

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

April 11, 2016

The regular April 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 7:01 P.M. by Chairman Robert Wood. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Others present: Robert Brieck, Andy Leech, Keith Girting Sr., Keith Girting Jr., Larry McCandless

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular March meeting. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clair Young made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check No. #12078-#12123, Total \$26,987.99 Payroll Fund, Check #8935-#8962, Total \$21,959.68; State Fund, Check #1997, Total \$3,609.85. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robert Wood made an announcement that on March 14th the Supervisors met after the Township meeting to discuss personnel matters.

John Heyl read the engineers report. It will be filed. The roof replacement project must be publically bid as a prevailing wage project and the existing roof must be tested for asbestos. The road tour was cancelled on April 9th due to the weather, LSSE will work with the Supervisors to reschedule in May. Robert Wood made a motion to approve the service order for the roof replacement for the municipal building and fire hall located on SR168. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan McLean read the police report. It will be filed. Dan reported that the part time patrolman Kyle Fabyanic will be leaving the department to pursue a full time position with another department.

A copy of the road report was provided to the Supervisors. It will be filed.

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

Robert Brieck provided the Supervisors with a copy of a document titled guidelines to displaying a flag. Back in 2014, during a meeting Mr. Brieck commented that the flag at the fire hall shouldn't been on the ground and is also displayed on the wrong side. Mr. Brieck asked for a copy of the advertisement for the regular January meeting. Ashley Carr will send a copy to Mr. Brieck. Mr. Brieck requested something in writing stating that the water discharge issue on Haas Drive wasn't violating Ordinance #71. George Patterson stated that he has determined no violation of Ordinance #71, but would not provide that in writing. Mr. Brieck asked for a follow up to his June 8th complaint, which George Patterson was given a copy of. Mr. Brieck suggested forming a committee of Supervisors, the Solicitor, Township Engineer and interested citizens to create the Property Maintenance Code, since the Township doesn't have one in place. He also informed the board of two trees located at 3378 Old Darlington Road that are hollow and dangerous.

Keith Girting Jr. was present and informed the board that he had submitted a Right-To-Know request. He asked if any public meetings would be held for the new proposed township building. George Patterson states that he doesn't believe so. Keith questioned when a building permit is needed and if building permits are public record. John Heyl explained the process and George Patterson informed him that they are public record.

Keith Girting Sr. asked the board to explain their decision to build the new municipal building on Blackhawk Road rather than merging with the Fire Department at the old school. Robert Wood explained that the decision came down to cost. Keith questioned the cost of the bathroom renovation at the old school that was determined by LSSE. John Heyl explained that LSSE did the proposal, but he has never been to the location and doesn't have the paperwork with him so therefore he can't answer that question.

Keith Girting Jr. asked how the Supervisors determined this was the best option for the Township. Robert Wood stated that the Supervisors used the Township Engineer as a bidder on the Blackhawk Road location just like they did for the old school and the quote came in lower. Keith Girting Sr. made the comment that the old school has more space, Robert Wood agreed with that statement but also commented that with more space comes more maintenance costs and utility costs. Keith Girting Jr. said that the Supervisors need to look at the future because the Fire Department needs a new truck and somewhere to house it, because it wouldn't fit in the current buildings. Keith Girting Sr. stated that the Fire Department wants to continue to work on this project but it is up to the Supervisors. He also agreed that if the Supervisors could show him that Blackhawk Road is the best option, then the fire department would go with their decision. Robert Wood stated that they are still in the process of getting everything in order.

Larry McCandless stated the Fire Department is in need of a saw and asked if it was in their budget. Ashley Carr will provide Larry with a copy of the Fire Departments budget. The Fire Department also informed the Supervisors that they don't have the funds to continue with the Fire Department building on their own while purchasing protective gear. They will continue to spend as much from their fundraisers to help with gear, but there may come a time when they won't have enough.

Robert Wood made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4 of 2016, a resolution that outlines the order of business and limits public comments to five minutes per individual at all regular and special meetings. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robert Wood motioned to hire Matt Franitti with the road department at the wage stated on the 2016 pay schedule for a part-time position with no CDL. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Township received a letter from Jim Marshall's office informing the Township of concerns with both storm water and drinking water issues by residents in Pinehurst Estates. John Heyl stated that this would be considered a private property issue. George Patterson said that a response to the letter wasn't required.

A copy of Kyle Fabyanic's resignation letter was given to the Supervisors.

A copy of the Recreation Boards February Treasurer's report and March meeting minutes were provided to the Supervisors.

A copy of the PSATS New Bulletin for January/February and March/April were provided to the Supervisors.

Robert adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley N. Carr, Secretary