

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

July 5, 2016

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

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the regular meeting June 2, 2016 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 June 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016. Jim Surfield made a Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report as read; Mike Steinbacher Seconded the motion; Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

June 2016

Receipts:		\$ 12,001.72
Expenditures:	General Fund	\$ 10,870.81
	Payroll	2,777.99
	Payroll Taxes	722.36
	Total Bills	\$ 14,371.16

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Dennis Brown reviewed the Budget vs Actual for the first six months of 2016. Currently the expenses are lower than what was projected by the budget and the actual income is higher than the projected income for the first six months.
- Dennis Brown said that he, Mike Steinbacher and Harold Smith attended a MS4 meeting with the County. He explained that Susquehanna Township will be included into this program in 2017 and that it has to do with handling storm water runoff. It is hoped that the Township will be able to get a waiver.

ROADMASTERS REPORT:

- Jim Surfield stated he had received a report of a near accident at the Pfirman Road railroad crossing. He said he had contacted Norfolk and Southern to see if warning lights could be installed at that crossing. He said he was told that it was a State issue. Jim said he contacted the State with regards to the issue and he related that there was already an accident fatality at that intersection. The state representative told Jim that a spending package was already in the works to upgrade all the crossing warning systems in Nisbet. He told Jim that if he could get him the information on the fatal accident that it would move Nisbet up higher on the list. He said in the meantime to install stop signs on each side of the crossing temporarily until more permanent warning devices could be installed.
- Jim stated that the Borough of South Williamsport used their sweeper to sweep West Village Drive, Valley Road, Bertin Heights, Hillside Drive, Lorson Drive, Johnson Drive and Cohick Road on Friday June 24, 2016. He said it was agreed that sometime in August we will return the favor by mowing areas along the dike prior to the Corps Of Army Engineer's inspection.
- Jim stated that the backhoe was at Young's Garage to have the hoe cylinder repaired. Jim stated that there also is an issue with the light switches incorrectly wired and that there was a fire that burnt the wiring and will need to be repaired.
- Jim stated that Young's garage had also worked on the Boom mower to repair various leaks in the hydraulic system.

PARK CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Mike said that there was a problem with the septic system in the park. He stated that Honey Dippers ran camera in the pipe and located the septic tank. He stated the problem was with roots in the pipe. He said there is still a need to have the roots cleaned out and some pipe elbows replaced.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Zoning Officer issue was discussed as to options the township has to have zoning issue addressed due to the retirement of Ron Heindel. Denise gave Denny the telephone number of a company that serves other townships as their zoning officer. Denny said he would call them to see if they would be interested in being the zoning officer for Susquehanna Township.
- The issue of the Township's Emergency Operation Plan review was discussed. It was decided that the three supervisor's and the Emergency Management Coordinator would meet on Wednesday July 13, 2016 at 2 PM to review the plan.
- Sherry Hatch stated that the township WEB site had been visited by 31 people as of July 4, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dennis Brown addressed the issue campground ordinances 2016-04 and 2016-05. These ordinances address the requirements of having the campgrounds emptied off from the period of Oct 15 through April 15. They also address the need for the campsites to be numbered so that first responders have some direction to go in locating an individual in the campground. Denise stated that the ordinances

were advertised and copies were sent to the county planning commission and the township planning commission. Ordinance 2016-04 is an amendment to the Susquehanna Township Zoning Ordinance. It sets dates of October 15 through April 15 that the sites must be vacated. It also lists what can and can't be left at the site. Jim Surfield made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-04; Mike Steinbacher Seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Dennis Brown addressed the Ordinance 2016-05. He said it was a new ordinance of Susquehanna Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, requiring all campground lot and/or river lot areas to have all lots signed/identified, for the removal of structures and other items in the off-season and penalty for failing to comply with the same. Jim Surfield made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-05; Mike Steinbacher Seconded the motion; Motion carried.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

- Jim Pflieger presented the Fire Company Report. He reported they responded to 12 alarms for the month of June (4) Medical Calls, (1) Missing child, (1) Vehicle Accident, (4) Mutual Aid (1) Assist Williamsport Police (1) Still Alarm. Training for month was Vehicle Fire Simulator (live Fire), Hose Advancement and Ground Ladders. Jim stated the Fire Company had tractor pulls scheduled for August 12, 2016. Jim Surfield requested if the number of attendees from the Nisbet Fire Company attending training could be listed with the training subject matter. Jim Surfield made a motion to approve the fire report; Mike Steinbacher Seconded the motion; Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Jim Surfield stated that Jordan Miller was attempting to purchase 13 feet of his neighbor's property. Jim stated that the surveyor doing the work for Jordan miller brought it to the attention of the township that this would make the neighbor's property a non-conforming property. Jim stated that the surveyor suggested that Mr. Miller apply for a variance instead. Larry Brungart interjected and asked if Mr. Miller needed a permit for the fence he was installing. Jim Surfield said if the fence was over 6' high it would need a permit.
- Jim stated that he received a letter stating that the township needed to complete the 2016 NIMS Data Collection Form. He also stated that if no changes were made from the previous year that the form could be sent back marked no changes. Jim said it would be sent back with no changes indicated.
- Jim Surfield said he had received a permit from Troy Plocinski for a permit to put in a third driveway to serve a concrete pad for a future building. It was decided to take no action on the permit until the supervisors had the opportunity to talk to Mr. Plocinski about the project.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Previous Owner

Robert C. Pfirman

Brion K. Cammer

New Owner

Robert C. Pfirman Jr.

Michelle L. Younkin and George V. Deuel Jr.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Larry Brungart asked about the permit for Scenic Mountain Construction as to what it was for. Jim Surfield said it was either for the house being built on Nisbet Terrace or the modular shed on Hillside Drive. Jim said he would check it out and let Larry know.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully Submitted

James Surfield
Susquehanna Township Secretary