

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

December 20, 2016

The special budget meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dennis Brown on December 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Township Office Building on East Village Drive. In attendance was Supervisor James Surfield, Supervisor Michael Steinbacher, Treasurer Sherry Hatch and Solicitor Denise Dieter. There were several attending from the community.

MEETING MINUTES:

TREASURERS REPORT:

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

ROADMASTERS REPORT:

PARK CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Denise Dieter stated that the warrants were issued for the property owners of 67 Second Avenue.
- Denise stated that the Fiest property Complaint was filed and that the Fiests have not responded to the complaint and a constable will probably have to serve the warrant.
- Denise asked what direction to go on the Tebb's NOV with regards to the irrigation pipes in the township culverts. Jim stated there has been no attempt to relocate their connections to their irrigation systems. He said there was some attempt to put the blocks back in but not to the original condition and likewise the grates have not been installed to their original condition. Denise stated that the township has the right and they should remove the obstructions that are in the drain pipes and culverts. She said a letter was sent to the Tebbs and that they received the letter. Mike Steinbacher said he would call John Tebbs and then report back to Dennis and then Dennis can report back to Denise.
- Denise asked for clarification with regards to the size and configuration of the signs for the campgrounds signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dennis Brown addressed the issue of what considerations was used in creating the budget for 2017. He stated the need to do a major rebuild on Village Drive that will require considerable money to complete and the need to build up the funds to pay for the project, while still maintaining funds that are required to keep the township running. He stated the budget is a balanced budget that will require a half mill tax increase. Jim stated that the last tax increase that the county has record of was in 2008 that was for the fire tax. He stated that the county only keeps records back ten years and that there have been no municipal tax increases for Susquehanna Township in the last ten years. Dennis asked if anyone had questions regarding the budget that is being presented. Graffus asked if the rebuild would be done in 2017. Dennis said that there would not be enough funds to complete it in 2017 and that it would have to wait until 2018. The issue was also brought up regarding the need to replace the backhoe. Jim Surfield made a motion: To adopt the budget as presented for 2017; Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.
- Dennis Brown read Resolution #16-6 2017 Municipal Tax rate. The tax rate for Susquehanna Township for the year 2017 will be .001261 which is a one half mill increase. Jim Surfield made a motion: To pass Resolution #16-6 raising the municipal tax one half mill; Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried
- Jim Surfield made a motion: to give Sherry Hatch the authority to pay the bills received up to the end of 2016 in order to close out the books for 2016; Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.
- Dennis Brown asked Denise about holding the reorganization meeting on Monday Jan. 2, 2017. He stated that is was a holiday. Denise stated that the state requires the reorganization meeting to be held on the first Monday of the year. Dennis asked if the time of day could be changed. Denise told him it didn't matter what time it was held. It was decided the meeting would be held at 10:00 AM on Monday Jan. 2, 2017.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

MISCELLANEOUS:

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Previous Owner

New Owner

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Bettie Mutchler and Stephen Laielli addressed their concerns with regards to receiving the Notice Of Violation to the International Property Maintenance Code for 43 Second Avenue. Their contention was that the property has been cleaned up. Graffus Johnston stated that he was at the property on August 19, 2016 and noted there was some improvement but it wasn't nearly enough to be complete. He stated he went to the door but no one answered the door. He said he was also there August 27, 2016 and found that nothing further had been done from the previous inspection. The issue was discussed at length. Denise Dieter stated that the NOV was sent out on October 20, 2016 and that she did not here from Mrs. Mutchler until Dec. 19, 2016. Dennis Brown said that the complaint could be withdrawn if the property could be cleaned up prior to the court date. Dennis asked if they would be willing to work with Graffus

to bring the property into compliance. The answer they gave was yes. Graffus stated he would go up the next day to meet with them.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Surfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM; seconded by Mike Steinbacher; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

James Surfield
Susquehanna Township Secretary