

**Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisor  
Regular Meeting  
September 4, 2018**

Dennis Brown called the regular meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00PM.

In attendance were Supervisors Mike Steinbacher, Jim Surfield, Dennis Brown, and Secretary/Treasurer Sherry Kurtz. The Solicitor, Denise Deiter, was also present.

There were several residents from the community that were also present.

Minutes from the August 7, 2018 meeting were approved.

**Surfield– Motion  
Steinbacher – Seconded  
Approved 3-0**

The Treasurer’s Report was read by Sherry Kurtz. It was reviewed and the report was approved.

**The Financial Review:            August 2018**

<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 18,306.12</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b> General Fund	<b>\$ 4,710.00</b>
Payroll	<u>\$ 1,959.66</u>
Total Bills	<u>\$ 6,669.66</u>
General Fund Bal. 07/31/2018	\$254,459.05

**Surfield – Motion  
Steinbacher – Seconded  
Approved – 3-0**

**Chairman’s report - Dennis Brown**

At the last meeting there were questions brought up by Jim Surfield regarding paying overtime for weekend work. Dennis Brown wanted to know that if things were being paid wrong it needed to be corrected so he asked for copies of pay records. They were obtained from the auditors and upon review show there is no evidence on any pay stub that overtime was paid for weekend work. The overtime paid was for snow removal only. Dennis told Jim Surfield and Graffus Johnston that this should have been brought to Mrs Kurtz and not brought up in a public meeting to cast doubt on what and how we are doing things at this Township and he said that both owe Mrs. Kurtz an apology.

### **Road Master - Mike Steinbacher**

Mike stated that he is working with Larson Design Group on Hillside Drive. Larson Design sent him paperwork to look over. Dennis Brown asked Mike Steinbacher if he has plans to have this done this fall, and Mike said it should be.

The pipe is in on First Ave and N & S Paving should be coming to finish this job.

A resident asked about a pipe on Pfirman Road. Mike said that if this pipe crushes we can put another pipe in there. John Askey stated that the pipe and road around it should be filled in so the water makes its way through the pipe and not across the road. Jim Surfield said that was a proposal by PennDOT that he already submitted paperwork for Fish and Boat Commission & DEP to replace that pipe and build the road up over top of it. To work on that pipe Jim Surfield explained that Fish and Boat and DEP have to be involved because of wetlands. Jim Surfield has all the information and drawing from when he applied 2 years ago. Jim and Mike need to get together and get this started.

Askey also asked about the trees and PennLine is supposed to cut them down. They have their ribbons on them.

Someone asked when the crossing is supposed to be finished. That is up to the Railroad. They have gotten the funding and approval. Originally it was to be completed by the end of this year. Jim Surfield did say that if the crossings are not moving along there is a number for the PUC who will contact the Railroad.

### **Park Report – Mike Steinbacher**

The pipe needed repaired again for the urinal. It was leaking. Mike called a plumber to fix it. The plumber said to put a filter system in will be a job because the pipes are bunched together. He was getting a quote for a filter to Mike. When the pipe broke the water ruined all the paper towels and toilet paper. Mike went and bought more to replace it. Mike Clark and Mike Steinbacher were there Shop-Vac-ing out the water.

### **Old business**

Jim Surfield went to talk to Commissioners McKernan and Mirabito about why we did not get notification for the Legacy Fund. Jack McKernan explained that they had a list of people that had applied for money before so they did not send out. Jim asked when it will go out again and it wont be until the fund reaches \$120,000.00. He did offer him another avenue. Jim needs to get an amount for playground equipment. Jim believes it will be a match grant. All needs to be geared toward the children. Feist property, Dennis Brown thinks we are at a standstill. There is a medical issue with Gary Feist. Graffus Johnston said there is no update and does not think they will make their obligation. November is their deadline. Denny told Graffus to have a talk with Alan Feist.

Graffus Johnston talked to Dick Steinbacher about the fence, he told Dick he had 60 days to get it completed, Dick asked for 90 days due to a large amount of metal that will need to be removed. Graffus agreed and that puts the date at November 28<sup>th</sup> that the fence will need to be up.

Denise wanted to update on Olga Levi property. She had been picked up on a warrant. Her employee came into the Township and picked up a septic permit for the fee of \$300.00. And Denise is still figuring attorney fees also. It has not been pumped/inspected as of yet. She will reach out to Olga's attorney to push for the pump/inspection to be done right away.

Denise wanted to bring up a subdivision that was approved Sept. 2016. Mr David Fox submitted a subdivision plan Sept 2016 where he was to divide off 1.653 acres leaving a residual of 4.148 acres. The plan was reviewed by county who indicated that a variance would need to be granted due to the acreage. In this Township it is 10 acres in the floodplain and 5 acre minimum in the floodway. A variance was applied for and granted Dec 2016. Allowing for subdivision. Dec 2016 Planning Commission review and made a motion to be approve. In the plan itself there was language that was the residual was for farming use. This acreage is in a residential district that does not allow farming. There was a complaint that there were animals being pastured in a residential district. However this plan was approved. Denise made a suggestion that one or two Supervisors should be on the Planning Commission because the plans brought before the planning commission never come before the supervisors. As far as the complaint,

there is nothing that can be done at this point. Dennis Brown said that at the reorganizational meeting an elected official should be placed on the planning commission.

Denise wanted to talk about the Laielli property from Graffus Johnston. Graffus Johnston was contacted by Bettie Mutchler that the basement had been pumped out. She told him they had cleaned out the debris from the house. She has a contractor in place and need 15 more days to install the ceilings. And put the light fixtures back in place. Graffus gave them the 15 day extension. Deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Denises concern is that Graffus has not talked to the property owner only Ms.Mutchler.

### **New Business**

Jim Surfield asked if any one had any information from PP&L about the conversion on the street lights to the LED. No one has but Sherry Kurtz will call and get the information tomorrow. There were 2 complaints, one was go carts running up and down the street. It is a state police matter.

The other one was regarding the rocks on the corner of Johnson and Lorson. The school bus is having a difficult time rounding that corner. Denny asked that Graffus speak to the property owner and ask him to move the rocks out of the township right of way. Jim Surfield suggested that we round that corner with asphalt. Mike will go and look at it with N & S to pave it. Then Graffus will go talk to him.

### **Fire Company Report – August - Mike Steinbacher**

There were 7 alarms: 2 traffic control, assist Williamsport PD and Duboistown PD  
3 medical, 1 mental patient, 1 mutual aid.

8/15 – 8/26/18 for various standbys and traffic control for the Little League World Series.

9/22/18 will be the rain date for the tractor pull.

### **Misc.**

There was nothing brought to the table for misc.

### **Real Estate Transfers**

There were 6 transfers listed from May – July 2018

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| • James Edwards Investments | 55-368-154.A | 40 Lawton Lane        |
| • Samantha K Diehl          | 55-003-207   | Jared M. Seavey       |
| • Robert K Walters          | 55-368-104.A | Susan Carson-Casoni   |
| • Joann C Ertel             | 55-368-126   | Kenneth & Shana Ertel |
| • Joann C Ertel             | 55-369-157   | Kenneth & Shana Ertel |
| • Joann C Ertel             | 55-369-165   | Kenneth & Shana Ertel |

### **Public Input**

Vicky Schlay, E Village Dr., is asking about the line of sight issue with the Reyes property. Pulling out of her driveway she can not see. He did trim some but not enough to see. Denny said to measure for the right of way and if the limbs are in the right of way Graffus can cut them. Mr Reyes did sent us a letter saying he would work with us. Graffus will talk to him.

Graffus was asking about the decision about the storing campers. The Supervisors will discuss this in executive session then get back to Graffus.

### **Pay Bills**

Brown asked for a motion to pay the bills.

**Steinbacher – Motion**

**Surfield - Seconded**

**Approved 3-0**

**Executive Session:**

There will be an executive session, there will be no action taken and the regular meeting will not reconvene.

**Adjourn**

Brown asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Surfield– Motion**

**Steinbacher – Seconded**

**Approved 3-0**

Brown adjourned the meeting.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Sherry Kurtz**