

**Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisor
Regular Meeting
November 7, 2017**

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

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

The Treasurer's Report was read by Dennis Brown. Balances as of October 31, 2017 was:

General Fund \$148,285.65
Liquid Fuels \$188,873.00
Fire Equipment \$14,773.30

A list of transactions for the month is included. Dennis asked for approval.

Dennis- Motion

Jim – Seconded

Approve 2-0

Chairman's report - Dennis Brown

Dennis had a discussion with Rob Steppe and Graffus Johnson regarding the maintenance work. A schedule was made to split up work and duties. Later in the meeting Graffus will be hired back for Township maintenance.

Road Master – Dennis Brown

Riverview Dr project is done. Paper work should be completed for the grant. Dennis will check with Mike on that.

Park Report – No Report

Old business – Dennis Brown

We received a letter from the PUC regarding the railroad crossings and they scheduled a meeting for November 3, 2017. Dennis was unable to go, however Jim went. Those present included a representative from the PUC, the railroad, Norfolk Southern, PennDot, and Mr. Murawski from Lycoming County. They went through each crossing as to what they are doing to change out each crossing. They were specific on who was responsible for each aspect of the project. They will be changing lights (to LEDs) and adding bells where needed. The Township needs to do signage and stop bars 6 ft. from the gates. The Village Drive crossing, they will change out lights and add bells, also stop bars from the Township. Pfirman Road they will put up lights and gates. The Township needs to do stop bars and to post speed limit signs. Also, there are trees that are in the line of sight that will need to come down. The railroad crossing work will be done before December 2018.

Holding Tank Ordinance is tabled at this point until we can speak to our SEO.

Junkyard Ordinance 2017-04 is an amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 418-G with regard to fencing. It was read by Dennis and passed.

Dennis – Motion

Jim – Seconded

Approve – 2-0

Jim would like the flag light repaired.

New Business – Dennis Brown

The Township Certificate of Deposit for 6 month is up for renewal. Dennis suggests we allow for renewal.

Dennis – Motion

Jim - Seconded

Approved 2-0

Dennis is making a motion to hire Graffus Johnson as a maintenance worker for the Township with the provision and work schedule discussed earlier.

Dennis - Motion

Jim - Seconded

Approved 2-0

Dennis is all in favor of a posted speed limit of 35MPH at Pfirmen Rd., however, Dennis believes that there is a procedure to follow. Jim said he has talked to Don Free in the past regarding this and believes Don would be able to advise you as to how to proceed. A traffic study needs to be done, and the Township can do their own study following the criteria set forth by PennDot. PUC will reach out to the Township and at that point Dennis said we can tell them we will post the limit as soon as the study is completed. Jim also said there will be a written report sent to the Township regarding the railroad crossings.

Fire Company Report – There was no report.

Misc. – Rob was talking about scrapping the tank, but it has some “sludge” in the bottom. Dennis suggests that he look into scrapping it with the residual in it. It needs to be disposed of in the proper way. Rob will look into it.

Graffus has some Codes issues to discuss. Regarding the wood pile on Lorson Drive, Graffus and Denise spoke with the home owner and he said that he would clean it up. There was some work done but they found out that it was Mr. Huff or people relative to him that cleaned it. They had given the home owner 30 days and that has ended. Graffus filed a violation code against him and gave him 10 days to respond.

The Feist property update. Graffus has a sheet with the totals for review and he went over the totals. Graff is disappointed that they have done no more work since the last inspection.

During the heavy rain he went down to Riverview Drive and the pipe work done worked very well. We did have flooding on Pfirmen Rd. and they put out caution signs. The pipe that goes across the road in that area is not at the lowest point, that is where the water is coming from. And there was back up by Mike’s property. He will have to tend to that pipe.

Public Input

Michael Clark wanted the minutes to reflect that he had not resigned his position with the Township that he was terminated.

Jeff MacGill wanted to talk to someone about the permit procedure and since Tom Packard was here he spoke with him. Maggie MacGill was also present. They will talk after the meeting.

The gentleman that was in the property on Second Ave explained the circumstance that had him in that property. He just wanted the Supervisors to understand why he was there.

Pay Bills:

Dennis – Motion

Jim – Seconded

Approved 2-0

Adjourn:

Jim – Motion

Dennis – Seconded

Approved 2-0

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sherry Kurtz