

**Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting**

**March 8, 2023**

The regular March 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 Chairman Thomas Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Others present: Kevin Henderson, Keith Girting, Andy & Karen Leech, Gary Campbell, Jim Bertges, Phyllis Faust, Luke Onuska, Elizabeth Onuska, Kim Kurella, Alberta Sanders, Monica & Paul Begley, John & Sue Genzler, Debbie, Nathan Clendennen

John Onuska made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Jack Mintier 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. #15721-#15750, Total \$31,341.84, Payroll Fund, Check No. #11598-#11622, Total \$26,233.88, Fire Tax, Check No. #169-170, Total \$5,092.20. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Heyl gave the engineers report. It will be filed. John reported that bids were put out for the generator, but no bids were received from contractors. Tec Electric is going to submit a bid, but we will also need to hire a plumber .

Nate Clendennen gave the police report. It will be filed. Nate reported that the Tahoe is at the upfitters and should be delivered within the next week or two.

Kevin Henderson gave the road report. Kevin and his department are doing spring roadside cleanup and will begin berming to get the roads ready.

Keith Girting gave the fire report. It will be filed.

Joe Budicak reported that he sent out a memo to the supervisors with options on how to proceed with the burning ordinance. Joe said the board needs to decide on how restrictive they want the ordinance to be. Bert Sanders was present and stated that when the burning turns into smoldering it becomes an issue. John Onuska told everyone present that if you have a complaint about smoke you need to call it into the police department so that a report can be on record, telling the board about it later does not count as a complaint. Phyllis Faust was present and asked that if the board decides to restrict burning what will be the alternative. John explained that the Township is looking into trying to making an ordinance that would be beneficial to all residents living in the different zoning districts and that the board understands that someone with a lot of acreage wouldn't be able to bag all of their leaves, but for the zoning districts with the smaller parcels where burning seems to be more of an issue our Road Foreman found Echo Valley Farms has a free recycling program for leaves, but the details still need to be worked out. The board will continue to explore their options and work on updating the ordinance.

Joe Budicak reported that the litigation with Rustic Meadows is moving along, their attorney filed a response and there is a conference with the judge next month.

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve hiring Sheila Graham as the cleaning person of the municipal building at a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Campbell and Jim Bertges were present to see if twostreet lights could be installed on Elisa Drive. John Onuska explained that installation of street lights would cause an increase of taxes for residents and

that wasn't something the board wanted to do. John Heyl suggested that the condo association put up their own poles, contact Penn Power and set up a service of their own to be billed directly to the association.

John Onuska made a motion to ratify the shed purchase from Scott Nail for \$7,000 out of the American Rescue Funds. Jack Mintier seconded the motion.

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve resolution no. 7 of 2023 a resolution formally adopting the Brady's Run Act 537 Special Study. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The polling location has changed from the Municipal Office to Brush Run Church.

John Onuska made a motion to add Luke Onuska to the agenda. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Luke Onuska was present to ask the board permission to place a bench in the South Beaver Recreational park as part of a project for the Technology Student Association he is doing with his partner Madison Bennett. Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the placement of the bench at the park. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kevin Henderson will meet with Luke to determine the placement of the bench at the park.

Ashley Carr reported that Geopetro emailed her asking if they could be of any assistance in light of the East Palestine train derailment. John Onuska suggested reaching out to Geopetro to see if they would be willing to do some air, water and soil testing on their well pad properties within the township. The other supervisors were in favor of his suggestion and Ashley will reach out to Geopetro with the request.

John Onuska made a motion to amend the agenda for a notice that was received by the Township. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Supervisors, Joe Budicak and John Heyl held an executive session on this matter.

The PSATS NewsBulletin for January-February was distributed to the board.

Tom Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Carr