

Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisor
Regular Meeting
October 3, 2017

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

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

Minutes from the September 5, 2017 meeting were reviewed, corrections will be made and they were approved.

Mike – Motion

Dennis – Seconded

Approved 3-0

The Treasurer's Report was read by Sherry Kurtz. It was reviewed, changes will be made and it was approved.

Mike – Motion

Dennis – Seconded

Approve 3-0

Chairman's report - Dennis Brown

- Lycoming County Bridge Bundling Program was his first order of business. He believes that the Twp should participate. Dennis made a motion to participate in the program. Jim seconded.
- Letter to the PUC allowing PennDot's application to fix/upgrade the railroad crossings at Pfirman Rd, Village Drive and River Road. The project is 100% funded by federal funds.
- Kaelyn Koser sent in the MS-4 waiver application. Dennis let everyone know that a check for \$500.00 had to accompany the application. Dennis made a motion that the check for \$500.00 for the MS-4 application be approved, Jim seconded.
- Dennis has talked to Gary at Klein and Rizzo about paying bills online yet. No action on the subject will be taken until we can get something in writing from Klein and Rizzo regarding procedure.

Road Master - Mike Steinbacher

- Updated bids for Riverview Drive project will be gone over during new business.
- We will be removing the tree on Lorson Drive if the property owner does not remove it by Oct. 14th. Graffus spoke to Mr. Yeagle and told him he had 30 days and he said he will clean it up.

Park Report – Graffus Johnson

- There were 2 young residents of the township going down and jumping on the bleachers until they found weak ones and jumped on them until they broke. A neighbor did watch this happen. She tried to get a hold of someone to come down to the park but was unsuccessful. She did speak to Dennis a few days later. The bleachers were repaired.

Old business – Graffus Johnson

- Graffus and Denise had a hearing on September 13th for Olga Levi. Magistrate Solomon found in favor of the Township. She was assess a \$1,000.00 fine and to reimburse the Township for legal fees. She needs to start taking care of the property including the lawn. Denise prepared a lien to include all the amounts the Township incurred and it will be filed. Olga Levi is going to sell the property then the lien will need paid in full before a sale can go through.
- Feist property update: property showed the most significant progress as to date. The handout Graffus gave out shows the progress for the numbers of tires and vehicles being removed. Feists are on track for the cleanup schedule.

New Business

Ordinance 2017-04 Junkyard

This has been advertised and it is an amendment to the junkyard ordinance. This is the first reading. This ordinance is clarifying the fencing area.

Dennis - Motion

Mike - Seconded

Approved 3-0

- Denise presented a holding tank ordinance for review. It would be to regulate holding tanks in the township; Jamie needs to review it also.
- Mike went over the bids for the Riverview Drive project. They opened the bids last Tuesday, with Larsen Design, Mike and Dennis were present and Jim via phone, they were only opened and nothing was awarded. Jamie Wacker LLC's bid was \$74,518.00.

Dennis - Motion

Mike - seconded

Approved 3-0

- Dennis read a letter from Yvonne Markle, requesting an increase for the tax collector position of 2% and mileage. We will look at it during budget sessions.
- Mike Clark is resigning due to health issues. Dennis wants to thank Mike for his service to the Township.
- A resignation letter from Graffus was also read. He will stay on as Codes Enforcement officer.

Dennis - Motion

Mike - seconded

Approved 3-0

Fire Company Report – Jim Pfleegor

- 11 calls in September. 1 brush fire on 1st Ave. needed to have DCNR respond and they are doing the investigation.
- This is Fire Prevention Month and there are several events coming up.
- There was an issue so now the Fire Police car will stay at the fire house.

Misc.

- The bond for Gutelius was put on hold since the work failed on Riverview Dr., however at this time; we are going to release this bond.

Dennis - Motion

Mike – Second

Approved 3-0

- Denise asked about the Bailey (Ardabell) property. A violation letter was sent in July that everything needed to stay behind the fence. He is non-compliant and we need to pursue this. To be in compliance he will need to file an application for a business permit and variances. Denise and Tom will look at this together and bring it back to the board.
- Dennis stated that the next meeting is Nov 7th and the Sherry, our Secretary/Treasurer, is the minority inspector for the election at the polls in Armstrong Township and Denise is on call for legal so we will be having the meeting without the 2 of them. All agreed.
- Mike wants to hire Rob Steppe for maintenance and snow plowing for the Township. Graffus wants the public to know that he is not upset with his replacement. But he is upset with how this was handled.

Mike – Motion

Dennis – Second

Approve 2-1 Jim – Nay

Real Estate Transfers

- Seeing there were none Dennis moved on.

Public Input

- A resident asked about the Township right of way around 2nd Ave, saying the weeds are very high in the ditch and really should be taken care of. They will take a look at them and address the issue.
- Another resident asked about noise ordinance in the Township. He has a problem with barking dogs all hours of the night. Loud people and music during the week. Jim said it would probably fall under the nuisance ordinance. Denise said that a noise ordinance is really hard to enforce. A copy of the ordinance will be sent to her.

Pay Bills

Dennis – Motion

Jim – Seconded

Approved 3-0

Adjourn

- Jim said that he wanted to bring up last month's argument regarding where he was for the August meeting. He presented a receipt and wants it with the minutes.

Dennis - Motion

Mike - Seconded

Approved 2-1

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Kurtz