch
Susquehanna Township Treasurer