

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

December 10, 2025

The regular December 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 Jack Mintier. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Others present: Josh Krut, Celeste Krut, Levi Stahl, Diana Campbell, Bo Campbell, Jake Rosenberger

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Tom Miller 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. #16959-#16994, Total \$43,809.24, Payroll Fund, Check No. #12698-#12728 Total \$31,578.08, State Fund, Check No. #2201-2203 Total \$190,937.30. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Heyl gave the Engineer's report. It will be filed. John has been tracking grants and the next one for the green light go grant is for maintenance of existing traffic signals not for new signals.

Dan Petrich gave the Police report. It will be filed. Dan reported that 246 is back from repairs and requested that the bill for \$1,320.19 be paid out of act 13 funds, which the supervisors were in favor of. Dan understands that the Township can't do a lot in terms of increasing wage, but would like to do something to encourage applicants. Dan suggested after a year of service offering 3 weeks of vacation, which is currently given after 7 years. Nate Morgan will put together a memorandum of understanding and Dan can offer this to candidates since all board members agree but it doesn't become part of the bargaining contract until it is executed and voted upon at the January 5th meeting. Dan requested permission to conditionally hire a Zayne Prestiess Kish, after completion of graduation, passing the state test and background process, the supervisors were in favor. Tom asked if there was anything in the contract if you quit or get fired before a certain time period that patrolman pay for all the things the Township paid for upon hiring. Dan commented that they don't pay anything back, but all Township property would be returned, vests are always department property until they are expired, once expired they are offered to the issued officer if they are still employed and anything that is purchased through the clothing allowance is not township property and is awarded to the employee by the contract.

Josh Krut gave the road report. The road department has been working on the addition to the salt shed and the connex boxes are in place. Josh provided the board with information to get out of the current waste management contract at the park and instead use Aiken Refuse to get two dumpsters, one for the park and one for the shop, which would save the Township \$3,644. Has also been talking with the softball group which would like to work with the township on a contract to take over fields 3 & 4. Josh spoke about the grant for Sportsman's road, which the road department will be doing the work for. Tom made a motion to add to the agenda for the solicitor to draft a letter to waste management to terminate service under new business. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no fire report. John Onuska commented that the state changed the fire departments reporting system and the new system and it is not working properly. Santa will be going around the Township December 14th and the route has been posted on the Fire Department and Township Facebook page.

Diana Campbell was present to follow up with the idea of recording and streaming the meetings. John Onuska commented that he spoke with the webmaster and the issue was paying for the storage of the video files and he was looking into options. Diana asked about streaming them on the Township Facebook

page. John asked Nate if there was anything legal about using social media, Nate said he hasn't seen it but doesn't know if there is reason for it. Diana also asked if there was any update on what the Township's budget is. Nate commented that the 2026 preliminary budget was approved at the November meeting and available for view and on tonight's agenda is the resolution to adopt the budget. Diana requested a breakdown of the budget and will be provided with a copy at the end of the meeting.

Levi Stahl attended Josh Kail's townhall which was packed with people worried about data centers and wanted the township to be proactive and think about. The Supervisors commented that it has already been included in the new zoning ordinance.

Jake Rosenberger was at the townhall for Josh Kail and can't find permitting requirements for server farms in the township ordinance. John Heyl said that it is the same permitting process as any other commercial or industrial development and server farms were made a use by right in the industrial zoning district, not a conditional use. Jake asked how it is determined for a server farm to get approved. John Heyl commented that they submit a land development application, and the zoning ordinance spells out setbacks from property lines and building height. Jake said that considering the majority of the public is against server farms he thinks it is the communities' interest to have some teeth to try to defend against them and if we don't have any extreme requirements, we are selling our people short. John Onuska commented that it goes back to the zoning ordinance and as much as people say we don't need it, this is what it protects against. Jake asked if the logging ordinance was backed by the county or state. John Onuska commented that it is the Acres Act that came from the state to make to Township be in compliance.

Levi Stahl commented on 168 & 51 intersection and had a case for Nate Morgan to look into. John Onuska thanked Levi Stahl for his work on gathering information. Levi commented that Chief Petrich has been very helpful in the process. Levi wanted to talk about the intersection at the townhall but said there were too many people and he didn't have the opportunity. John Onuska commented that he did see at the last meeting the question was raised on why a townhall couldn't be held at the Township building and his concern was the size of the meeting room. Diana Campbell said that his townhalls aren't usually that busy but was due to peoples concerns with the data centers.

John Onuska asked John Heyl if there was any update on the 168/51 intersection. John Heyl commented that we need a study to apply for grant, but if you get the study then you have to put the signal in.

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve resolution 12 of 2025 to adopt the 2026 budget as prepared, real estate millage at 1.752 mills, %5.00 Per Capita Tax, 5% Wage Tax, 5% Real Estate Transfer Tax and .392 mill Fire Tax. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A report was received from LSSE recommending that the 36-month maintenance bond be released in the full amount after their field inspection of Elisa Drive. Tom Miller made a motion to release the Blackhawk Hills Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$32,030.23. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska spoke on behalf of the Fire Department requesting \$7,500 out of the Fire Tax for the annual pay per call for 2026. Tom was hesitant because he recalled when the fire tax was put in place either through conversation or the ordinance that the tax would be lowered or dropped. John's recommendation would not be to drop the tax down because of the age of 612 and the tanker is start to having issues. Tom asked Nate Morgan to review the Fire Tax ordinance. Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the \$7,500 from the Fire Tax for the 2026 pay per call. Tom Miller did not want to second the motion without knowing how the Fire Tax Ordinance was worded. John Onuska seconded the motion. Tom Miller opposed the motion. Motion carried.

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Jack Mintier made a motion to accept the resignation of Carrie Moll from the Recreation Board. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nate Morgan commented per their bylaws the appointment of Beaver County Regional Council of Government delegates should occur during the reorganization meeting. Josh Krut has been attending the BCRCOG meetings and has learned a lot and they have reached out to Josh about running to be on the elected board and that is why he wants to be an appointed delegate. He is also a board member with the Beaver County Conservation District, which he believes will allow us to have more of a voice for the Township. Nate Morgan said that Josh has become a very respected member at COG and he is very active.

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the invoice through TEG for the computers in the Police Cruisers to be paid through Act 13 for \$1,350.00. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the 2024 Road Maintenance Change Order No. 2 and Pay Request No. 1 to Youngblood for \$187,207.40. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the 2024 Road Maintenance Project Completion Report. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to direct the solicitor to draft a letter to Waste Management to terminate the current contract for the dumpster at the park. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PSATS NewsBulletin for November and the Fall LSSE Newsletter were distributed to the Board.

The Annual Reorganization Meeting and Regular January meeting will be held on Monday, January 5th at 7pm.

John Onuska presented a speech for his final meeting as Supervisor.

Jack Mintier adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Miller