

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

June 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dennis Brown on June 6, 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 a few residents attending from the community.

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the Regular Meeting May 2, 2017 were reviewed and were approved as submitted. Motion: Jim Surfield; Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Sherry Hatch read the Treasurers report for the period of May 1, 2017 to May 31, 2017. Mike Steinbacher made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as submitted: Seconded by Jim Surfield; Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

May 2017

Receipts:		\$ 30,996.73
Expenditures:	General Fund	\$ 8,133.23
	Payroll	4,139.27
	Payroll Taxes	1,082.86
	Total Bills	\$ 13,355.36

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Nothing to report.

ROADMASTERS REPORT:

- Jim Surfield reported that the Riverview Drive drainage project has been started by the contractor. The contractor has stated they will be on site for several weeks.

- Jim Surfield stated he was still waiting for a quote from Mark Steinbacher for cleaning the ditch out at the 600 area of East Village Drive.
- Jim stated that the grate over the swale between the Getz property and the Pfirman property on Hillside Drive has been installed and is completed.
- Jim said that because of the wet weather the grass along the berms is growing rapidly and is being worked on to keep it in check.
- Jim answered the question asked by Jim Pfleegor if Riverview Drive was going to be closed to traffic during construction. Jim Surfield stated the road would remain open during construction. He said that when traffic comes through the contractor moves their equipment so the traffic can get by.

PARK CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Mike Steinbacher said he needed to get with Graffus to cut one more dead tree down. Graffus asked if he was to take the tree down. Mike's answer was yes.
- Mike told Graffus that soon as Honey Dippers marks the sewer line he could dig up the sewer line to make repairs. Mike stated there would be no charge from Honey Dippers to the township for this service.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Graffus Johnston stated that on Wednesday May 31, 2017 that he had a signed agreement with the Feist family with regards to the cleanup of the property at 86 Sherwood Lane.
- Graffus stated that on the other properties that had violations, some had been corrected, and that no letters of violations have been sent.
- Mike Steinbacher issued an apology to Sherry Hatch for comments made at the previous board meeting regarding the issue of the Nisbet Volunteer Fire Company's Relief Association audit report. He stated the problem with the check was the Fire Company's fault not Sherry's.
- Jim Surfield said he received a letter in response to the onsite inspections on March 30, 2017, conducted by representatives of the State of Pennsylvania and Norfolk Southern Railroad, of the Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing with regards to placing warning lights at Pfirman Road, the drainage issue at Pfirman Road, the crossing roadway conditions at West Village Drive. He said the response totally ignored these issues and went on to address their desire to eliminate crossings.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jim Surfield reported a proposal to clean up the property at 67 Second Ave. was awarded to D. A. D.'s Landscaping. The proposal included spraying weeds along street with Glyphosate, pull vines off house as possible and treat base to prevent regrowth, remove trash, cut and chip brush and haul away chips and initial mowing of the yard at a cost of \$2,538.00. Proposal also includes mowing after cleanup at a cost of \$75.00 for each mowing.
- Jim Surfield said that the owners of D & W Disposal are retiring and have notified us that they have sold the business to Mr. Jeffrey Hoyt. Jim said he would contact D & W Disposal to see if the same terms and costs would remain the same.

- Bids were opened for the Electrical work to be done in the park. Because of the high cost of the total to do the full scope of the project it was decided to table the issue for the time being. Jim Surfield made a Motion: To table the bids for the electrical systems in the park; Mike Steinbacher seconded the motion; Motion carried. Jim will contact the bidders to quote a price on doing only the wiring of the pavilions.
- Jim Surfield made a Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 2017-03 An Ordinance of Susquehanna Township amending the Zoning Ordinance of Susquehanna Township establishing regulation of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Grower/Processor Plants; Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.
- Jim Surfield made a Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 2017-04 an ordinance amending Ordinance 2016-06 pertaining to the Uniform Construction Code; Seconded by Mike Steinbacher; Motion carried.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

- Jim Pfleegor gave the fire company report for the months of April and May. April responded to 10 alarms and had training on Water Supply/Pump (8) people and (3) people attended Penn College-Emergency Medical Responder Course. May responded to 25 alarms and had training on Mass Casualty Exercise (Williamsport) (6) people and (3) people attended Penn College-Emergency Medical Responder Course.
- Jim Pfleegor stated the signage on the river lots is working well. He said they had an EMS call to the river lots and they used the signage to locate the site. He stated they can also use their cell phones to call up the locations.
- Jim also presented a paper addressing utilizing an emergency member to the fire company to help during a large scale emergency. Denise said he should talk to the Workman’s Comp Insurance Co. regarding this issue prior to any action taken.

MISCELLANEOUS:

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Previous Owner

New Owner

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Steven Cowher asked if he needed a permit to erect a pavilion if it was constructed in a manner that allowed it to be erected and disassembled in a short amount of time. Jim Surfield told Steve that because it is located in a flood area that DEP would have the final say on that issue. Denise Dieter informed Steve that he should also talk to our Zoning Officer Tom Packard prior to going to DEP.
- Charles Johnson asked when the brush was going to be cleaned up along Stewart Road. Dennis Brown told Mr. Johnson that by Township Code the property owner has the right to the wood from the downed trees. He said the township removed the trees from the roadway and it is now the property owner’s responsibility to remove the wood that is no longer on the roadway. Mr. Johnson voiced his opinion on numerous issues on Stewart Road.

- The issue of the tree being down on Lorson Drive was discussed with regards as to who actually owned the tree. It was decided to write a letter to Scott Yeagle to see what his intentions were as to clean-up the tree.
- Larry Brungart asked if anybody had walked through the 67 Second Ave. property with the contractor with regards to the clean-up of that property. Jim Surfield stated that he had a complete walk through with the contractor.
- Graffus Johnson asked Dennis Brown if the township could ask the property owners that abut Pfirman Road and River Road to allow the township to erect snow fence in the areas that the township had severe drifting conditions this past season. Dennis said the property owners could be asked for permission, but if they said no the township would not be able to erect such fence. Jim Surfield asked what the status was for these same property owners request to use the township drain pipes to pass their irrigation pipes through these pipes. Denise said that she has contacted Mike Wiley their attorney on numerous occasions and he has not forwarded the agreement to the parties involved. Jim Surfield said this should be a compromise for allowing the township to erect a snow fence. Mike Steinbacher said he would contact John Tebbs.
- Steve Cowher asked if two campers could be on the same campsite. Jim Surfield stated that was up to the owner of the campsite and it was not a concern of the township.
- Alan Feist asked if he could get a copy of the material he had asked for in his right to know request. He was told a copy was available for his pickup at the end of the meeting.
- George Bickle asked if there was a final cost for the basketball court. Dennis Brown read the total cost for the basketball court was \$67,634 minus the \$20,000 grant leaving \$47,634 that the township paid.

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