

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

April 13, 2020

The regular April 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 7:09 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 attending the meeting remotely by phone.

Others present: Kevin Henderson. Meeting was closed to the public due to COVID-19.

Thomas Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular March 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. #14274-#14322, Total \$73,781.83; Payroll Fund, Check #10457-#10501, Total \$48,759.34; State Fund, Check #2080, Total \$7,765.32. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made an announcement that the Supervisors met to discuss a personnel matter on the following dates and times. March 12, 2020 at 8pm, March 16, 2020 at 6pm and March 19, 2020 at 7pm.

John Heyl gave the engineers report. It will be filed. John reported that the contractor with Swamp Poodle Bridge is waiting for the stay at home order to be lifted by the Governor prior to proceeding. LSSE provided a Service Order Authorization for Watts Mill roadway restoration and a summary report of proposals for a geotechnical investigation for the Watts Mill Slide Repair. LSSE is moving forward on updating the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and have been working on the fire hall water well by providing documentation to the DEP that was requested. The DEP is reviewing the submission. John received an email from a forester challenging the Townships logging ordinance, he has to review it but wanted the supervisors to be aware and will be in contact with George to discuss.

Dan Petrich read the police report. It will be filed. Dan reported that the police department received a donation of hand sanitizer and gloves from Tim Ellefson, which they were very grateful for but were trying to acquire more hand sanitizer and gloves. Jack offered to look into Costco and see if he can get any supplies there. John reported that the county and local fire departments got it from a distillery, Dan was aware of this and said that he is on the waiting list. Jack asked the status of the shotguns and rifle, Dan reported that he will be picking them up this week. The police department is down to two cars due to the old impala being at IbisTek getting the radio and equipment transferred to the new vehicle. Dan reported that the department has implemented some cleaning and safety measures to keep everyone healthy in the department.

Kevin Henderson reported that the road department has been busy cleaning up after the storms and work at the park. Kevin reported that John Betke would like to continue to mow the park as long as his health stays good and that BAYBA has offered to pitch in. John Onuska asked if there is any liability of a non township employee using township equipment. George Patterson said that there would be a liability issue if someone were to get hurt there is no worker's comp and it would be a direct liability to the Township. George believes it would be better to hire a part time grass mower rather than a private citizen who is uninsured and expose Township to liability. Jack asked if any employee or board member would be covered, George said that the Township would have to check with insurance to see if elected official would be covered. The Supervisors asked Ashley Carr to check with the insurance.

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

John Onuska made a motion to sign and accept beneficiary approval for the eagle scouts service project proposal from Adam Kahle for two benches to honor veterans and to clean up the existing memorial at the park. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska made a motion to accept the proposal from ACA Engineering for the Geotechnical Investigation for the Watts Mill Slide repair for \$7,191.50. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Miller made a motion to approve the Service Order Authorization for the Watts Mill Roadway Restoration from LSSE. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier stated that the South Beaver Township Declaration of Disaster Emergency was enacted on March 19, 2020 and renewed on March 27, 2020 for a period of 30 days.

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the compensation time proposal for the police department. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Miller made a motion to approve resolution 7 of 2020 authorizing the Chairman of the board of Supervisors and the Chief of Police to execute a mutual aid agreement between the Township, Beaver County and all other municipalities. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to accept Robert Wood's retirement. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to promote Kevin Henderson as Road Master with a pay rate of \$22.56 per hour and waive the 90 day requirement for health benefits. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack reported that there are two road department vehicles that are no longer needed so they would like to trade the two in and purchase a new truck. George Patterson stated that ordinarily he would frown upon not having other bids but in light of the pandemic and emergency declaration of disaster he thinks it is appropriate that employees and outside salespeople be kept to a minimum. Thomas Miller made a motion to accept the contract for the trade in and purchase through O.S. Hill for \$81,480.83. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BAYBA asked the Supervisors for permission to have one person go and drag the fields periodically so they don't become overgrown. John Onuska suggested that he would prefer more than one person be present at the fields while this is being done as long as they are practicing social distancing for safety reasons. The Supervisors were in favor of them dragging the fields.

John Onuska made a motion to allow BAYBA to cut the grass at the park contingent upon the Townships insurance approving this decision and having no objections. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Supervisors and Ashley Carr signed an updated PLGIT check writing authorization form.

John Onuska made a motion to adopt Family First Act excluding the Chief and Secretary who if need be will continue to receive their full salaries. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier adjourned the meeting at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley N. Carr, Secy.