

**Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisor
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2021**

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

In attendance were Supervisors, Mike Steinbacher, Lynn Hill and George Berninger. Secretary/Treasurer, Sherry Kurtz was also present along with 2 residents, and Jim Pfleegor, the Township EMA and Fire Chief #7.

Minutes from the March 3, 2021 Regular Meeting were reviewed and they were approved.

Steinbacher – Motion

Berninger – Second

Approved 3-0

The Treasurer’s Report was read by Sherry Kurtz

Financial Review: March

Receipts	General Fund	\$26,976.52
Expenditures:	General Fund	\$ 7,099.68
	Payroll	<u>\$ 3,690.39</u>
	Total Bills	\$10,790.07
General Fund Balance	3/31/2021	\$352,727.07
Liquid Fuels	3/31/2021	\$216,410.15

Berninger– Motion

Steinbacher – Second

Approved 3-0

Lynn asked for a motion to pay the bills as presented.

Steinbacher – Motion

Berninger – Second

Approved 3-0

Chairman’s report – Lynn Hill

We placed the order for the signs for the “No Unauthorized Motor Vehicles” and when they were picked up, they were incorrect. A corrected order is being processed.

The Fire Co wants to hold a gun raffle at the park, the problem is they want to serve beer. The ordinance that we will be passing tonight, our new ordinance for the park rules and regulations, states no alcohol. They cannot have it at the Fire Hall due to the number of people they are expecting and Jim Pfleegor also stated that being outside right now is probably better. The Fire Co buys a one day beer license for the event. George spoke to the fact that the Fire Co probably needs the funds they will receive from this fundraiser. Lynn will call Denise himself to talk this over with her.

Road Master - Mike Steinbacher

We will be advertising for the paving of the road. We received the ad and the paving contract, to distribute, from Greg Dibble, PennDOT. Sherry will have it advertised April 12 and April 19. We will be opening the sealed bids and taking action at the next meeting May 5, 2021 at 7PM. Mike will be meeting with Pine Township in a couple weeks for the tar and chip of River Rd. Mark has been patching the road for the potholes. We need to order some cold patch because buying bags is too expensive.

Lynn wanted to talk about Mr Green and his complaints about the water at his property. Light Heigel needs to give us some information on this job. Mike said that Kyle was supposed to talk to Marty. Mike will reach out to them.

At the intersection of Johnson and Lorson Dr the sign was hit and it is leaning. Mike said it will be taken care of.

Park Chairman – George Berninger

George wanted to take this time to recognize Erle Birt for his years of service with the Township and the Fire Company. He passed away April 1st. The flag has been lowered in honor of him.

George said the park looked good with all the sticks and limbs picked up throughout. Mark did do a good clean up.

The 4 recycle bins have arrived. We will set up 1 at the basketball court, 1 at the playground, 1 at the main pavilion, and Mike had the idea of keeping the 4th one locked in the garage except for events.

George gave a short presentation of how long it takes different types of materials to decompose in a landfill. An aluminum can, can go from the recycle bin to be back on the shelf as a product in 6 weeks but it would take 250 years to decompose, plastic bottles take about 450 years and glass bottles 1 million years to decompose. So recycling is the way to go.

A conversation about securing the bins was had between the supervisors. From now on we will be taking the cans in and out for events because people are using them for their own garbage or grooming their dogs. George wants to get at least 2 of these set up in the next week.

A resident, Janet Lindeman, wanted to talk about picking up garbage themselves while walking and if the garbage cans will be inside how could they throw it away. The supervisors explained the cans under the pavilion will be taken in not the ones around the park. She also wanted to know about cashing in the aluminum cans and was told that it is not worth the time to try to save up to get enough cash from them.

New Business

Lynn wanted to talk about the weed control for this year and where it should be sprayed. They talked and came up with, around the building, the fence line, poles, the perimeter of the playground, around the mailboxes and around the fence in the basketball court. Lynn will get a price for us.

Lynn wanted to talk about the zoning fees, we follow the county's fee schedule. In the past, we paid the zoning officer per month no matter what he did, not per issue. Now we are charged by Light Heigel per issue. If a resident fills out a zoning application and it is denied we pay Light Heigel for their work but we receive nothing from the applicant for a denied application. We only receive a fee when the application is approved. Light Heigel has a fee schedule that we should follow. So the action that is going to be taken right now, is that a meeting with Light Heigel is needed to go over fees to get a better handle on what the Township is paying and what the Township is taking in for Zoning Matters.

A Resolution will need to be passed if and when we change the zoning fees.

Lynn wants to discuss the 2022 septic letters, fees, reminders and non-compliant/solicitors fees. He is suggesting that we raise the septic permit fee to \$35.00 for a permit, \$75.00 for a permit after a 2nd Notice, \$150.00 when the solicitor sends a letter, and \$250.00 when we file at the Magistrate for non-compliance.

Lynn asked for a motion to prepare a Resolution to change the Septic fees for 2022

Berninger – Motion
Steinbacher – Second
Approved 3-0

Sherry and Mike talked about the creation of a Facebook page for the Township. It would be a place for residents to get information about events and activities in the Township. We can also share with the Fire Company's FB page in getting information out to our residents. Jim Pfleegor said there is a FB page but no one from the Township started it so Sherry will deactivate it and start a new one.

Mike made a motion to create a Facebook Page to inform the community of events and any activities in the Township.

Steinbacher – Motion
Hill – Second
Approved 3-0

Our 2 Junkyard permit letters went out and 1 has already complied. 1 is outstanding. The Campground Permit letters were also sent out for the 2021 season. April 15th through October 15th. There are 2 outstanding as of this meeting.

Sherry spoke with Mrs. Musheno regarding the resolution on the table tonight for rules and regulations for the park, pavilions, and township property including defacing the road, will now become enforceable offenses. This comes back on the owner of the property. She said she already spoke with her tenants.

Old business

Lynn has asked for a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2021-01** Park and Property Rules and Regulations.

Steinbacher – Motion
Berninger – Seconded
Approved 3-0

Lynn explained that even though we had rules, without the ordinance we had no leverage to enforce the rules. Now we can enforce the rules and regulations for the Township properties.

Fire Company Report – Jim Pfleegor- Fire Chief

We responded to 17 Alarms for March, they were 10 Medical Calls, 1 Mental Patient, 4 Mutual Aid, 1 Tree Down, 1 Vehicle Accident. Training included EMS Pediatric Emergencies, Brush/Wildland Fire Training.

There is no update with the City Fire Agreement.

Jim also explained that the Nisbet V.F.C. (Rescue 7) is recognized as a Licensed EMS Agency in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, our services must adhere to the Department of Health. He just wanted to give an explanation of what that all means. He went on to say they are required to be inspected every 3 years to keep our License. They have been certified this year.

Jim is also the Township Emergency Management Administrator (EMA) wanted to talk about the PLAN for flooding, disaster of any kind in the Township that needs updated. Every 3 years the Township needs to review the plan. There have been no changes. The supervisors signed the review.

Real Estate Transfers

Previous Owner:

Parcel#

New Owner:

There were no transfers received for this month.

A new report that will be added to the meetings will be for building/zoning permits that were issued during the month.

Building/Zoning Permits Issued: Nothing to report

Public Input

Jim Pfleeger asked the date that you can be on the river lots. April 15th through October 15th. Lynn explained people can be on their lots now to clean up but they cannot move trailers or campers on until April 15th.

Executive Session

Lynn announced there will be an executive session at this meeting for personnel issues. No action will be taken and the regular meeting will not reconvene.

Adjournment

Lynn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Steinbacher – Motion

Berninger – Seconded

Approved 3-0

Lynn adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Kurtz