

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

August 9, 2023

The regular August 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 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Thomas Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: Thomas Miller, Jack Mintier, John Onuska (by phone), Ashley Carr, John Heyl, Joseph Budicak, Daniel Petrich

Others present: Bert Sanders, Valerie Leech, Andy Leech, Janet Bradshaw, Adam Ryan, Marc Youngdahl, Kevin Wyberg

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check No. #15918-#15949, Total \$26,589.30, Payroll Fund, Check No. #11760-#11792, Total \$28,159.97, State Fund, Check #2140-2142, Total \$24,591.20, Fire Tax, Check No. #178-180, Total \$138.80. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Heyl gave the engineers report. It will be filed.

Daniel Petrich gave the police report. It will be filed. Dan asked for conditional approval to hire Andrew Lefevre as full time patrolman conditioned upon successful completion of his background check at a pay rate of \$26.00 per hour, 1 year probation and the standard hiring package. Jack made a motion to amend the agenda to add hiring of a full time patrolman. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jack Mintier made a motion to hire Andrew Lefevre with conditions as mentioned. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no road report. Ashley Carr informed the board that 6 applicants have applied for the Road foreman position. The Supervisors are going to narrow down the applicants and discuss schedules for interviews.

Kevin Wyberg gave the fire report. It will be filed.

Janet Bradshaw was present to inform the board that she is aware of the complaint that was received about a tree on her property on Wogan Road. She wanted to let the board know that she contacted First energy and they came and cut back the branches. The Supervisors thanked her.

Adam Ryan of Cordak Drive was present to inform the board that he reached out to representative Kale to see if any help could be offered for the condition of Cordak Drive, representative Kale told him there was nothing he could do and it was in the Townships hands. John Heyl's recommendation to the board is to not take over the road unless it is brought up to township standards. John Onuska suggested tabling the discussion until the board can take a look at Cordak Drive and place this issue on the agenda again next month.

John Heyl informed the board that the next round of LSA grants would open in September and asked the board if they wanted to apply for the fire station. The supervisors were in favor of applying for the grant, but John Onuska stated that something needs to be done with the roof before winter. John Onuska made a motion to approve the bid received by Hills Home Improvements for \$26,800 to remove and replace the existing roof system with a metal roof system paid from American Rescue Funds. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Budick requested an executive session with the board to discuss Rustic Meadows.

Daniel Petrich provided the Supervisors with a quote for a cell phone and service through FirstNet, the phone is \$0.99 and the monthly service for unlimited talk, text and data is \$39.99. Jack Mintier made a motion to purchase the road department phone through FirstNet. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Mintier made a motion to approve the Vojnovich Subdivision with the only outstanding item being DEP approval for the Sewage Facilities Planning Module. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ashley Carr reported that James Rich has reached his 90 day probation period and asked the Supervisors permission to issue him a retention bonus check in the amount of \$5,000 from the American Rescue funds. John Onuska made a motion to give James Rich the retention bonus from ARP Funds as long as he signs the retention contract. Jack Mintier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ashley Carr requested that the Supervisors add the Watts Mill Turnback to the agenda. Jack Mintier made a motion to add the Watts Mill Turnback. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ashley Carr reported that PennDot approved and provided the Township with the final completion report of the Highway Transfer Agreement for Watts Mill Turnback and has requested that any left over funds be deposited into the liquid fuels account. Jack Mintier made a motion for Ashley Carr to transfer to remaining funds of \$719,168.71 from the Watts Mill Account to the Liquid Fuels Account. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The PSATS News Bulletin for July was distributed to the board.

The Ag Security Seven Year Review hearing will take place on August 28th at 7pm at the municipal building.

Thomas Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Carr