

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

June 11, 2025

The regular June 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 John Onuska. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: John Onuska, Tom Miller, Jack Mintier, John Heyl, Nathan Morgan, Daniel Petrich

Others present: Pete Cosky, Karen Leech, Andy Leech, Levi Stahl, Jake Rosenberger, Dan & Eva Ziegler, Diana Campbell, Bo Campbell, Dan Kadilak, Dan Riley, Steven Gumpf, Loren (Joe) Dalton, Mandy & Ariel Figueroa, Debbie Dalton, Robert Taylor, Nancy Smith, Irene Ridenour, Sam, and Jan Aloï.

Tom Miller made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check No. #16729-#16758, Total \$35,833.04, Payroll Fund, Check No. #12484-#12516, Total \$35,547.36, State Fund, Check No. #2180-2181, Total \$6,497.80 Fire Tax, Check No. #214, Total \$1,764.00. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska made an announcement that a public hearing was held at 6:30pm for the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

John Heyl gave the Engineer's report. It will be filed. John reported that the Township is waiting on the schedule for Tar & Chip through Youngblood and the final design for the Grant Park project.

Daniel Petrich provided the board with the Police report. It will be filed. The department computers have been upgraded and replaced. Dan reported that the department is working on developing the firearms active shooter program, the department currently has a good program in place but is working on adding to it and finding money to support it.

Josh Krut gave the Road report. The road department is working on Sterling Road and then will move onto Cole and Allen to get them ready for tar and chip. Josh is looking into dust control products for Lihi and Sportsman and will report back once he gets more information. John Onuska asked about the bad spot on McCloy and Josh said it is on the books but other roads need to be ready for Youngblood.

John Onuska gave the Fire Report. It will be filed.

Irene Ridenour was present and reported that the HOA on Elisa Drive would like to know when the road will be swept from Winter Maintenance. John will contact the Road Department to see what can be done.

Diana Campbell was present and asked who finds grants for the Township. John Onuska explained that a lot of the grants are through John Heyl and others are presented to the Township through organizations and Josh has been finding grants around road development. Diana asked if the Township has a sinking fund for a time when the website might need overhauled, she explained that it can be very costly upfront and it might be beneficial to have a fund to plan for the expense. She explained that with volunteers' things can happen and the Township may not be able to get all the information from the website. Tom and John explained that this was a discussion the Township had in the past and has access to the website and passwords provided by Andy Leech. Andy Leech commented that when he gets information to be added to the website, he makes it available the first chance he gets, but is not sitting at a computer all day.

Karen Leech thanked John and the South Beaver Volunteer Fire Department for their EMS response for her neighbor and daughter. She said their team is wonderful and work like clockwork and were there way before the ambulance and she hopes everyone supports the fire department and its volunteers.

John Onuska reported that the Township has been in contact with Senator Vogel and State Representative Josh Kail requesting assistance with a light at the intersection of SR168 & SR51 and have received the same response as in the past. The municipality is financially responsible for the light and would have to make request for a study that would be paid for by the Township and if the study does come back saying that a light is necessary the Township is obligated to install, maintain and can not change their mind on the light. John explained that the light would have to be a tax increase due to the installation and maintenance cost. Dan Petrich stated that he is in favor a seeing a traffic light at that intersection but understands the cost involved. Dan also commented that the last time a study was done was in 2010 where there were four fatalities at that intersection and it was determined that a traffic signal was not the appropriate traffic control device for the location. Dan explained how accidents get reported to PennDot and that a reportable accident is when a vehicle must be towed because it is undriveable due to damage or someone is injured in the accident. John asked those in attendance if they wanted the township to explore this further and determine cost knowing that it would have to trigger a tax increase. Diana Campbell asked how much a study would cost. John Heyl stated the cost of the study would likely range between \$35,000-\$40,000.

Dan Riley asked what amount of revenue collected by the Township is tax based. John Onuska said that he will find out and get Dan the information. Levi Stahl spoke and commented how dangerous he believes the intersection is and that sometimes the right thing to do is expensive and hard. John Heyl said that if a traffic study is done and it is determined that a change is needed it may not be for a traffic signal but instead a roundabout. Levi Stahl urged everyone to call Josh Kail. John Heyl was asked to gather information on cost for the study, installation, and maintenance of the light.

Tom Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to have Rustic Meadows added to old business. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attorney Robert Taylor was present on behalf of Rustic Meadows and stated that it was his understanding that his clients have all their permits and a court approved settlement for them to go ahead and proceed with their business and wanted to know if the permits could be issued. Nathan Morgan commented that the building permit and occupancy permit has not been issued and the township is in the opinion that events cannot take place without an occupancy permit. Nathan Morgan said that the Township is aware there is an event scheduled this weekend and it is the townships opinion that event should not take place. Debbie Dalton said the stormwater is complete, septic systems have been installed, trees have been planted and parking and handicap parking is complete. Nathan Morgan commented that the review of the plans with MDIA is in the works but the court has issued an order that no events are held until the building permit and an occupancy permit are issued. Debbie asked for an extension to operate a few weddings until MDIA approves their permits. Nathan Morgan stated it is the position of the township that no events take place at the property until a building permit and an occupancy permit is received.

John Onuska said the board will review comments and suggestions on draft ordinance #95 before the final approval at next month's meeting. Jake Rosenberger asked whether the supervisors think residents need five acres and Bufferyard B to have animals. John Onuska commented that it was past the public comment section but would be in favor of discussing further with Jake after the meeting.

Nathan Morgan explained that for properties to be sold from the repository the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau requires the municipality to consent to the sale. Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the sale of tax parcels 77-122-0102.939 & 77-122-0102.986 from the repository. Tom Miller seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Tom Miller made a motion to approve the 90 day time extension for the Fye Subdivision. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Miller made a motion to approve signing the DEP Mailer for the Syka Subdivision. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Miller made a motion to approve the Syka Subdivision conditioned on the Sewage Planning Module being issued by the DEP. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to reimburse the Fire Department \$1,764 from the Fire Tax Account for their Commercial Insurance Package through Charles P. Leach Agency. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PSATS NewsBulletin for May was distributed to the Board.

John Onuska adjourned the meeting at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Miller