

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

February 10, 2020

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 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Jack Mintier. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: Jack Mintier, Thomas Miller, John Onuska, John Heyl, George Patterson, Dan McLean, Ashley Carr

Others present: Larry McCandless, Brian McCandless, Keith Girting Jr, Robert Wood, Andy Leech, Dan Petrich, Nathan Clendennen, Robin Kahle, Adam Kahle

Thomas Miller made a motion to approve the reorganization meeting minutes. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular January meeting. John Onuska 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. #14169-#14216, Total \$27,918.75; Payroll Fund, Check #10403-#10428, Total \$27,485.24; State Fund, Check No. #2078-#2079, Total \$4,485.10. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made the following announcements. The Supervisors met to discuss a personnel matter after the township meeting on January 6th. The Supervisors met via facetime on January 8th at 4:25pm to discuss a personal matter. The Supervisors and George Patterson met on February 10 at 6pm to discuss a personnel matter.

John Heyl gave the engineers report. It will be filed.

Dan McLean read the police report. It will be filed. Dan reported that the police department defibrillators are old and they only have one when they should really have one for each vehicle. The police department received a quote for 3 AED's with extra pads for \$5,100. The fire department is also in need of replacing their AED's. John Onuska asked Dan Petrich to look into pricing for replacing 5. John Onuska made motion to purchase 5 AED's from Act 13 funds. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A copy of the road report was distributed. It will be filed. The Supervisors asked Robert Wood to provide a more detailed road report that breaks down which employee was doing what and for how long.

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

Adam Kahle was present to discuss the eagle project he would like to do for the Township. Adam presented the plans for two benches made out of recycled plastic to honor veterans to be placed at the municipal building, he would also like to power wash the veterans memorial at the park and replace the flags. Adam will pay for the entire project through fundraising. He provided the supervisors with a project description, sketches and asked the supervisors to sign off if they were satisfied. The Supervisors asked Adam to provide them with a copy of the information for project beneficiaries as instructed on his paperwork and then come back to the March meeting for them to signoff.

Andy Leech presented the Supervisors with an logo he has been working on for the Township and asked if it would be ok to start using the logo on the website. All of the Supervisors were in favor. John Onuska made a motion to approve the new Township logo. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Larry McCandless asked the supervisors for approval to get purchase order numbers for the following vehicles. Truck 616 needs inspection, pump maintenance, thermostat is sticking and the left rear shoot seal is bad, Truck 613 needs front fender work, inspection and pump maintenance and Truck 611 needs an inspection and pump maintenance. The Supervisors agreed to the truck repairs. The Supervisors held a discussion to change the requirement for the fire department needing a purchase order number for anything over \$50 since that is not a requirement of other departments in the Township and also now that the fire tax money is in place for such repairs. John Onuska made a motion to approve spending of \$500 or less by the fire department for general maintenance and inspections. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry also asked the Supervisors if the door to the old police station can be changed and extra keys made. Robert Wood will change the lock and get the keys. Larry reported that on March 5, 6, and 7 the EVOG course will take place, the course is free to the Township and is being put on by the Fire Fighters Association of Beaver County. A luncheon would need to be provided on Saturday and Larry asked if the Township would pay for the lunch. The Supervisors were in favor and just asked that all receipts be kept and turned into Ashley Carr.

Larry reported that the roof on station #2 is leaking. The Supervisors asked Ashley Carr to receive quotes for the roof to be repaired and replaced.

John Onuska read a letter from Mike Talerico of the Fire Department Relief Mission of Western PA explaining the organization and that they take donated fire trucks and give them to third world countries. Aliquippa and Fallston have both donated trucks to this organization. There would be no cost to the Township, they handle fuel, tolls and anything needed along the way, they only request an original title. George explained that since the Township has advertised for bids twice they have satisfied the requirement and can do what they would like with the old pumper. Andy Leech believes that his neighbor is interested in purchasing the truck and will let the Township know by the end of the week. The Supervisors said they would like to get \$1,500 for it otherwise they would probably just donate it for anything less. George said that he would like whoever purchases the truck to sign a release to release the township of any liability.

Jack Mintier made a motion to amend the non uniform pension plans through PMRS and the prepared ordinance. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska made a motion to amend the police pension plans through PMRS and the prepared ordinance. Jack Mintier seconded. Motion carried.

Ashley Carr reported that the North Country Trail will hold their annual 5k on July 25th and asked the Township to write a letter of support, updated insurance is on file with the Township. Jack Mintier made a motion to approve writing a letter of support. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the Bradshaw Plan of Lots. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Heyl reported that since the bids for Swamp Poodle Bridge came in so low there was extra grant money available that can be used to pave Swamp Poodle Road from Blackhawk to the bridge and requested that the supervisors approve advertising. John Onuska made a motion to approve advertising to request bids for Swamp Poodle Road paving. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to open the Swamp Poodle Grant bank account through PLGIT. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Robert Wood provided the board with a quote from Cleveland Brothers for a mini excavator in the amount of \$68,823.00. The Supervisors asked if this would replace the backhoe what the road department would use to move dirt and if the Township had a way to haul it. Robert said that without the excavator the Township will probably have to replace the backhoe in about 3 years, but with this purchase it may last 6 because it won't have to be run as much and he has a trailer to haul it on. The Supervisors said no the purchase.

John Onuska made a motion to promote Daniel Petrich to Police Chief with a salary of \$55,000 per year, promote Nathan Clendennen to Lieutenant and Nicholas McHenry to full-time patrolman. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska commented on how the fire department is now operating out of the new station and asked what the plan and timeline for the fire hall is and questioned with the fire department gone if it made sense to keep the building. George Patterson said he would have to look at the deed to make sure there aren't any restrictions to selling the property. John believes that the building would cost too much money to make all the repairs needed. Jack Mintier stated that he was in favor of keeping the building and continuing to make baby steps to renovate it.

Jack Mintier adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley N. Carr, Secy.