

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

March 7, 2017

The regular meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dennis Brown on March 7, 2017 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.

OPENING OF BIDS: The bids for the Dirt and gravel roads projects were opened with the following results:

	Pfirman Road	Riverview Drive	Total
Insinger Excavating Inc. of Dushore PA.	\$24,685.00	\$184,200.00	\$208,885.00
Charles Construction Co. of Jersey Shore PA	\$25,549.45	\$146,103.75	\$171,653.20
Glen O.Hawbaker Construction of Montoursville	\$31,786.00	\$106,622.00	\$138,408.00
Dave Gutelius of Mifflinburg PA	\$27,080.00	\$ 85,210.00	\$112,290.00
Mid State Paving LLC of Middleburg PA	\$18,189.00	\$ 81,802.50	\$ 99,991.50

It was noted there may have been a discrepancy in the amount of asphalt being quoted for Riverview Drive. It was decided to not award the contract until the bids can be analyzed to see if all contracts were bid using the same amount of asphalt. Dennis Brown made a motion to table the bids for the present time: Seconded by Jim Surfield; Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the Regular Meeting February 7, 2017 were reviewed and were approved as submitted. Motion: Mike Steinbacher; Seconded by Jim Surfield; Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Sherry Hatch read the Treasurers report for the period of February 1, 2017 to February 28, 2017. Jim Surfield made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as submitted: Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

February 2017

Receipts:		\$ 11,916.20
Expenditures:	General Fund	\$ 5,021.46
	Payroll	2,477.08
	Payroll Taxes	1,017.28
	Total Bills	\$ 9,835.39

Jim Surfield made a motion to pay the bills as presented: Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Dennis Brown stated that on February 15, 2017 a public meeting was held at the Nisbet Fire Hall. The purpose of the meeting was for Fran McJunkin from the Lycoming County Planning Commission to give a presentation to residents bordering the Bender Run tributaries. She explained that the county had some money available to survey these properties to see if they could be removed from the flood zone and thus lowering their insurance costs.
- Dennis stated he had received literature from State Representative Jeff Wheeland's Office regarding a program called Penn Vest Homeowner Septic Program. This program is to help homeowners with septic problems with low cost loans to make repairs to malfunctioning septic systems.
- Dennis stated he had received a letter from Susquehanna Regional EMS detailing their services.

ROADMASTERS REPORT:

- Jim Surfield stated that there is vandalism occurring in the Salt and Cinder bins. He stated that the 1"x 8" boards are being kicked out and busted. He stated he had to buy 4 11 foot boards to replace the damaged ones. He stated that they had removed all the furring strips as well and shoved them down into the aggregate which can damage augurs on the trucks.
- Jim Surfield stated the road signs for Stewart Road, River Road, Village Drive and Manley Lane have been replaced.

PARK CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Mike Steinbacher said he needed to get with Graffus with regards to the sewer line to figure out where it located. He also requested that the driveway into the park be dressed up. He stated the trees that are dead would be cut down prior to the park season starting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Graffus Johnston gave an update on the various code violations and their status. He said there has been some action on the Feist property. He said he had a meeting with Allen Feist on the 14th of February and they had come up with an agreement with regards to the cleaning up of the property. A copy of the agreement was given to the Supervisors. Part of the agreement was that a meeting between Allen, Gary and Susan Feist with Graffus would be set up. On February 20th he was informed that Gary was in the hospital with health issues. Graffus stated he has heard nothing since. Mike Steinbacher said he felt six months was too long a period for them to clean it out. He said it could be cleaned out in two days if you hire the help. Jim and Denny both agreed to let it proceed to the legal system. The Clark property on Second Avenue was also discussed. As of yet there has not been a warrant served on them. Denise stated that each time a constable goes to serve the warrant no one answers the door. Further options were discussed as to how to get the warrant served. Denny Brown made a motion to give Denise Dieter the authority to hire a constable to hunt the Clarks down and serve the warrant: Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.

- Jim Surfield stated that there are still six properties from the 2016 cycle of the septic pumping that have made no attempt to be in compliance with the ordinance. He stated the ten days were up that were given to be in compliance by the letter sent out by the solicitor.
- Dennis Brown stated a meeting was held with Mr. Charles Johnson with regards to the inspection of his river lots. Dennis said the meeting went well and that Mr. Johnson has agreed to let the township inspect the lots as long as he is present when the inspection is done. A meeting will be set up to do the inspection.
- Because of all the controversy over the car lot and junk yard located on Route 654 Jim Surfield stated he had asked Denise Dieter to write to the owner requesting that he produce to the township any licenses and permits that he may have to run his business. Denise said she would contact the zoning officer and discuss the issue and she would write a letter to the owner requesting that he produce any licenses or permits that he has regarding his business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jim Surfield made a motion to replace the deceased Clarence Hodge of the Planning Commission with Robert Rischoff: Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.
- Jim Surfield made a motion to hire Mike Clark to the position of Part Time Maintenance “B”: Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion Carried.
- Dennis Brown explained Ordinance 2017-01 as an amendment to the original campground ordinance. He stated the reason for the amendment was to clarify the issue of what was required for signage for the campsites. The amendment reduced the original sign from 24”x24” to the green 911 signs available through the fire company. Jim Surfield made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-01: Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.
- The Ordinance 2016-06 Uniform Building Code was discussed. Denise stated the Ordinance referenced using the 2012 building code as per Jim Emory. She said that she was informed by the new director that they are enforcing the 2009 building code. She said the township will need to advertise to pass an amendment to Ordinance 2016-06 stating the change to use the 2009 version of the building code.
- Jim Surfield stated that the resolution outlining the fees for the septic permits were lacking clarity as to the charges for the permit once the systems requiring inspection became non-compliant. Resolution 17-01 addressed the costs for attorney fees for the writing of the third notice and any charges involved to file charges against those that remain non-compliant. Dennis Brown stated there was a motion on the floor to approve Resolution 17-01 All those in favor say Aye. Mike and Jim Voted Aye motion carried.
- Dennis Brown read Resolution 17-02 addressing campground fees for 2017 camp season. Jim Surfield made a motion to accept Resolution 17-02: Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

- Mike Steinbacher gave the Fire Company Report. He reported they responded to 8 alarms for the month of February (5) Medical calls, (1) Lift Assist (1) Vehicle Accident and (1) Mutual Aid Fire. Training conducted (10) Emergency Vehicle Driver Safety, (13) Wildland Firefighter Safety and Hand Tools. April 1st Fishing Raffle.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Dennis Brown stated he received a call from Karen Clark from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Company requesting \$250.00 to help offset the cost of the candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Jim Surfield made a motion to give \$250.00 to the Nisbet Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary for the Easter Egg Hunt: Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Previous Owner

New Owner

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Larry Brungart asked if there was any decision on obtaining police protection from the borough of Duboistown. Dennis Brown said that the issue was tabled for the time being but if the governor imposes a \$25 per head fee for police protection that would equate to about \$25,000. If that is passed we might have to go back to Duboistown to see what they have to offer.
- Bill Giles asked if there was an ordinance regarding dumping debris along property lines. Denise told Bill that there is no Ordinance addressing this issue and it was a civil matter not a township issue.
- The issue of vandalism at the salt and cinder storage bins was discussed with the possibility of putting cameras up. Jim Surfield said at the end of the snow season he would get tarps to cover over the salt and anti-skid material and he would close off the entrance with construction fencing.
- The owner of the gas station and store had questions as to what he needed to be able to sell cars at his location. He was informed that we would have the zoning officer get with him to discuss the issue.
- Ted Knarr asked what was going to be done on Riverview Drive if a meeting was going to be held to inform the people that lived on that road. Jim Surfield said that he was in contact with the parties that were being affected by the work. Dennis Brown said as the project progresses we will notify the property owners along that area.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Surfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM; seconded by Mike Steinbacher; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

James Surfield
Susquehanna Township Secretary