

**Minutes of the South Beaver Township Regular Meeting**

**December 13, 2011**

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

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

Others present: Carol & Thomas Miller, Dianne & Jeff Yurkiw, Joe Malack, Bob & Joyce Strickler, Rich Barger, Warren Caltabiano, James & Barbara Nagel, Clair Young, William Kaneski, James Shanor

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

Bob Long made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check #9581 - #9622, Total \$33,690.18; Payroll Fund, Check #7239 - #7266, Total \$21,512.75; State Fund, Check #1907 - #1909, Total \$6,805.67. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan McLean gave the Police Report and it will be filed. Dan reported there have been a number of burglaries around the township and the thieves took a lot of money. He said to watch and keep your doors locked. Some have been relatives within their own families.

Carol Miller stated the Road Department had been working on the 1-ton truck getting it ready for winter. Gary did not get any other quotes on a new truck. He stated Walsh Equipment sold the truck we were looking at but they have another Dodge Truck being outfitted with a snow plow and spreader. The price would be about the same. It wouldn't be ready until early spring. Walsh Equipment is in the State Piggyback Program and you don't have to go through advertising and getting bids in. Also, when you need parts, they usually have them in stock or can get them to you quickly.

Carol Miller read the Fire Report and it will be filed.

Matt Balik made a motion to adopt the 2012 Budget as prepared. Total General Fund Budget is \$966,252 and State Fund Budget is \$164,867. There is no increase in tax millage. It will remain at 12.5 mills. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Kaneski had a copy of the proposed agreement with Attorney John Smith to be signed by the supervisors for review of our proposed zoning ordinance draft. Mr. Smith was willing to give us 10 to 20 hours pro bono work. Dan Rastatter wanted to know what happens if it goes over the 20 hours. Matt stated he thought we were suppose to have something in writing from Mr. Smith on the ordinance for this meeting. Mr. Kaneski said someone needs to talk with Attorney Smith directly. Solicitor David Gropp stated he feels the township should start the formal review process and get

comments from the public. That will probably take two months. Maybe by then the State will have made a decision and our ordinance can follow their decision on what we can or cannot do. Dan Rastatter still feels we need to send letters to our State Senator and State Representative to let them know our position on the legislation being presented.

The Robert S. and Rose Ann Long Lot Consolidation Plan was signed.

James Shanor was requested to be present at the meeting. He has been requested to clean up his property over the past years and has never done anything. Matt Balik said the junk must be cleaned up. He stated it is a safety hazard, environmental hazard and health hazard. Mr. Shanor said he has helped families and also collected donations for the families. Dan McLean stated he has items out close to the road and a garbage truck hit his mirror on them. Dave Gropp told him to clean the property up or he will file at the court house. He will be in contempt of court and put in jail. The township would go in and clean the junk up and tear the house down.

Carol informed the supervisors that Groundwater & Environmental Services of Cranberry Township was hired by Chesapeake to test the wells around the Powell Drilling Site. Traces of methane gas was detected in the well at the township building and also at fire station no. 1. This can be very dangerous. Gary Gailey talked with Dillon Well Drilling and they suggested we have someone come in to take another water sample. We are waiting for those results.

The Supervisors accepted a letter of resignation from Kelly Detka from the Recreation Board effective December 31, 2011.

A letter was received from Boord, Benchak, and Associates informing us an application has been filed with the PA Department of Environmental Protection for a well pad and freshwater impoundment pond on the Vernon Kerry property off Cole Road.

A donation and thank you was received from White Thorn Lodge.

The Recreation Board minutes from November and December were distributed to the Board.

A letter was received from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors announcing a new service the Township Emergency Management Association. Matt Balik said to check with Keith Girting, our Emergency Management Coordinator to see if he is interested in joining the Association.

A letter was received from the State Association on nominations for Annual Leadership Award.

Information was received on the PSATS Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show to be held May 6-9, 2012 in Hershey.

No action was taken on a letter received from the Blackhawk School District requesting donations for the Hoops for Hope fund raiser.

Carol Miller had contacted our Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board to see if they would be interested in serving on the Beaver County COG Regional Appeals Board since the supervisors passed a resolution to join the COG Regional Appeals Board. Their names will be submitted for consideration.

The annual Reorganization Meeting and regular Supervisor Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building on State Route 168.

Matt Balik thanked Bob Long for his many years of service to the township and wished him well on his retirement. He served as a township supervisor for 18 years.

Matt Balik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Matt adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Miller, Township Secretary