

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

February 14, 2024

The regular February 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: Jack Mintier, John Onuska, Tom Miller, Ashley Carr, Daniel Petrich, John Heyl, Joseph Budicak

Others present: James Rich, Greg Douglass, Matt DeChicko

Thomas Miller made a motion to approve the January Regular and Reorganization meeting minutes. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Miller made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check No. #16117-#16166, Total \$54,354.66, Payroll Fund, Check No. #11948-#11990, Total \$40,011.37, State Fund, Check No. #2147-2148, Total \$5,309.62, Fire Tax Fund, Check No. #187-188, Total \$58,023.22. 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 asked the board to consider making another ammo purchase and is waiting to hear back from vendor on availability. The board asked Dan to get quotes on ammo for the next meeting to be purchased out of American Rescue Funds. Dan said the department will be participating in an incident command course but suggested it may be beneficial for a supervisor to attend and will forward them the information.

James Rich gave the road report.

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

Joe Budicak commented that the attorney for Rustic Meadows Greg Douglass was present and would like to address the board in executive session since litigation is involved. The supervisors agreed to the executive session and asked if it could wait until the end of the meeting.

The Fire Department request \$7,500 for reimbursement, pay per call and a shift program. This would include \$40 per four hour shift to cover food, station clothing and incidental expenses. Pay per call would be capped at \$600 per Responder per year and will be paid out based on hours and funds available. Jack Mintier made a motion to approve \$7,500 from the Fire Tax Fund to South Beaver Volunteer Fire Department for the reimbursement shift program. Thomas Miller voted against the reimbursement program. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matt DeChicko was present on behalf of BAYBA requesting to replace the backstops and fencing on fields 1 & 2, with the understanding that BAYBA will pay for the cost of the project and anything installed on the field becomes property of the Township. All of the supervisors were in favor of replacing the backstops and fencing.

Joe Budicak informed the board that the Township received a call from a resident wanting to have an Air B&B. The ordinances were reviewed and it was determined that an Air B&B would be different than the B&B listed in the ordinance. It was determined that an Air B&B is not permitted at this time and would fall under use not specifically listed in the ordinance in which the applicant could apply for a variance. Joe Budicak commented that the Township could amend the ordinance to include short term rentals.

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Joe Budicak received a phone call from Anna Jewert the attorney for Bear Peak that had a variance hearing for a solar farm asking if the Township would be willing to amend the ordinance. They also spoke of a curative amendment where the property owner comes and says that the ordinance is insufficient and asks for an amendment, which can also cut down on the cost for the Township to update the ordinance. Joe will contact Anna and request more information.

Joe Budicak commented that American Rescue Plan funds need to be allocated by the end of the year. The board would like to finish repairs to Station #2, including siding doors and windows, work on the municipal parking lot, purchase a car port for the police department and purchase a copier for the Township Secretary. Joe Budicak will make sure that these expenses fit within the uses of the funds and John Heyl's office will prepare a Service Order Authorization to request bids for Station #2.

The Township received \$2,402.58 for a vest grant the Police Department applied for. John Onuska made a motion to transfer the funds to the Cops Grant PLGIT account. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An executive session was held on the Rustic Meadows Conditional Use and a presentation from Attorney Greg Douglas. Present at the executive session were: Greg Douglas, Joseph Budicak, John Heyl, John Onuska, Jack Mintier, Thomas Miller and Ashley Carr.

John Onuska made a motion to deny the Rustic Meadows Conditional Use for the Bed & Breakfast. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier adjourned the meeting at 8:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Carr