

**Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting**

**July 13, 2015**

The regular July meeting of the South Beaver Township Board of Supervisors held in the South Beaver Fire Hall located on State Route 168 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Daniel Rastatter. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: Daniel Rastatter, Clair Young, Robert Wood, George Patterson, John Heyl, Dan McLean, Ashley Carr.

Others present: Robert Brieck, Connie Mason, Andy Leech, Eli Ratkovich, Anita Reese, Keith Girting, Keith Girting Jr.

Robert Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular June meeting. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robert Wood made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check No. #11636-#11679, Total \$92,270.56; Payroll Fund, Check #8645-#8692, Total \$38,493.64; State Fund, Check #1980-1981, Total \$14,745.79. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Rastatter made the following announcement that prior to the Supervisors meeting at 6:30 the Supervisors and Ashley Carr met with the Fire Department to discuss fueling of vehicles and had a conversation about potentially working with the fire department for the new township building.

John Heyl gave the Engineers report. John informed the board that in order to move forward with the Blackhawk Road Stream Enclosure digital files are need from Daniel C. Baker Associates. The PADEP has issued a waiver to the NPDES Permit requirements. LSSE met with Mr. Brieck onsite to observe water discharge along Lemp Way and took water samples and had them tested. The test results indicated that there is some type of failure with the neighbor's septic system.

Dan McLean read the police report. It will be filed. Dan reported that the Recreation Board had electricity run for community days and left wires unsafely laying on the group and shouldn't do that in the future without permission. Ashley Carr spoke with the Recreation Board and they had the wires removed immediately. Dan reported that he expects to hear something any day now on the new police car.

Robert Wood read the road report. It will be filed.

Ashley Carr read the fire report. It will be filed. Keith Girting mentioned that Jesse Richman did an amazing job at Lakeview Personal Care with evacuation of the patients. Keith reported that there was a fire on Achortown Road in Chippewa and the safest hydrant to use was on Elisa Drive, but a resident said that the fire department wasn't allowed to use the hydrant. Ashley Carr will submit paperwork to LSSE to see at what stage the township can take over ownership of that road and George Patterson will look into sorting out what can be done. Keith said that the work by all at the police department has been great. The Supervisors extended their gratitude to Jesse Richman and all the other police officers.

Eli Ratkovich from State Line Road asked if the township would install a pipe at the end of his driveway if he purchased it. Robert Wood will price the pipe and let him know how much it will cost.

George Patterson commented that a public hearing needs to be held for the adoption of the floodplain ordinance, which will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:05.

Connie Mason was present to ask for a waiver from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance that requires 20' between mobile homes. The Planning Commission members had recommended the waiver

and asked that the effected neighbor and owner of the mobile home park provide letters stating they are unopposed to the construction of a deck and carport, which they did. Clair Young made a motion to offer modification to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried. George Patterson provided the board with written approval, the supervisors signed.

John Heyl has been working with Mr. Brieck regarding discharge of water onto his road. John informed the board that samples were taken that came back with a number of hits, which leads him to believe this is a septic issue. SEO Emily Palmer will contact Daniel C. Baker to obtain information on this issue from the past SEO and move forward. The PaDEP has requested a follow up letter describing the actions taken by the township to address the matter, Emily will be in contact with Ashley to provide a response to the DEP. Mr. Brieck thanked the Supervisors for directing the consulting engineers to get involved.

Keith Girting informed the supervisors that the average wait time for ambulance service is 20 minutes and they aren't sending the closest ambulance, but rather the ambulance service that is assigned to the location. Dan McLean suggested the supervisors send a letter to the director of emergency services requesting use of the closest available ambulance. Keith Girting will have Randy of Beaver County emergency services contact Ashley with more information.

Keith Girting reported that the Emergency Services contact list provided by Chesapeake for the last two years has been incorrect, even though he made the corrections the first year. The Supervisors suggested Ashley Carr contact Chesapeake to request an updated version to make sure we won't experience this again.

The Board of Supervisors received a quote from Daniel C. Baker for engineering records. They felt that the township had already paid for these items and they should own them and not be required to pay again. The Supervisors asked Ashley Carr to contact Craig and ask that he answer our near term need and provide the township with the Stream Enclosure Documentation and any information related to Mr. Briecks sewage complaint that was handled by Michael Groves. The Supervisors asked Ashley Carr to provide George Patterson with a copy of the last agreement for engineering services from Daniel C. Baker so he can review whether ownership of files is addressed.

Dan Rastatter responded to the suggested changes of Ordinance No. 53 by Mr. Brieck. Mr. Brieck suggested changing the spelling of the word sites from situs to sites. Dan Rastatter commented that the word situs is not common, but he believes its usage is correct in this case and does not agreed to change the spelling.

Mr. Brieck's second suggestion was to change the existing wording in the ordinance to "No person, with the exception of fires for the purpose of cooking of foods outdoors, or after obtaining a daily burn permit, which is limited for use between the hours of 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM Monday thru Saturday and for an administrative fee of \$25.00 per day, shall ignite or otherwise start a fire, nor burn any item or substance, nor cause, feed or contribute to continuation of a fire outdoors, during the hours of 4:00 PM to 8:00 AM daily nor at an time on Sundays or on recognized holidays." Dan responded that in his many year as Supervisor and on Planning Commission this is only the second time an issue has been raised with this ordinance and both request were from Mr. Brieck. In the absence of any other requests for changes to the ordinance and with the majority of residence being in favor of this ordinance when it was enacted the board doesn't it should be altered on the basis of one citizen's comments. Police Chief McLean and Fire Chief Keith Girting confirmed that this ordinance has serviced the community well. The board is not in favor to require a permit for legal burning activity.

Mr. Brieck's third suggestion was to add "or Township Supervisor(s)" to the individuals that may ban any

or all outdoor fires during the conditions mentioned. Dan reported that per Chief McLean, state law mandates that only the Fire Chief or County Emergency coordinator can ban outdoor fires during conditions that require doing so.

Lastly, Mr. Brieck suggested adding "Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief" to the individuals permitted or authorized to issue civil citations for ordinance violations. The board would not oppose giving those individuals the ability to issue civil situations if our solicitor confirmed they had the legal right to do so but also believe a phone call to those authorized would result in the same outcome.

Dan Rastatter commented that the current Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances are not in tune in regards to towers and asked George Patterson if the township needs to look into a rewrite. George will review the Ordinances to identify areas that may need to be altered and will report back. The Supervisors asked that Lennon, Smith and Souleret do the same.

Ashley Carr spoke to Fred Gaskins of STV Energy and informed the board that no date has been finalized for the work on Georgetown and French Road. He will be meeting with State Line Paving this week at the site and will contact Robert Wood to inform him of the meeting.

Clair Young made a motion to replace the gas line at 817 Blackhawk Road and accept the bid from Tru Plumbing for \$2,400. Robert Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Rastatter made a motion to accept Raeann Grivna's resignation from the Recreation Board and thanked her for her service. Robert Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Rastatter made a motion to appoint Nikki Gumpf to the Recreation Board. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Rastatter made a motion to appoint Nicole Clendennen to the Recreation Board. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Supervisors were provided with copies of the Recreation boards July meeting minutes and treasurers reports for March-May.

A copy of PSATS News Bulletin for June 2015 was distributed to the Supervisors.

Dan adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley N. Carr, Secretary