

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

April 5, 2016

The regular meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dennis Brown on April 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Township Office Building on East Village Drive. In attendance was Supervisor James Surfield, Supervisor Michael Steinbacher. There were also many attending from the community.

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the regular meeting March 1, 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 March 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016. Jim Surfield made a Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report as read; Mike Steinbacher Seconded the motion; Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

March 2016

Receipts:		\$ 15,669.69
Expenditures:	General Fund	\$ 4,363.61
	Payroll	3,088.55
	Payroll Taxes	885.48
	Total Bills	\$ 9,674.82

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Dennis Brown reported there would be an executive session with the solicitor on April 12, 2016 for legal advice. He stated no action or votes will be taken.
- Dennis Brown stated the township supervisors were approached by Chief Hager and Mayor Plankenhorn with regards to providing police services to the township. He stated that no action was taken and that the supervisors would not make that decision. He said it would be up to the citizens of the township to make that decision.

ROADMASTERS REPORT:

- Jim Surfield stated he placed the order for 80 tons of salt through COSTARS for the winter season of 2016-2017.
- Jim stated he attended the Dirt and Gravel Roads and Low Volume Roads Training on March 29 and 30, 2016. He stated there are several roads within the township that qualify for this program. He stated he had contacted this areas conservation district and he was meeting with a representative to look at the Pfirman Road pipe replacement and the Riverview Road drainage issue.
- Jim stated that he has made a second call to the contractor that did the sealcoat on Bertin Heights regarding the issue of the sealcoat breaking up at the top of Hillside Drive. They said they would look at the issue when they are in the area and would take care of the issue.
- Jim stated that he attended training on March 17, 2016 on Full Depth Reclamation. This is the process that was recommended by the state to be used on East Village Drive.
- Jim stated that Sherry Hatch attended Training on March 29, 2016 for COSTARS training.
- Jim said he would have to order another sign for Stewart Road. The original sign was snapped off and was no longer there.
- Jim stated that he and Graffus Johnston would attend training at the Woodward Township Fire hall on April 12, 2016 for Storm Water Drainage.

PARK CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Mike said there are dead trees in the park that need to be cut down. He stated that in years past the fire company cleaned the park prior to holding their events. He stated this included cutting down the dead trees. Jim said he didn't see a problem with the fire company cutting down the trees but he heard that one person got all the wood. He said if the wood was to leave the property that it should be divided up with all interested residents. Mike said the wood would remain on the property.
- Mike said he looked at the green moss on the pavilion roof and was not sure what could be done with it. It was suggested to spray Clorox on it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jim Surfield said he was concerned about time running out to have the Flood Plain Ordinance in place by the June 2, 2016 deadline. Denny said he would get with Denise to see where she stands on the issue.
- Mike Steinbacher said he was going to get the sewer jet up and running. He said he was going to take it down to the fairgrounds in May to see if could be sold there.
- Jim Surfield said he placed the ad in the Sun-Gazette for the Part-time maintenance "B" position. He said he also went to Penn College Career Services to place the ad there as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Graffus Johnston stated he had went through the property maintenance code quite thoroughly and found he had some issues that needed to be addressed. He gave the supervisors a list of the issues. He read off

the list of issues. They included: Having proper identification. Township will provide Photo ID, Creation of violation notice. Denise will be consulted, Need of a Board of Appeals. Supervisors to resolve, Need a fee schedule in place. Need maximum height on grass. Already addressed as 12 inches, Need dates for screen placement in food establishments and when heat has to be supplied for rental units and work places. Dennis stated that Denise would be consulted and answers would be decided by the next meeting.

- Jim Surfield stated he had contacted the manufacturer of the product for the finish coat of the Tennis/Basketball Court to get connected with a contractor that does that work in order to get a bid for the project. He said he also talked to a representative at the Home Show from R.C. Bowman Co. who said they did that type of work. The representative said she would arrange for someone to come look at the project. After several weeks Jim said he called the company to see if anyone was coming and he said he was told they don't do that type of work it was too specialized. The only bid was for the \$13,200 from the Breneman Company. Jim Surfield made a motion: to accept the bid of \$13,200 from The Breneman Company to do the finish coat of the Tennis/Basketball Court; Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.
- Dennis Brown made a motion: To reimburse the Nisbet Volunteer Ladies Auxiliary \$200.00 for the annual Easter Egg Hunt; Seconded by Jim Surfield; Motion carried.
- Jim Surfield Made a motion: to advertise for a Maintenance Position "B"; Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

- Jim Pfleeger presented the Fire Company Report. He reported they responded to 8 alarms for the month of March 1 brush fire, 2 medical calls, 2 mutual aid house fires, 1 fire police assisting Williamsport police and 1 missing autistic child. Training for month was CPR and AED. Placed a fire police vehicle in service, and the driveway permit is still on the list. Jim was asked if there was a problem with the permit or it was just a time issue. He said it was a time issue and that he had to get it measured and that he would get it done soon.
- Jim Pfleeger was asked by Dennis Brown if the township had the information on the fire police vehicle so that it could be added to the liability insurance. Jim Pfleeger stated he already had taken care of it through Erie Insurance Co. Dennis Brown told Jim that the township must carry liability insurance on all Emergency vehicles. Jim Pfleeger said he would double check with his insurance carrier to see if the township was protected if that vehicle was in an accident
- Jim Surfield stated that a couple of months back that Jim Pfleeger agreed to supply a report of all fire company financial transactions to the township and that he did not see that report included with this report.
- Graffus Johnston said an issue was brought up at a previous meeting that the township was not doing proper maintenance on the roads during snow storms and that the fire company had trouble responding to a call because of lack of maintenance being done to keep the roads clear. He asked Jim Pfleeger if he was aware of any problem responding to calls because of road maintenance issues. Jim Pfleeger said he was not aware of any issues.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Jim Surfield read the announcement for the annual spring meeting of the Lycoming County Supervisors and Secretaries to be held on April 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Loyalsock Volunteer Fire Company social hall.
- Jim Surfield read the notice with regarding the PSATS Youth Award Contest

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Previous Owner

Kondaur Capital Corporation

New Owner

Robert J. Glunk and Steven F. Huling

PUBLIC INPUT:

- John Askey stated there was a lot of trash along Pfirman Road between the railroad tracks and the location where the pipe needs replaced. Jim Surfield said he will have Graffus take care of it.
- John Askey said there is a pipe that goes under the railroad tracks that is almost plugged.
- The question was asked when, will the streets be swept. Jim Surfield stated they would be swept when it stops snowing. Jim stated that he is checking several options to get the streets cleaned so as not to just sweep the stones in the resident's yards.
- Bill Giles asked the status of the WEB site. Sherry Hatch said she is still working with Scott Kramer of SEDA-COG. She said it is not live yet but, tentatively it is up.
- Barbara Birt asked about the Cohick Road sign. Jim Surfield said they were waiting for the weather to break to place that sign and several others. He said they would be put up soon.
- Larry Brungart asked if there was fence work to be done to the Tennis/Basketball court and if it was major. Dennis Brown said there was fence work to be done but it was not major. He said it included adding fence behind the two east backboards and repairing some holes and poles.
- John Huyck asked if the court was for tennis and basketball only. The answer was yes. He stated he has noticed other activities on the court including kids climbing up and sitting on the backboards. Jim Surfield said he had heard some kids talking about this issue happening at a different time as well. Jim said the people of the community have a vested interest in this park and if they see things going on that are inappropriate that they should either correct the action or notify a supervisor to correct the action.
- Mr. Arnold asked if anything was going to be done to Johnson Drive such as repaving it. He said he has lived there for 43 years and it is in the worst condition that he has had to drive on. Jim Surfield said there would be no further action taken in the near future with regards to repaving Johnson Drive. Jim said that because the wear surface was never put on the road when it was rebuilt it allowed water to penetrate the base material and the road was deteriorating. He said corrective action had to be taken in order to save the road from further cracking. A long discussion was held concerning the conditions the roads were in and what needed to be done to preserve the taxpayer dollars from further waste.
- Donald Dreisher brought up the issue of posting and bonding of the roads. Jim Surfield said a posting and bonding study was done in 2008 and the study and the resolution was never acted on. A long and heated discussion was held with regards to this issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Surfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM; seconded by Mike Steinbacher; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

James Surfield
Susquehanna Township Secretary