

**Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting**

**August 12, 2019**

The regular August meeting of the South Beaver Township Board of Supervisors held in the South Beaver Municipal Building located at 805 Blackhawk Road was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Robert Wood. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: Robert Wood, Thomas Miller, John Heyl, George Patterson, Dan McLean, Ashley Carr.

Others present: Bill Smith, Michael Price, Majorie Price, Robert Brieck, Dan Naber, Bonnie Goehring, Dayle Kelly, Linda Ammon

Robert Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular July meeting. Tom Miller 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. #13902-#13953, Total \$58,232.27; Payroll Fund, Check #10187-#10215, Total \$28,595.50; State Fund, Check #2073-2074, Total \$107,502.46. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Heyl gave the engineers report. It will be filed.

Dan McLean read the police report. It will be filed. Dan reported that the police department is having memory issues with their computers and need more storage. He received a quote from MG-Soft for a new server which the building cameras and computers could back up to for \$4,315. Robert Wood made a motion to accept the quote through MG-Soft and pay it through the police department's budget if the funds are available, if not ACT 13 money will be used. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dan also reported that a generator is needed at the municipal building if the power goes out he police department needs to be able to response and set up a command post. Dan believes the cost of the generator would range from \$4,500-\$5,000. Robert Wood and Dan McLean will work on getting written quotes.

A copy of the road report was distributed. It will be filed.

Ashley Carr gave the fire report. It will be filed.

Bill Smith was present to ask when repairs would be made to McCloy Road. Robert Wood reported that the drains are done and that it is on the schedule for next year.

Dan Naber of Cordak Drive asked if the Township ever looked into the dirt and gravel roads program and said there is funding available for roads which also give you access to grants. Robert Wood said that they had looked into it in the past but they govern how you do the road repairs. Dan believes that there is new leadership running the program. Robert Wood said that he will contact the Township Engineer to get the contact information. Dan also reported that on his road there are unregistered vehicles and a foundation that has been sitting for years that is filled with water and is very hazardous and asked if there could be more police presence on his road. Chief McLean and Robert Wood will take a look at the foundation and send pictures to George Patterson to send a letter to the property owner.

Dayle Kelly reported that garbage from her neighbor's house is blowing onto her property. Chief McLean was called out this morning for the same complaint and saw no garbage, however he did report that the property owner has been warned and cited in the past. George Patterson said Dayle could file a private nuisance complaint at the magistrate's office.

Bonnie Goehring was present to see if the Supervisors could make people more aware of what is going on

with the school district buildings and worries about taxes being raised. George Patterson informed Bonnie that the municipality can't take a position on a school policy and that it is not the municipality's job to get the word out about the possibility of taxes raising. Bonnie then asked if the individual board members could talk to their neighbors and urge people to go to the school board meetings.

Mr. Brieck was present and reported that he lives on a private drive and is having the same issue with junk cars as Mr. Naber and would also like to see more of a police presence. Dan McLean reported that the police department patrols and sends out letters yearly to residents with junk or junk vehicles, that people are taken to commonwealth court, have injunctions filed but at the end of the day the junk is still there. The police department can only cite them \$300 daily and the magistrates and judges won't allow them to repeatedly site them.

George informed the residents that the Township had thought about adopting the property maintenance code but cautioned that it can change the nature of the community because it is so strict.

A resident asked if there was a burning ordinance because she has health issues and can't even keep her windows open or sit on her porch because of her neighbors burning. She was informed that the Township does have a burning ordinance, but only limits the time to feed or contribute to a fire between the hours of 2:00-4:00 daily. George Patterson informed her that she could file a private nuisance with the magistrate.

Robert Wood made a motion to approve the Berg/Sprunger Subdivision conditioned upon the items listed in LSSE's comment letter and approve signing the Sewage Facilities Planning Module. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A septic and storm water complaint was received on August 5th for 120 Haas Drive. The Township has asked both the Township Engineer and Sewage Enforcement Officer to act on the complaint. Ashley Carr reported that she spoke with Mike Groves and he will be setting up an inspection with the property owners. Mr. Brieck handed Ashley Carr a Right to Know Request form for a copy of the letter with Mike Groves findings. George Patterson asked that Mr. Brieck wait to submit the right to know request until he hears from Ashley that the report is available because there is a time frame in which the Township must respond and right now he is requesting something that is not available

There will be a public hearing on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the fire hall for the proposed Zoning Ordinance Update. Ashley Carr reported that a meeting location notice will be placed in the paper.

Ashley Carr reported that Tax Collector Robin Huston's computer needs upgraded to have Windows 10. A quote was received from MG-Soft for the upgrade ranging from \$325-\$415, just depending on labor. Blackhawk School District will pay for half of the bill. Robert Wood made a motion approve the quote from MG-Soft. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ashley Carr asked the Supervisors to sign a check writing authorization form for the Land Development PLGIT account so that free checks could be ordered for the account.

Tom Miller made a motion to approve the amended driveway permit application instructions. Robert Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Beaver County Library System asking if the Township would allow them to place a Little Free Library at the Municipal building or another location in the Township. The supervisors were interested but Robert Wood that the library contact him so they could talk about the location of the Little Free Library.

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Beaver County Planning Commission sent a letter informing the Township that a municipal outreach effort will begin over the next few months inviting municipalities to get involved with updating the county's Comprehensive Plan.

Robert Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley N. Carr, Secy.