

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

September 8, 2014

The regular September meeting of the South Beaver Township Board of Supervisors held in the South Beaver Fire Hall located on State Route 168 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Dan Rastatter. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: Daniel Rastatter, Clair Young, Robert Wood, Craig Baker, George Patterson, Kurt Magness, Ashley Carr.

Others present: Robert Brieck, Jim Bostek, Kevin Wyberg

A motion was made by Clair Young to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Robert Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clair Young made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check No. #11095-#11136, Total \$42,337.11; Payroll Fund, Check #8327-#8357, Total \$23,121.83; State Fund, Check # 1964-#1965, Total \$24,437.77. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ashley Carr made an announcement that three meetings were held to discuss the potential arrangement between the Fire Department and the Township for Real Estate Purposes. Dan Rastatter, Clair Young and George Patterson met with the Fire Department on August 22nd at 7pm to deliver a Memorandum of Understanding. Dan Rastatter and Clair Young met with the Fire Department on September 2nd at 5pm at the Danzer Plant. Dan Rastatter, Clair Young and George Patterson met on September 3rd following the Planning Commission meeting to evaluate the Fire Departments response regarding the Memorandum of Understanding.

Dan Rastatter asked George Patterson if Act 13 Funds could be used toward the purchase of a Fire Truck. Kevin Wyberg stated that they would need to look into getting a new fire truck within the next 5 years. The Fire Department has a truck that has an open cab, which is a safety issue. George Patterson will determine whether the purchase of a fire truck is a valid use of Act 13 money. Dan Rastatter reminded all departments that it would soon be time to work on the budget and think about what each department needs.

George Patterson distributed a revised Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and Fire Department. The Fire Department had a counter proposal and while they were agreeable to the concept they would like to retain joint ownership of property and control who builds the office structure. George states that if the Townships name is on the deed the work must be bid by law. This raised some questions, such as would a bank agree to the Fire Department co-signing a loan when there is no income and will the bank loan money to the township when who builds is controlled by a third party. It is George's legal opinion that the Township has to own the building by itself to comply by law for state bidding and gaining access of borrowed funds. Clair Young questions if the Road Department can store stone on the property on Blackhawk Road for tarring and chipping, as it is written now nothing could be stored at that property. The Supervisors agreed to review the document tonight to see if there are any concerns or suggestions that need raised. The Supervisors asked Ashley Carr to contact Keith Girting to see if the Fire Department would be able to meet either Thursday or Friday this week.

Dan Petrich gave the police report, it will be filed.

Kurt Magness gave the road report, it will be filed. The Road Department plans to seal Pinecrest, Arrowhead, Lapeer and Carol Rose Drive at the end of September. Kurt states that a phone call was received about a drain pipe clogged on Hodgson Road. The pipe was put in as a courtesy but it is the resident's responsibility to keep it clean. Kurt asked the Supervisors if it would be ok to rent a lift to repair the light at the fire station and also cut the trees back near the road department building. The Supervisors

agree that would be fine, but asked Kurt to speak to the homeowners next door to see what their thoughts are regarding the trees and organize what all needs done with the lift and schedule a day to do it.

The Supervisors asked Ashley Carr to get contact Sunoco to see what their intentions are to repair French Road, which is getting torn up and there is also a lot of damage to Georgetown Road near Sportsman Road. Both MarkWest and Sunoco are bonded George Patterson will contact Sunoco's Attorney Jon Andrews to see if they would be willing to enhance the blacktop thickness.

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

Robert Brieck brought up Ordinance #53 that deals with outdoor fires and gave a copy of some recommendations to the Supervisors, which he asked them to read and take necessary actions. Robert Brieck stated he has raw sewage on his property and filed a complaint on August 18th, he was informed that the Sewage Enforcement Officer wouldn't complete an inspection until September 15. Craig Baker explained the process the Sewage Enforcement Officer is bound to follow procedures by law and that is the reason there is a delay between when the complaint is filed and when the inspection is scheduled. Craig Baker lets him know the process has been started and offers to provide any additional information if needed.

Visitor Jim Bostek was present to seek permission to hold the "3rd Annual "For the Faith of Our Nation" 5K/ 1 Mile Fun Walk on November 8th at 9am. The event will begin on Cole Road, extend to Hodgson to SR 168 and finish at Saint Monica parish. Jim has spoken with the Police and Fire Department to coordinate for the event. Dan Rastatter made a motion to pledge the use of the Police and Fire Department to help in the event. Robert Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ashley Carr will provide Jim Bostek with a letter stating he has permission from South Beaver Township.

Kevin Wyberg asked the Supervisors what the status of moving the dirt at Fire Station 2 because it has become a safety issue. Craig Baker stated that they have a tentative meeting scheduled on Friday with PennDots Permit Manager to see what steps need to be taken to put the pipe in the stream. Craig Baker stated that the surface area where the dirt is moved must be less than 5,000 sq. feet and without a permit fill must be kept 50 feet from the top of the stream bank. The Road Department will work on moving a portion of the dirt so that it is easier for the Fire Trucks to get in and out.

Kevin Wyberg stated that on Louthan Road where the Road Department put in new pipes the cold patch has settled and the road is very rough, he suggested putting down stone or cold patch to make it safer.

Last month it was mentioned that COSTARS bid for road salt was lower than BCRCOG. The Supervisors asked Ashley Carr to see if we could go through COSTARS. Ashley found out that bidding for COSTARS was in March. Many municipalities do bid through both and then purchase the required minimum from both. This is the first year out of 8 that COSTARS pricing was lower than COGS. Since we missed the bidding deadline for COSTARS the Township must accept the bid from COG.

The following bids through the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments were accepted for winter commodities. Dan Rastatter made a motion to accept the following bids. Robert Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

500 Tons of Anti-Skid Type 3A @ \$14.25 per ton delivered from McClymonds Supply & Transit Co., Inc., Total Contract \$7,125.00.

200 Tons of Rock Salt @ \$84.42 per ton delivered from Central Salt, Inc., Total Contract \$16,884.00.

100 Tons of Cinders @ \$11.90 per ton delivered from McClymonds Supply & Transit Co., Inc., Total Contract \$1,190.00.

The Supervisors were given revised preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps last month. Craig Baker reviewed the maps and found errors and omissions of road names. Dan Rastatter made a motion to authorize Ashley Carr to submit the road name corrections as listed in Craig Bakers report. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Supervisors held a discussion about the drainage issue at the intersection of Pinecrest Drive and Blackhawk Road. A suggestions was made to have the pipe cleaned out to see if that alleviates the problem, the phone number to Tri-State Maintenance was given to the Road Department.

George Patterson stated that the Township has two Applications to be added to AG Security and suggested a Public Hearing be held 30 minutes prior to the October 13th Supervisors meeting.

The Supervisors approved the 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Worksheets for the Pension Plans. The Police Pension Fund is \$25,087 and the Nonuniform Pension Fund is \$12,520.

George Patterson informed the Board that an email was received from Dave Gropp that the Township Comprehensive Plan needed reviewed. Craig Baker doesn't believe there have been any changes or sewage extensions which would cause the Compressive Plan to change. George will get out a letter to the Planning Commission members and neighboring communities later this week.

Dan Rastatter received a call from a concerned resident about the safety of DeHaven Road. It is the Townships intention to do a full length repair next year. Until then, potholes will be addressed with cold patch. Kurt will obtain a projected cost of the repairs so it is worked into the budget.

George Patterson held a brief discussion on the proposed AT&T Cell Tower. Craig Baker made inquiries to see if Larson Design would be suitable to testify on behalf of the Township and found that the Township would be better served by firms that deal specifically with cell towers. The Supervisors agreed that it is a good idea to find the firms now and make initial contact should the township need them. Dan Rastatter motioned to authorized Daniel C. Baker a Larson Design Company to perform a preliminary search for a candidate to provide their analysis and expert testimony related to the Township Cell Tower Ordinance. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PSATS News Bulletin for August was distributed to the Supervisors.

The Board received a copy of the Recreation Boards Treasurers Report and meeting minutes for August and September.

The Supervisors stated that they heard many good things about Community Days and all the nice work that was done by the Recreation Board and Fire Department.

Kevin Wyberg commended the Road Department for all of the good work they have done.

Dan adjourned the meeting at 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley N. Carr, Secretary