

**Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting**  
**August 12, 2013**

The regular August 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 7:01 P.M. by Chairman Matthew Balik. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: Matthew Balik, Daniel Rastatter, Clair Young, George Patterson, Craig Baker, Kurt Magness, Dan McLean, Ashley Carr

Others present: Andy Leech, Cliff Cole, Dustin Hagg, Sherry Eiler, Rick Eiler, Russell Reed, David Guy, Cathy Guy, Tom Mosora, Mary Lou Cox, Gary Cox, Ruth Roush, James Roush, Mark Tritt, Lisa Tritt, Nancy Roddy, Rev. David C. Roddy, Amy Dugan, Brett Bankert, David Hodge, Ray Harper, Chris Graham.

A motion was made by Matt Balik to approve the minutes of the regular July meeting. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matt Balik made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check No. #10443-#10525, Total 95,668.53; Payroll Fund, Check #7899 - #7949, Total \$36,040.94; State Fund, Check #1945-#1946, Total \$4,212.98. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan McLean gave the Police Report. It will be filed. The police department is waiting on materials for their new vehicle and should have it on the road in about a week or two. Once the new vehicle is on the road, they will put the old one up for bid. Matt Balik asked if the police department received their patrol rifle. Dan said the police department received the rifle and it was purchased with a grant they received for \$1,000.00. The rifles total cost was \$1,001.00.

There was no fire report.

Kurt Magness gave the Road Report. The road department tarred and chipped on Court Road and took out bad spots on Sportsman Road. They started to zip on McCloy today, but Kurt wants to do the pipe work before they tar and chip. Water tests were done at the fire hall and the park and both passed. The road department repaired Swamp Poodle Bridge. The road department found out that the ground was bad on the Chevy 1 ton. Sherman Road was boom mowed and millings were taken over to level out the road. Dan Rastatter asked what the highlights for next month will be. Kurt said that McCloy and Sherman are high priority. Dan asked if there were any plans for the east end of Allen. Kurt said that because of the amount of pipe work he isn't sure that they will be able to get to it.

Craig spoke about the southern end of Hodgson with Cole Road. Work was done on Cole Road and Hodgson by Chesapeake. Chesapeake provided a performance bond to ensure they would build a road like they said that they would and now they are requesting that the bond be released. Craig suggested that the Board of Supervisors inspect the road to see if they want to accept it in that condition. At the time of acceptance a maintenance bond for 18 months should be in place to see if any spots go bad and they should also provide a heavy hauling bond. Matt agrees that the Board of Supervisors need to go look at the road.

Brett Bankert was present from Chesapeake to discuss the recent repairs to Hodgson road for the Kirkwood Pad. Brett says that when the rig moves out in a couple of weeks they will fix any structural deficiencies and prep the road to be ready for asphalt. He estimated that within a month from right now Hodgson road would be blacktopped from well site to intersection of S.R. 0168. Dan Rastatter asked that

managers provide that and tie in driveways as needed.

Some of the residence were having some drainage issues, so to fix that they will be putting an asphalt lip to handle any water runoff so it is not going down residence driveways or in their yards. Clair Young asks what went wrong with the road? Brett thinks that the road is fine, although he has heard from numerous residence about the roughness. Brett says that there is no question that it is rough in some areas, but he know that it can handle heavy traffic, and the asphalt will provide a smoother surface. He wants to make sure that the road is in good shape and we don't have any issues in the future.

David Hodge says that Chesapeake has created two beautiful ends to that road and asks what it would take for the whole road to be that way. Matt Balik responds that Chesapeake was using those ends for their operation and unfortunately there are a lot of other roads in the township that are in worse shape and need attention. A resident points out that at the end of Hodgson road and S.R. 168 a truck went off the road a caused damaged. Amy Dugan explained that with the construction on Route 51 the trucks are being rerouted and any damage that is done will be addressed. When the rig leaves the Kirkwood Pad to go to the Hodgdon Pad it will have to make the sharp right onto S.R. 168, they will have the appropriate flaggers and a crew on standby to make sure any damages would be fixed quickly. They will also be using higher trailers to move the rig and make the right turn a little easier.

Mary Lou Cox complimented the road department on keeping Hodgson Road clear in the winter.

Dan Rastatter tells Amy Dugan that at the McDanel Pad there has been a load of logs by the road since January and asked that they be removed. Amy says that once the timber is cut it is for the landowners use and at the discretion of the landowner as to what is done with it. She does offer to have Steve Ault reach out to Mrs. McDanel to see what her plans are with the logs. Dan thinks that is a good idea.

Craig Baker discusses Chris Grahams driveway permit. The E&S plan has been received, a traffic control plan was submitted, a one call has been made and plans have been provided to comply with LTAP Standards. Craig states that all standards have been met and the board is satisfied they could authorize Kurt to issue the permit. Matt Balik authorizes Kurt Magness to issue the driveway permit.

Reverend Pastor Roddy was present from Brush Run United Methodist Church to ask for exemption of having to provide a Land Development Plan Application for the construction of a 36' x 40' picnic pavilion. The location is in a flood plain, but on the FEMA maps there is no elevation of the 100 year flood plain. Reverend Roddy received three letters from residence who have lived in the township for a long time that indicate they have never seen the stream run over the banks near Brush Run United Methodist Church. Matt Balik states that if we make an exception for you we would have to make it for everyone. Everybody has to do same thing and follow the ordinance.

Craig Baker states that as Zoning Officer he can't issue Land Development without approval of supervisors and it must be prepared by a surveyor, engineer, or architect. The structural part is subcontracted through MDIA, who reviews the structural integrity of the building, making sure ADA accessibility and standards are met. Craig states that FEMA maps don't distinguish the 100 year flood plain, and the ordinance states that you can rely on historic information. Reverend Roddy thanked the board for their time and says they will comply.

Russell Reed presented the board with a Land Development Plan for Blackhawk Golf Course. The plan is

to build a 16' x 12' pole building for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Organization, which is non-profit. The building will be used to golf out of during inclement weather. Russell Reed informs that there are no proposed walkways. Craig

Baker points out that in the past with larger Land Development Plans that the board required a title sheet with certificates and affidavits that required signatures. Craig asked the Board of Supervisors if they are going to continue with that policy. The Board of Supervisors agree that they should be consistent with all Land Development Plans. Matt Balik made a motion to approve the Land Development Application for Blackhawk Golf Course subject to getting a cover sheet with authorizations. Clair seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dustin Hagg of Columbia Gas was present to discuss plans to replace a portion of the existing pipeline on Hodgson road along with a leak. The pipeline replacement was planned for October, but with the existing leaks the project was pushed ahead of schedule. The leak is located in front of 189 Hodgson Road and needs to be repaired in 21 days. Dustin wants permission to acquire an Highway Occupancy Permit to start the work. At the very latest work would be started August 17, but may be sooner. George Patterson asked if all of this could be done without cutting roadway. Dustin said that they will bore under the road. Dustin says that the bulk of the work will be complete in one day, but the total project will take about three to five days. The supervisors agree that cross sections of the proposed trench must be provided then Kurt can issue the HOP for crossing and laying of the line in the right of way. A Land Development Plan will have to be provided, but Columbia Gas may do it post construction because of this being an emergency. Craig Baker will provide an inspector and Columbia Gas will be billed.

Craig Baker states that the township must determine whether wetlands exist where the new township building is proposed to be located. He suggested that an environmental scientist be hired to determine the presence or absence determination as to if wetlands exist. Matt Balik thinks that the township needs to find out because we may not be able to use the dirt that we have been piling up. Craig says that you can get a permit to fill in wetlands, by paying a fee to a fund. That fund will then be used to make wetlands elsewhere. A letter was sent to Craig Baker by the township authorizing him to represent the township at a pre-application meeting with the DEP for the purpose of acquiring a stream enclosure permit. This permit is related to the filling of the ravine of the property located at 251 Blackhawk Road and perform any tasks necessary in support of that meeting.

The Board of Supervisors signed a letter to Chippewa Sanitary Authority recommending Joe Zagorski as a member of the Chippewa Sewage Authority Board.

An advertisement for the road department equipment will be placed in the paper. All Bids must be received by and will be opened during the next supervisors meeting, which is September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The supervisors received a bid to remove the garage located on the property at 251 Blackhawk Road. The supervisors accepted the bid from Nicely Contracting for \$2,000.

Clair Young heard the Fire Departments Building, which was once the old school has not been taken off the tax record and is going to sheriff sale. George Patterson said this can be corrected by going to the court house and letting them know the fire department owns the property and they are tax exempt. They must ask to be taken off the tax record and have an appeal hearing. Since no one from the fire department was present to discuss it, the supervisors didn't think it was their place to make any decisions on what to do, since the property isn't owned by the township.

Matt Balik made a motion to approve Ordinance #77, which will take the right-of-way language out of

the definition of a subdivision. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matt Balik made a motion to approve Ordinance #78, which will add noise limitations to all districts. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A notice was received from Chesapeake for a permit Application for drilling a well at the PGC location. Craig Baker contacted Chesapeake to see why this application was submitted and was informed that it is an application to extend the horizontal shaft. The application is to extend the shaft 8,215 feet, which will cross over into Darlington Township.

A notice was received from GAI Consultants for the Blackhawk Culvert Replacement Project. Columbia Gas is proposing to replacing six existing 20 to 24 inch steel culverts in one crossing location with 18 linear feet of 12 foot-5 inch by 7 foot-4 inch aluminum plate box culvert.

The supervisors were invited to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference of the Beaver County Association of Township Officials, which will be held on October 25, 2013 at the Shadow Lakes Golf Club.

The Supervisors reviewed the Recreation Board treasurers report for the months of June and July.

A resignation letter from the Recreation Board was received by Jodi Weister. The supervisors asked Ashley Carr to contact members of the board to see if anyone is interested in filling her position.

PSATS News Bulletin for July was distributed to the supervisors.

The Supervisors set a date for the inspection of Cole and Hodgson Road. They will meeting on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at 8:00am at the fire station.

The supervisors met with Foremost Architectural Group, Inc. on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to discuss building plans and may meet with them in the near future to review more plans.

Matt Balik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. Matt adjourned the meeting at 9:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley N. Carr, Secretary