

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

June 8, 2020

The regular June 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 7:01 P.M. by Chairman Jack Mintier. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Others present: Kevin Henderson, Larry McCandless, Brian McCandless, Brian O’Roark

Tom Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular May meeting. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Miller made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check No. #14363-#14398, Total \$15,024.40; Payroll Fund, Check #10530-#10557, Total \$26,291.82; State Fund. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Heyl gave the engineers report. It will be filed. John reported that Brace Engineering provided recommendations to bring Swamp Poodle Bridge deck up to an HS-20 loading for the board to act on. Sherry Straight reported that she spoke with Todd of Jet Excavating and that he has the brackets made for the bridge and that he can start tomorrow if someone could send him a text message if the recommendation from Brace is approved. John Onuska made a motion approve the recommendation from Brace and to send Todd a text to get the bridge done. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Heyl reported that the plans to restore the slope on Watts Mill Road are being prepared.

Dan Petrich read the police report. It will be file. Dan reported that one of the garage doors at the station was damaged and that the parts have been ordered for the repair, Doors by Ike will be doing the repair and they will also look into why the door malfunctioned. The tonnueau cover, floor mats and mud flaps have been installed on the new police truck, but they are still waiting for the additional lighting to come in. Dan reported that the department is still looking for a part time patrolman. There was an issue with the citepro citation handheld, which was sent back to the company. The company couldn’t figure out the error and they are sending another one at no charge, due to the handheld having issues on the first citation written. Dan reported that crimestar upgrade for crimal complaints needs to be completed. It would cost \$500 for someone to configure it for PA and training. John Onuska made a motion to approve the purchase of the crimestar upgrade out of Act 13 funds if it wasn’t already in the budget. Jack seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dan brought up the need for a generator and reported that there was a power outage that caused the department to be down for several hours. John Heyl said that there were some emergency response grants coming available and he would check with the grant writer. If not the Township will get quotes. Dan noted that retired Chief McLean received the Howard Murray Award from the BC District Attorney for investigating a fraud case.

Kevin Henderson gave the road report. Kevin asked the supervisors to hire Scott Morgan as a part time road department employee. John Onuska made a motion to hire Scott Morgan as a part time road department employee without a CDL at a pay rate of \$16.41. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Brian McCandless reported that the fire department switched its insurance to VFIS and asked if the cost could be covered by the fire tax. The insurance would cover the property of the old school, portable coverage on equipment, malpractice, a treasurer’s bond and any internal or external theft. With the

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insurance members can also go through any VFIS training at no cost. The cost has already been paid by the fire department and they are looking for a reimbursement for the year. The supervisors asked what the annual cost would be if the property insurance was excluded. The annual payment would be \$1936 due June 15 every year. The supervisors would like to have more of a discussion on this topic but appreciated it being presented to the board.

Brian O’Roark was present and reported that he is a board member of the Brady’s Run Sanitary Authority. Chippewa had presented at one of their sewer meetings a proposal to fund a lift station for a housing development on SR 51 that would cost 5 million dollars. Chippewa has been pushing the board to approve, but no one on the sewer board is interested and there have been talks of disbanding the board.

Sherry Straight of Swamp Poodle road was present and had questions regarding the swamp poodle bridge project and road improvements. Sherry is upset that the paving will only be from Blackhawk road to the bridge and would like to see it at least go to her driveway. John Heyl reported that the grant doesn’t cover paving the entire road he was able to request the paving of the portion to the bridge because he linked it in as part of the bridge repair and the request was approved. Sherry thinks that tar and chip would be better suited on the road, John Heyl stated that tar and chip would just wash away where the asphalt wouldn’t. Tom Miller stated that he doesn’t understand why the township owns the road since it isn’t up to township specs and suggested the Township abandoned the road. George Patterson said that would potentially open the Township up to a lawsuit and would need to be discussed further in an executive session. Sherry also reported that the Ortega property has tall grass that makes it difficult to see when driving. Kevin will go out and take a look and if it is a safety issue a letter will be sent. Sherry questioned why the road department got rid of two trucks and purchased one, John Onuska explained that one of those trucks was too big for the roads and the other was not useful to the township so the one that was purchased will be better suited for the road department’s needs.

Ashley Carr reported that she looked into Municibid and the Township would still need to advertise in a local paper per the second class township code to get rid of any vehicle over \$1,000. Dan Petrich reported that the Ellwood City school district has started its own police department and may be interested in the 2013 impala. John Onuska made a motion to sell the 2013 Chevy Impala for \$600 as is with the light bar and additional equipment. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dan will check to see if they are still interested and report back to the board. John Onuska made a motion to advertise for bids on the road department roller with bid opening being July 13. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley N. Carr, Secy.