

**Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
February 6, 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 and Dennis Brown. Secretary/Treasurer Sherry Kurtz, Solicitor Denise Deiter and some residents from the community were also present.

Minutes from the January 2, 2018 meetings, both regular and reorganizational meetings, were reviewed and they were approved.

**Steinbacher – Motion
Brown – Seconded
Approved 2-0**

The Treasurer’s Report was read by Sherry Kurtz. It was reviewed.

**Steinbacher – Motion
Dennis – Seconded
Approve 2-0**

The Financial Review: January 2018

Receipts:	\$12058.56
Expenditures: General Fund	\$13407.62
Total: General Fund	\$133,470.05

**Steinbacher – Motion
Brown – Seconded
Approved – 2-0**

At the last meeting the amount of the Treasurer’s Bond was discussed. I called HA Thomson, our insurance company and they said it should be whatever the amount that is handled at any one time. Looking at the funds and the amounts it can stay at its current amount at \$400,000.00.

Chairman’s report - Dennis Brown

Great news. Department of Environmental Protection sent us a letter that says we are exempt for 5 years from the MS-4 program. What this means for this Township, it has saved us a lot of money. After the 5 years, it will be revisited at that time.

Road Master - Mike Steinbacher

One furnace in the maintenance building is not working, he is looking for permission to call someone to look at. Dennis gave permission.

There was a water issue during the storm on the January 11th and 12th. A tree jammed across the creek causing the water to run around the tree out of the banks and flood the adjoining

properties. The problem was taken care of, however, come spring, the creek really needs cleaned up. There are additional issues that need addressed this spring too.

We got prices on new material for crack seal. They are asphalt blocks and they will work in our machine. Rob explained that there will be no need to wait for the quarry to get asphalt we will have this new material. Mike said we will need to buy a small compressor. You can get one for about \$500.00 and that can stay on the truck. The order needs placed now.

Steinbacher made the motion to spend \$1,462.50 plus shipping for the blocks and purchase of a compressor at a price of aprx. \$500.00. Dennis seconded.

Steinbacher – Motion

Brown – Motion

Approved 2-0

Park Report – Mike Steinbacher

There is no report at this time.

Old business

Gutelius Bond issue is completed. I called Gutelius and the bond company and the bond issue is complete. The bond was released.

Mike and Dennis met with Terry Knarr at his property also present was Keystone COG and Terry's architect. His building is in a flood zone and there is the problem. They are trying to get a solution for this building. After the meeting the architect made a few suggestions but Brown turned it over to our solicitor. At this time she has not had a chance to go over it.

New Business

Ordinance #2018-01 the establishment of a 25MPH speed limit posted on Pfirman Road. Brown explain the posting was requested by the railroad so they don't have so much paperwork through the PUC. Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance, Steinbacher seconded.

Brown – Motion

Steinbacher – Seconded

Approved 2-0

We have in front of the board a Memorandum of Understanding to be between Armstrong Township, Duboistown, and Susquehanna Township. This does not cost the Township anything, they are just looking for a study committee to look at ways that we could share costs on equipment, work force, and materials. Mike and Dennis talked with Jim Surfield and they think it is worthy of further investigation. If down the road it doesn't pan out we can discontinue. It has already been signed by Armstrong Township and Duboistown. Brown believes they should agree and sign the MOU also. Brown makes a motion to approve and sign the MOU. Steinbacher seconded. Motion carries.

Brown – Motion

Steinbacher – Seconded

Approved 2-0

We received an invitation from Kurt Hassamann regarding Sylvan Dell Nature Area. Brown read the invitation and he believes they should go and listen to what this is all about. Steinbacher agrees. March 8th 5-7PM

Municipal Resolution 17-05 This resolution will allow our secretary to do online reporting to the state and PennDOT/dotGrants Brown makes a motion to approve Resolution #17-05 to allow online reporting. Steinbacher seconded.

Brown – Motion

Steinbacher – Seconded

Approved 2-0

Fire Company Report - Mike Steinbacher

Jim could not be here tonight but he sent the report to Steinbacher. There were 12 alarms for last month. 2 mutual aid, 3 vehicle accidents, 4 medical, 2 fires, 1 water problem. 16 taken took hazmat training and 9 attended severe weather preparedness class.

Misc.

Real Estate Transfers

There were 10 transfers from 09/01 – 12/31/17 and then an additional 3 from 01/01 - 01/31/18.

Public Input

Louise Ferguson, a Township auditor, approached the board to appoint Valerie Marshall as an auditor. Brown made a motion to appoint Valerie Marshall as an auditor. Steinbacher seconded. She will need to be sworn in before she can perform duties as an auditor. Denise said she can swear her because she is a notary. That will be done at the end of the meeting. The advertisement will be placed for the auditors meeting February Wednesday 28, 2018 at 7PM.

Brown – Motion

Steinbacher – Seconded

Approved 2-0

A question regarding Ardabells fence being raised. Mr. Harris said you can look right over the fence and see in. He said he lost potential renters because of the sight. A discussion was whether or not the fence could be higher. There really is nothing that can be done with the fence height. Tom Packard, the Zoning Officer, read the ordinance and finds the fence height is 6ft. and the Township can not tell him he has to raise the fence.

Larry asked about the 2nd Ave property (Olga's) and if the owner was fined and if she paid that. She has. Denise said the liens would be paid if not before at the time the property would be sold. They would have to be satisfied before the sale.

Denise said there needs to be an executive session for legal advice. Brown said we will not reconvene after.

Pay Bills

Brown – Motion

Steinbacher - Seconded

Approved 2-0

Brown adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Kurtz