

**Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting**

**November 9, 2015**

The regular November 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 Daniel Rastatter. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: Daniel Rastatter, Clair Young, Robert Wood, George Patterson, Kevin Brett, Dan McLean, Ashley Carr.

Others present: Andy Leech, Keith Girting, Keith Girting Jr.

Clair Young made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular October meeting. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Supervisors will hold off on signing checks and approving the Treasurer's Report until the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. There is an issue with accounts payable where the description of invoices is shown multiple times with different amounts. All agreed this needs to be rectified prior to approving the treasurer's report.

Dan Rastatter made the following announcements. On October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm the Supervisors and Ashley Carr met to review the preliminary budget. Chief McLean was present for the beginning of the budget meeting. On October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am the Supervisors met with Mr. Lampus to tour his property on Blackhawk Road. Prior to tonight's meeting at 6pm the Supervisors and Kevin Brett met with the Fire Department to continue discussions on the old school building.

Kevin Brett gave the Engineers report. It will be filed. A quote was provided from LSSE to help the Township update the existing comprehensive plan in the amount of \$25,000. Kevin informed the board that this process will take 18-24 months to complete so this total should be budgeted over two years.

Dan McLean read the police report. It will be filed. Dan informed the board that the new police car is in and he is currently making the necessary arrangements to get it delivered.

Robert Wood read the road report. It will be filed.

Keith Girting was present and expressed his gratitude to the road department and police department for their help and quick response to an accident on Elmbrook Rd. that took place on October 29<sup>th</sup>. A tree fell on a car, one of the passengers was trapped in the vehicle. Keith contacted Robert Wood who quickly responded by bringing a loader to the scene and the passenger escaped with only minor injuries.

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

Utica provided a letter of commitment to be released from their heavy hauling bond on Hodgson, Sterling, Cole, Lime Kiln, Moore, Court, Allen and McBride. Utica will issue the Township a check for \$35,000 to offset any damages and two loads of stone has already been delivered to the Township. Dan Rastatter made a motion to accept the letter of commitment from Utica and relieve them of their heavy hauling bond on the above mentioned roads. Robert Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Supervisors agreed to review the quote from LSSE update the existing comprehensive plan for a month and act on it at next month's meeting.

George Patterson provided the board with copies of three Real Estate Appeals, which the appellant is seeking reduction in the assessment. George suggested the Township let the county defend the decision of the Tax Appeal Board.

The Township has been receiving some complaints from commercial property owners wanting to acquire a building permit and are upset this process has to go through Land Development and the cost. At the beginning of this year the Townships fee schedule was changed so that the deposit for Land Development is an amount determined by the Township specific to each project. LSSE provided the township with the cost of the deposit amounts for these projects, which seem to be high for the type of project being proposed. Kevin Brett asked Ashley Carr to send him the projects and he will determine what amount is suitable.

Dan Rasttater motioned to approve the preliminary Budget for 2016, which does not include any tax increase. The real estate millage will remain at 12.5 mills, \$5.00 Per Capita Tax, .5% Wage Taxes, .5% Real Estate Transfer Taxes, Street Lighting .40 per frontage foot, and Water District 0.02% of Assessed Value. A notice will be advertised in the newspaper. The final budget will be adopted at the regular supervisor meeting on December 14, 2015. Clair Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

During the preliminary budget meeting the Supervisors questioned a few accounts the Township has with Verizon and Comcast to see if we had the best package for our needs. Ashley Carr reached out to the different companies to review the accounts. Comcast was willing to provide the Township with a \$45/month discount to sign a new three year contract for the fire departments telephone and computers. Dan Rasttater will sign the Comcast contract and Ashley Carr will submit it.

PSATS News Bulletin for Sept./Oct. was distributed to the Supervisors.

The Recreation Boards Treasurer's Report for the months of September, October and November were distributed to the Supervisors.

Dan adjourned the meeting at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley N. Carr, Secretary