

Minutes of the South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

February 8, 2011

The regular February meeting of the South Beaver Township Board of Supervisors was held in the South Beaver Township Municipal Building on State Route 168. Chairman Matthew Balik called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: Matthew Balik, Robert Long, Daniel Rastatter, Carol Miller, David L. Gropp, Craig Baker

Others present: Andy Leech, Mr. and Mrs. James Nagel, Warren Caltabiano, Gary Crawford, Richard Barger, and a lady from DeHaven Road, Frank Polito from Comcast

Bob Long made a motion to approve the Reorganization Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes for the January meeting. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob Long made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check #9136 - #9199, Total \$36,897.20; Payroll Fund, Check #6887 - # 6920, Total \$24,680.62; State Fund, Check #1889 - #1891, Total \$5061.93. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carol Miller read the Police Report and it will be filed.

Bob Long reported they had a truck broke down and was repaired. Carol mentioned that Road Foreman Gary Gailey would like to get a loader for loading winter supplies and also to use with the zipper for road maintenance.

Carol Miller read the Fire Department Report.

Gary Crawford, Richard Barger, and another lady all from DeHaven Road were present to see what regulations were in place on drilling, gas extraction, bonding on roads, and requirements required by the companies moving in to do drilling for gas and oil. They were all concerned about their water being contaminated. Solicitor David Gropp said we do have some regulations in our ordinances but when they were adopted we did not expect the drilling operations to be moving into the township. He stated the township has limited ability because the State regulates these activities. It was mentioned that you could have your own wells tested before any drilling takes place so you have a record to go back to if something happens to your water. The cost is around \$200.00. Dan Rastatter mentioned the Planning Commission had discussed adopting pipe line regulations.

Carol reported that State Representative Jim Marshall was planning to hold a Town Hall Meeting at the South Beaver Fire Hall on State Route 168 on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. The time will need to be confirmed.

Frank Polito from Comcast was present to go over the concerns of the supervisors in signing a new contract. He stated there was no problem with removing the automatic renewal after fifteen years. He stated fees for permits was O.K. He verified their address at 200 Industry Drive, Pittsburgh.

He verified that all subcontractors are insured and they also carry their own liability and worker's compensation insurance. Mr. Polito agreed to remove the last sentence under Article 9.2 which states Comcast could bring in separate counsel. The last item Mr. Polito addressed was free cable service to governmental facilities within 125 feet of the cable. He said he would have someone check the distance to the municipal building and get back to us. He will revise the contract and send a copy to David Gropp for review and send a copy to Carol for signature. The revised contract will be reviewed and signed at the next supervisor meeting.

The Board of Supervisors authorized the installation of a flashing overhead beacon at the intersection of State Routes 51 and 168. The township agrees to own, operate and maintain the beacon. The initial cost to install the beacon will be funded entirely by PennDOT.

The agreements were signed appointing Daniel C. Baker Associates, Inc. as the Consulting Engineer for 2011 and Craig Baker, Michael Groves, and Ronald Robinson as the Sewage Enforcement Officers and Jeffrey Winkle as an alternate, for 2011. The fee schedules were included in the agreements.

The Board of Supervisors authorized the submittal of an application to the Beaver County Community Development Program for improvements to Sterling Road. An income survey must be done for this area to see if the township would qualify. Applications are due by February 18, 2011.

Information was received from the Beaver County Association of Township Officials on requesting the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Commission to do a Non-Partisan Independent Study on local governments. A sample resolution was included. The supervisors did not take any action because they wanted to investigate the matter further.

Dan Rastatter again brought up a Road Repair Logging System for the township. Craig stated they just got a new piece of equipment in. The information would need to be put on a data base and when work is done on the roads, it would be documented. Craig stated he would get an estimate on the cost.

The David and Natalie Syka Subdivision located on Watts Mill Road was reviewed. The supervisors gave preliminary approval on the plan. The Planning Module will be forwarded to the PA Department of Environmental Protection for their review and approval before the plan can be signed.

The Supervisors approved advertising for Spring/ Summer Commodities through the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments. Forms must be submitted by the end of the month.

A notice was received from Waste Management informing us that a fuel charge will be added to our service charges beginning with the March billing.

No action was taken by the supervisors on a letter received from Columbia Retail Energy on changing our natural gas supplier.

The Supervisors voted against holding a community tire collection this spring. The last one the township held was disappointing because we got so few tires.

Bob Long made a motion to pass Resolution No. 4-11 naming the voting delegate for the Beaver County Tax Collection Committee. Matt Balik is the primary voting delegate and Robert Long is the alternate voting delegate. Dan Rastatter is the second alternate voting delegate. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Job Training of Beaver County on summer employment needs. A request form was included. No action was taken by the Supervisors.

A letter was received from Congressman Jason Altmire informing us that the Swamp Poodle Bridge Project will not be included in the appropriations request for the federal budget for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. Individual project requests will not be taken by his office.

The Recreation Board Treasurer's Report for January, 2011 was distributed to the supervisors.

A notice was received about a show on PCN TV on Wednesday, February 9th at 7 p.m. on Local Impact of Natural Gas Drilling. PSATS Executive Director David Sanko will be appearing on the panel.

The 2010 Survey of Financial Condition Form and the Certification Forms for Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Distribution and General Municipal Pension System State Aid were signed and will be forwarded to the state.

Matt Balik made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Matt adjourned the meeting at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Miller, Township Secretary