

**Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisor
Regular Meeting
January 6, 2025**

Lynn Hill called the meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors to order at 5:15pm immediately following the reorganization meeting.

In attendance were Supervisors, Lynn Hill, George Berninger and Mike Steinbacher. Secretary/Treasurer, Sherry Kurtz was absent. A couple residents including Janet Linderman, and Jim Pfleegor were present.

Minutes from the December 4, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

**Berninger – Motion
Steinbacher – Second
Approved 3-0**

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Lynn Hill

Financial Review: December Bank Statement 2024

Receipts	General Fund	\$ 39,855.89
Interest	General Fund	\$ 225.69
Expenditures	General Fund	\$ 22,698.40
	Payroll	<u>\$ 2,309.96</u>
	Total Bills	\$ 25,008.36
	General Fund Balance 12/31/2024	\$ 184,922.65

**Berninger– Motion
Steinbacher – Second
Approved 3-0**

Lynn wanted everyone to know starting with the February meeting, the treasurer’s report will now be using the check register balance not the statement balance.

Lynn made a motion to pay the bills as presented.

**Hill – Motion
Berninger – Second
Approved 3-0**

Chairman’s Report – Lynn Hill

Lynn explained that the legislators at the state level have agreed to increase the cap on the supervisors pay rate annually, still depending on the population of the township. The down side if the township approved the rate increase it cannot take effect until the supervisor’s new term starts. A supervisor cannot get a raise during their term. It can be approved for up to \$3,145.00. Lynn thought that was a little much so he made a motion to increase the supervisors pay rate to \$2800.00/ annually. Mike seconded.

Road Master - Mike Steinbacher

Mike said that we having been getting some storms so we will need another load of salt. Sherry will order that right away.

Sherry had sent the bill to Duboistown for the load of salt they got from us. We have not received payment yet. Sherry will follow up with Ann Baker from Duboistown.

Propane was filled. They will let me know about off road when needed.

Park Chairman – George Berninger

Nothing going on in the park. George did do the recycling and there was only about a half a bag. Everything looked good as he walked through the park, all good.

Old Business

The reorganization meeting was held immediately before this meeting.

New Business

Fire Company Insurance, Lynn found out that if the firefighters are going on a non-emergency, non-medical event in Susquehanna Township they are covered with workers comp, however, if they are anywhere else, they are not. In order for them to be covered on non-emergency, non-medical event unless the Township has approved the event. Mike asked about training at a different fire company or the training center. Lynn wasn't sure but he will get an answer. There is a resolution regarding events, Sherry will look for it. Lynn said we need a new roster, the only titles can be active, operation support, fire police and Jr firefighters.

As far as the tractor pulls goes, there will be no tractor pulls until that guard fence and a light pole that is falling down are fixed.

Lynn had a question regarding Independent Bingo. Bingo personnel will not be covered, if it is advertised as Clark St Station. Jim agreed. Web weekly ad and the Facebook page either come down or get the name changed to Independent Nisbet. There will be nothing approved until the name is changed.

Fire Company Report – Jim Pfleegor

December 2024 – Calls for Service – 15

Fire Police – 4, Medical Emergency – 3, Motor Vehicle Accident – 3, Cat in Tree – 1, Lift Assist – 1, Fire Alarm – 1, 3rd Alarm Structure Fire Mutual Aid – 1, Communication Center Error – 1

And there was First Aid Refresher for training.

There was a report that is available that broke down the 159 calls for the year. Jim talked about being proud of the Jr Firefighters and how well they are doing. And the fire company as a whole. Jim also said this is his last term as fire chief. He said it's time to get the younger ones up and running and turn it over to them. Lynn thanked him.

Lynn wanted to go over bidding thresholds for 2025, he listed and explained them.

Real Estate Transfers

Previous Owner:

Eric Fredrickson

Parcel#

55-5-200.01

New Owner:

**Timothy James,
Garrett J,
and
Alexis Marie Quigley**

Zoning

Administration:

- 12/6/24: 361 Bertin Hts – draft public notice for hearing
- 12/19/24: 361 Bertin Hts – gather adjoining property owner info, mail notices & zoning hearing packets for Zoning Hearing Board members
- 12/20/24 – 361 Bertin Hts – schedule stenographer for upcoming zoning hearing
- 12/23/24 – 1105 Jacobs Rd – permitting inquiry for replacement of cell tower equipment (no permit required)
- 12/23/24 – Phone call w/ Alan Wolesslagle RE upcoming zoning hearing

Zoning Hearing Board:

361 Bertin Hts

- 12/30/24 – Zoning hearing for Josh & Amy Bower for Auto & Tire repair business. Business was granted approval as a “Home Occupation” due to the testimony given for the scope of the business. The prior zoning violation has been absolved.

Enforcement Activities:

Summary of 2024 Violations

43 Second Ave

- Citations file for rubbish & property condition. Violation is still open.

414 Big Run Rd

- Zoning application was submitted for the work that was completed without permit. Application is under review. Violation is still currently open, however, property owner & consultant are taking necessary steps for compliance.

361 Bertin Heights

- 12/30/24 – Zoning hearing held. Approval was granted for operation of business. Violation has been absolved & property is compliant.

413 W Village Dr

- 12/4/24 - Permit issued. Property is compliant.

93 Manley Ln

- 11/6/24 - Zoning permit issued for demo of home

86 Sherwood Dr

- 11/12/24 – Phone calls Supervisor Hill & Dance Drier RE property condition & ongoing enforcement. Township has decided to no longer pursuing legal action, citations have been withdrawn from district court.

2841 St Rt 654

- 8/7/24 - Home has been removed. Property was brought into compliance.

1707 River Rd

- 9/30/24 – Permit issued for repairs to garage. Property is compliant.

580 Pfirman Rd

- 5/22/24 – Permit issued for demo of house. Property is compliant.

Zoning Permits:

There were no permits issued.

Public Input

There was no public comment.

Executive Session

There was no executive session needed.

Adjournment

Lynn made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Steinbacher - Motion

Berninger - Second

Approved 3-0

Lynn adjourned the meeting.

Sherry Kurtz