

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

August 13, 2025

The regular August 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 John Onuska. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: John Onuska, Tom Miller, Jack Mintier, John Heyl, Nathan Morgan, Nathan Clendennen

Others present: Levi Stahl, Karen Leech, Andy Leech, Valerie Leech, Josh Krut, Keith Girting, Jake Rosenberger

Tom Miller made a motion to approve the July 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. #16803-#16844, Total \$52,220.74, Payroll Fund, Check No. #12550-#12580, Total \$34,212.30, State Fund, Check No. #2187-2191, Total \$31,253.96, Fire Tax, Check No. #216, Total \$26.97. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska made an announcement that the board met for an executive session prior to the meeting at 6:30pm to discuss personnel matters and matters from previous litigation.

John Heyl gave the Engineer's report. It will be filed.

Dan Petrich provided the board with the Police report. It will be filed. Tom Miller made a motion to approve Chief Petrich's request to advertise for a full-time patrolman. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Josh Krut gave the road report. The new John Deere mower had some issues with a fuel leak and a sensor. Josh asked if service flags could be added to the park memorial to include police and fire, which the supervisors were in favor of. Josh would like to send James for some safety classes, which the supervisors were in favor of and asked Josh to get pricing on. Josh spoke with both the police chief and fire chief and would like for the road department to do basic maintenance on department vehicles. Josh reported that last month he became an associate director to the Beaver County Conservation District and he is still working with them on the grant for Sportsman's.

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

Jake Rosenberger asked how to get access to any open permit applications in the township. Nathan Morgan informed Jake that he could file a right to know request to get permit information. Jake asked if the right to know process would cost the township money, which Nate responded it does cost money in the labor it takes to respond to the request. Jake asked whether it was common to have them listed on a website for anyone to know what is being applied for in the township and access it without incurring costs. Andy Leech commented as being the website administrator and looking at other township's websites that he has never seen that information listed. John Heyl commented that his firm works for 130 municipalities and none of them have building permit information on the website.

Levi Stahl commented that he would like to review the meeting minutes prior to coming to the meeting, but they aren't posted to the website until they are approved. Nate Morgan commented they are not a public document but rather a draft and they may not accurately reflect the meeting and that is why the supervisors have the opportunity to review them and approve them before they become a public document.

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Irene Ridenour was present because she is concerned about Dr. Grieco building above Elisa Drive and knows that he does have a 20 foot right of way up the hill and is wondering how that is going to affect the road and utilities. John Heyl stated that the developer would have to work this out with the utilities and restore the roadway back to how it originally was. Irene had Tiger Paws come out and cleaned Elisa Drive for \$180.

John Heyl reached out to PennDot and they will do the study for free at the intersection of 51 & 168, but as soon as a traffic signal is required South Beaver has to install the traffic signal and maintain it. Jake Rosenberger asked if turning lanes would be required on 168. John Heyl commented that when they do the study if they determine turning lanes are necessary then it would add to cost of the study.

Levi Stahl asked John Heyl if his firm does traffic signal designs, John Heyl said yes there is staff that does traffic signals. Levi asked if the Township has looked into the possibility of applying for grants through various organizations or the state. John Onuska responded that the township hasn't looked at grants because PennDot won't do the study unless the Township has the funds. John Heyl said that grants are only for a certain period of time and if you aren't ready or study says you don't need the signal you would lose the grant money and chances of getting anymore money from that agency are slim to none. Chief Petrich believes that the push for water and sewage to go down the 51 corridor would make the property more appealing to development, but should continue to look at a resolution prior to that. John Heyl is going to look into applying for green light go grant applications. John Onuska said that budget needs to be looked at and whether or not a tax for the light can be introduced. John Onuska asked Nate if we can have a tax with an initial millage and the drop it down for the maintenance. Nate Morgan will look into and report back to the board.

John Heyl commented that the Fye Subdivision plan and planning waiver are good, but recommended that the board does not sign the final plan until it is signed by the owner. Tom Miller made a motion to approve the Fye Subdivision after the owner signs. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to accept Bruce Clark's resignation as full-time patrolman and remain with the department as part time patrolman. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Miller made a motion to accept the quote from InkStar printing for 15 bound copies of the zoning ordinance for \$435.00. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A property owner on Carol Rose Drive reached out to the Township asking for the township to maintain a stormwater drainage channel that is the subject of an easement that was entered into in the early 90's. Josh Krut said that the sediment is built up and there is no channel and the water is running everywhere, which would cost about \$1,500-\$2,000 in materials. Nate commented that he looked into this and the township has an easement meaning that the township has legal right to go onto the property for the purpose of maintaining that drainage channel, but he has not seen or found anything that the township must maintain it. Josh Krut commented that the issue is being caused by water run off from the road. The Supervisors asked him to put it on the list and complete the repair.

Blackhawk Hills Maintenance Bond was due to be released. John Heyl did an inspection of the road and have submitted the report to Dr. Grieco and it needs to be repaired before the bond release.

Tom Miller made a motion to approve the fee schedule resolution. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to appoint the following individuals for the following terms to the Recreation

Board. Courtney Long to fill term until December 2029, Heather Spangler to fill term until December 2027, Alaina Swogger to fill term until December 2025, and Allison Gettemy to fill term until December 2026. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Miller made a motion to pay Youngblood Paving \$25,295.00 from Act 13 funds for the municipal parking lot. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to advertise for the park improvement project. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jack Mintier made a motion to advertise the recreation park improvements. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Petrich commented that Chief of Police Association is recommending that trick or treat be observed on Thursday, October 30th from 6-8pm. The chief and supervisors were in favor of the recommendation and it will be posted on the Township website.

PSATS NewsBulletin for July was distributed to the Board.

Beaver County Regional Council of Government partnered with New York Life Insurance and is giving township employees the opportunity to enroll. Nate commented that the is a great because sometimes it is hard for police officers to get life insurance or rates or higher, with this there is no physical exam so if any employees have any medical conditions, it guaranteed issue.

Josh Krut commented that this weekend is the Western PA Youth invitational and invited everyone to the event.

John Onuska adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Miller