

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

November 9, 2020

The regular November 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 Jack Mintier. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Others present: Andy Leech, Dr. Grieco, Irene Ridenour

John Onuska made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Thomas Miller 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. #14577-#14627, Total \$40,795.07, Payroll Fund, Check #10691-#10720, Total \$26,811.22; State Fund, Check No. #2097-#2100, Total \$17,384.26. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

George Patterson made an announcement that he met with the Supervisors, John Heyl, Ashley Carr and Dan Petrich prior to tonight's meeting to discuss three legal matters.

Ashley Carr made an announcement that she and the Supervisors meet on October 26th at 6pm to go over next year's budget.

John Heyl gave the engineers report. It will be filed. John reported that the contractor with the Watts Mill Slide repair ran into significant water and will be putting drains in. John also provided the board with a list of recommended building repairs and maintenance for all the township owned buildings and can answer any questions at the December meeting. He did mention that with some of the repairs to the park or fire department buildings that there may be grants available.

Dan Petrich gave the police report. It will be filed. Dan reported that he received a quote for the window vinyl and install for the police department and Secretaries office for \$900. He reported that he sent his officers to complete sexual assault and low light and night time live firearms training. He was proud of his department on how well they worked together and handled a shooting last month.

Kevin Henderson gave the road report. It will be filed. Kevin reported that Arrowhead and Pinecrest Drive are done. He also was able to fix a spreader so they aren't in need of one anymore. There is some significant clean up that will need to be done on Watts Mill Road due to the road being closed for so long. Kevin asked the Supervisors to buy Chippewa out of their share of the mower for \$4,500. John Onuska made a motion to pay Chippewa \$2750 now and the remainder after the Road Department sells the spreader. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Irene Ridenour was present and asked if the Township planned on doing anything with residents burning and said that Beaver County is in an orange air quality alert. George informed her that the fire chief would be the one who has the ability to ban fires per the burning ordinance. She said that the smoke is really bad on Blackhawk Road and even believes that some commercial stuff is being burned behind Bradshaw's mobile home park. The Supervisors asked the police chief to look into it.

Dave Nicely and Dr. Grieco were present for Blackhawk Hills and reported that their engineer Jeff Frye is waiting on the topographic survey to finalize paperwork. George informed them that since Dr. Grieco does not retain ownership of the property that he will have to have new easement agreements created, which will need to be signed by the property owners and recorded. One of the outstanding items is compaction test results, Dave informed the board that they can't be done after 15 years so core drilling was done instead, which he has the results and will forward them to the Township engineer. George asked the timeline for the outstanding items and Dave said it would be around 3 weeks, with the exception of the easement agreements. Irene asked the board that if all the items are complete if the road will be accepted. George said that a maintenance bond will need to be posted and remain in place for 3 years and if the board takes over the road the townships responsibility is to take care of the surface, no sidewalks and everything has to be complete before the board will consider taking the road over.

George Patterson reported that he will write Dave Shanor and his attorney a letter about the junk on his property reminded them of the consent decree and give them to the first of the year to clean up the property.

Thomas Miller made a motion to approve the Susan Smith Trust Plan of Lots and Sewage Facilities Planning Module. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska made a motion to renew the townships health insurance plan through UPMC. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the preliminary budget with a 1 mill tax increase for 2021. The real estate mileage will be 13.5 mills, \$5.00 Per Capita Tax, 5% Wage Taxes, 5% Real Estate Transfer Taxes, 3 mill Fire Tax, Street Lighting .40 per frontage foot, and Water District 0.02% of Assessed Value. A notice will be advertised in the paper and the final budget will be adopted at the regular supervisors meeting on December 14, 2020. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The police department would like to replace 8 hand guns, four of them are generation 2 models and he asked whether they should be traded or sell them to the officers. The supervisors agreed to give the officers the option to buy them if not then trade them in. Thomas Miller made a motion to purchase 8 new handguns at \$409 each, and 1,000 rounds of duty and 2,000 rounds of ball ammo from Act 13 and allow the officers to purchase ammo if available, but must reimburse the township. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Miller made a retroactive motion for ammo that was purchased from National Armory through Act 13 funds for \$780 last month due to it being difficult to find. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska made a motion to approve the purchase of the window film for the Municipal building windows. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska made a motion to approve the donation of \$1,500 to the Recreation board for their annual Christmas bowling event contingent upon receiving and approving an itemized budget on how the money will be spent. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska made a motion to up the Township credit card limits to \$2,500 per card. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Angela Fabbrini was unable to attend but did submit a proposal for a reclamation beautification project at the park near the entrance and veterans memorial of the raised bedding area that is filled with weeds. She has reached out to Master Gardeners and is waiting for a response after their advisory meeting to see what the program can provide. Dan Petrich suggested that she reach out the Blackhawk School district and see if they have an Ag or Horticulture program that may be interested in the project. The Supervisors liked her proposal but would like to hear more after Master Gardeners advisory meeting and asked Ashley Carr to offer the police chiefs suggestion on contacting the school.

PSATS News Bulletin for October and PSATS update was distributed to the board.

Thomas Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:70 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Carr