

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

April 13, 2022

The regular April 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 Vice Chairman John Onuska. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: Thomas Miller, John Onuska, Jack Mintier John Heyl, Joseph Budicak, Daniel Petrich, Ashley Carr

Others present: Kevin Henderson, Irene Ridenour, Dayle Kelly, Andy Leech, Shaun KlinE, Joe & Debbie Dalton, Jacob Shepler, Rebekah Kennedy-Gomersall, Scott Nail

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the March regular meeting minutes. John Onuska 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. #15271-#15318, Total \$58,656.06, Payroll Fund, Check No. #11229-#11258, Total \$34,796.45, Fire Tax Fund, Check No. #146, Total \$15.98. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Dan Petrich gave the police report. It will be filed. Dan reported that last month Officer Gawley was requested to assist Chippewa for a barricaded subject and Chief Hermick wrote a letter of appreciation. Jack added that he heard Officer Gawley did an outstanding job. The police department was awarded a \$223,000 grant through Conor Lambs office and Dan has been working with the fire chief to determine the needs of the police, fire and road for the radio systems. There will be a decent AMOUNT money left over which he would like to look into purchasing laptops with. The laptops would need air cards that are \$40 per month, the system that the laptops run on is \$1,300 a year for service and the license, but you can prepay up to 5 years with the grant money. After those 5 years it will be around \$1,000 a year more than what we are currently paying. Dan asked the supervisors if they would be willing to pay \$1,000 a year starting in the 6th year. John said that he would like to look more into the laptops and the placement in the vehicles.

Dan said the department plans to keep the impala through the year, but depending on supply it is taking up to a year to receive an order although it could be sooner. If we could order a vehicle in the next few months, we could hold off on installing the computers and radios to save the township from having the cost of installation only to be removed and installed into a new vehicle. Dan added that the American Rescue Plan funds can be used for purchase of a vehicle. John Onuska asked if something was wrong with the impala. Dan said immediately no, but the age and mileage of the vehicle is getting up there.

Kevin Henderson gave the road report. Kevin reported that the LED lights in Station #2 have been installed, the Mack has been repaired and guardrails on Watts Mill are done. Kevin reported that the park is a very popular place these days and that we need to concentrate on making it more presentable, such as planting flowers and fixing the split rail fence. The Supervisors said there wouldn't mind the road department spending some more time down there and just asked that if something is outrageous in cost that it gets run by the supervisors.

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

Jacob Shepler from Lime Kiln Road was present stating the compressor through Beaver Gas is running and there is no structure. Joe Budicak commented that he spoke with their attorney about this and that it was running to do specific sound studies. John and Tom both agreed that it should be shut down until the building is built. John asked Joe to contact their attorney and have them shut it off and asked the Zoning

Officer to cite them.

Dayle Kelly was present and said that a lot of the surrounding communities have a spring cleanup day where a garbage provider comes around to pick up. Joe Budicak commented that the township could sign a contract with a trash provider to offer this service at the cost of the Township. Dayle also mentioned that the township used to have a recyclable trailer and asked why that isn't offered anymore. Jack recalled that was offered through the county and they don't do it anymore. It was brought up that other communities have someone bring in dumpsters and charge a fee. John Heyl said that New Sewickley had an event coming up and he could get information to share with the Township.

Bert Sandars was present and commented that Chippewa Township has an area where residents can drop off yard waste and charges \$10 for a permit. Bert wanted to follow up to see where the Township was on updating the burning ordinance. Joe stated that he would have something in place by the beginning of summer. The supervisors asked Chief Petrich how many complaints on burning he received through the fall and he hadn't received any.

John Onuska reminded Irene Ridenour that if the Township were to take over Elisa Drive that the township only tars and chips and they do not pave, he doesn't want to receive phone calls from residents stating that their vehicles have chips in the paint. Irene stated that she did send out an email to all residents explaining that the Township only tars and chips and told the supervisors they would not hear from her complaining of chips in her vehicle. Jack Mintier made a motion to accept Elisa Drive as a Township Road. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. Joe Budicak will begin preparing a resolution and deed of dedication. Irene asked the board if she was able to make a person donation to the park, the supervisors were appreciative and Joe Budicak saw no issue with the donation.

Joe Budicak updated the board that he will send the petition for contempt for the Shanor property next week for signatures and asked for updated photos of the property.

The supervisors along with John Heyl and Joe Budicak held a discussion on the acres act because of a Timber Harvest Application that was submitted. Joe will respond to the applicant rather than the township updating the zoning ordinance he would like to work with them and give them the green light on a few things.

Rebekah from Blackhawk Fast Pitch Softball asked the board for assistance in fixing up field 3 at the park. She stated that there are no backstops in the cages which are a safety issue, they are in need of red clay and a requested spring-loaded trash can lids. She asked if the township could provide some paint and supplies that they would be willing to do the work. The cost of the red clay is \$500 for 5 tons. Thomas Miller made a motion to buy the red clay, paint for the fences and asked Kevin to slowly start replacing the trash cans with spring loaded lids. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska made a motion to accept the recommended waiver to install gravel parking areas at Rustic Meadows. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the Rustic Meadows Land Development project. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Heyl reminded the applicants that they will have to apply for building/zoning permits.

John Heyl informed the board that four bees by the sea submitted a land development plan for a change in use for an existing building for online shed sales. Thomas Miller made a motion to approve the waiver on screening the outdoor storage. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Onuska made a motion to approve the Four Bees Land Development project contingent upon addressing the outstanding items in LSSE's comment letter. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Supervisors, Joe Budicak and Ashley Carr held an executive session on a personnel matter.

A copy of the PSATS News Bulletin for March was distributed to the board.

Ashley Carr reminded the board that there will be a public hearing prior to the May 11th meeting at 6:30 for the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and Stormwater Ordinance Update.

John Onuska adjourned the meeting at 8:25P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Carr