

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

September 14, 2010

The regular September meeting of the South Beaver Township Board of Supervisors held in the Municipal Building on State Route 168 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Matthew Balik. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: Matthew Balik, Robert Long, Dan Rastatter, Carol Miller, David L. Gropp, Craig Baker, Dan McLean

Others present: Keith Girting, Andy Leech, Mr. & Mrs. James Nagel, Warren Caltabiano, Frank Saunders

Bob Long made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob Long made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check #8956 - #8994, Total \$24,016.19; Payroll Fund, Check #6724 - #6771, Total \$38,047.97; State Fund, Check #1880 - #1881, Total \$21,961.95. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan McLean gave the Police Report and it will be filed.

Bob Long reported the Road Department chipped three roads and was working on Lihi and Moore Roads.

Keith Girting was present and stated the fire department year ends at the end of October. They had applied for a grant to purchase a new brush truck and they should know if it is awarded by the end of the year. He also wanted to know if they could change the lights the Planning Commission had approved to Colonial lights and place them at the side of the door instead of above the door. The wattage would stay the same. He was told he should check with Middle Department Inspection Agency if they are making any changes. Bob Long stated the Road Department was planning to replace the toilets at Fire Station No. 1 on State Route 168 and put in handicapped accessible ones. It was suggested the stalls be taken out and a lock put on the door to make it more handicapped accessible. Dan McLean stated the spigot in the police office is leaking and needs to be replaced.

Frank Saunders who recently purchased property on State Line Road was present to see if the supervisors would consider lowering the speed limit on State Line Road to 25 MPH. His driveway at present is located on the hill with a lot of curves in the road. There is no site distance. Dan McLean stated a traffic study would need to be done and that area would not qualify for that speed. He stated it is not fair for everyone else using the road to have the speed limit lowered to 25 MPH because of a drive-way. Matt Balik made a motion to have a traffic study done on the road. Bob Long seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Supervisors approved the \$5,225.00 quote from Daniel C. Baker Associates, Inc. to evaluate and establish weight limits on eleven township roads. Dan McLean stated there are no nearby scales to have vehicles weighed. Only about ten per cent of the time, they can get the State Police portable scales. If weight limits are established, big rigs and overweight vehicles would have to post a bond for traveling these roads. If the roads would be damaged, they would have to repair the road or the bond would be used. Dave Gropp mentioned that on the owner's registration card the weight of the vehicle would be shown. He suggested maybe half of the roads could be done this year and the rest next year.

Solicitor Dave Gropp stated he still had not finished the contract for garbage service in South Beaver Township. He will forward copies to the supervisors for review before the next township meeting.

The South Beaver Fire Department Land Development Plan was reviewed by the supervisors. Preliminary approval was given until the review report is received from the Beaver County Planning Commission. If no major recommendations are made, the building permit will be issued to the fire department for their building to house fire trucks.

The Verizon Wireless Land Development Plan was reviewed. There are still a couple of outstanding issues which should be resolved soon. They will be going to the next Planning Commission Meeting in October.

Craig Baker is still working on a proposal for record keeping of road work being done on the township roads but doesn't have it ready to present.

The Edward DeRose Subdivision was discussed. A Planning Module has to be done and submitted to the PA Department of Environmental Resources before any action can be taken. The South Beaver Planning Commission will need to review the Planning Module before it is sent in.

Comcast sent a Cable System Franchise Agreement Proposal for review. The present contract expires on March 16, 2011. Solicitor David Gropp reviewed the contract and saw a couple of items the supervisors may want to change. Action was tabled until the supervisors review the contract.

The Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) to the pension funds for 2011 were reviewed by the supervisors. Bob Long made a motion to approve \$13,232.00 for the Nonuniform Pension Plan and \$25,897.00 for the Police Pension Plan. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Douglas Smith, a Transportation Planner for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, informing us that they will be doing a road safety audit along State Route 51 from the S.R. 168 intersection to the Cannelton Road intersection. Bob Long has agreed to be the representative for South Beaver and Dan Rastatter will also try to attend the meetings.

A letter was received from the PA Department of Transportation informing us that an engineering study was done on Watts Mill Road and they will be posting a 10-ton weight limit on this road.

No action was taken on requests for donations from Northwestern Emergency Medical Services and the Merrick Art Gallery.

A letter was received from the Beaver County Association of Township Officials on the up-coming Annual Educational Conference to be held on October 22nd at Bradys Run Park, B & B Banquet Hall. Bob Long and Carol Miller will attend.

A letter was received from Senator Elder Vogel Jr. in reply to the township letter and resolution on merging townships.

The August Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors News Bulletin was distributed to the supervisors.

The meeting was closed and the supervisors went into Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

Bob Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Matt Balik adjourned the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Miller, Township Secretary