

Chairman Nelson Brenneman called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor present: Rodney Shearer. Absent: Dennis Luckenbaugh. Present on behalf of the Township: Manager Sharon Kerchner, Solicitor Andrew Miller. Also present: Recording Secretary and approximately 40 citizens.

Chairman Brenneman reported that the Board met in Executive Sessions on August 31, 2018, regarding personnel. Tonight's meeting will recess to an Executive Session as well.

I. Minutes

Motion by Shearer, second by Brenneman, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2018. All members voted aye; motion carried.

II. Treasurer's Report

A. **Motion** by Shearer, second by Brenneman, to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2018 as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.

III. General Public Comment

Willa Lefever, 4796 Lehman Road, again requested that the Board of Supervisors' meeting Agenda be displayed on the front door of the Township Office and on the website the Friday before the meeting. Mr. Luckenbaugh attempted to pursue the request but was unsuccessful. Interested parties could also obtain a copy from the Office. Also, could the minutes be posted on the website within 72 hours of the meeting? Actually, Mr. Luckenbaugh makes it a priority to post the minutes, on a timely fashion, but certainly within 72 hours of the meeting. Also, could these procedures be made aware with the township residents by including in the next newsletter?

Bill Kaiser, 4796 Lehman Road, asked if Velda and Sharon were able to reconcile the \$30 or \$40K in dispute in the police budget. Profit and Loss at the end of the year was \$47,260.74, but \$48,621.94 was transferred, a discrepancy of \$1,361.20. Ms. Nickell noted that the accountant was able to reconcile, that it was payroll tax liability. Also, regarding the 2019 police budget and the search for other representation, is a fair comparison being made? Mr. Shearer explained the process. Is the "calls for service" information available for the public to view? Yes, on the police website.

Paul Cusamano asked if the \$1,300 discrepancy was in deed resolved? Mr. Shearer replied "not to his understanding", the numbers still do not add up.

Christine Reimold, 1974 Meadow Lane, asked if there was any progress on the fireworks issue. Mr. Shearer noted that there are plenty of regulations placed by the state; they just need to be enforced. Attorney Miller noted that specific permitted times can be added to the ordinance. It is already illegal to set off fireworks on any property without the expressed consent of the owner. This includes Township ROWs, roadways, public parks, etc. The Township would need to adopt a policy to say that no permission will be given by the Township to set off fireworks in those areas.

Michele Emenheiser, 4671 Bentz Road, said that one problem with fireworks is that there's never any warning as to when they will be set off. Can the use be restricted to holidays

only? Can the policy be adopted to encourage the users to give the neighbors a friendly heads-up before use?

Tanya Crawford noted that Townships can legislate the times that fireworks may be used. Violations will be the problem of the property owner, not the people setting off the fireworks.

Chief Bean noted that residents do indeed call the police when violations occur. He said most times, violators are responsive and cooperative when confronted by the police.

Michael Harrell, 2777 Myers Road, asked if cutting grass and discharging it into the road is illegal. Yes, it is, and he should feel free to call the police. Chief Bean said they have received calls on this. Maybe remind people in the newsletter...yet again.

IV. **Police Report**

Chief Bean gave the police report for August 2018. Of particular note, in August \$5,100 was levied in fines; yet only about 10% actually went to the Township. Chief Bean feels that's a bit unfair, and he will be addressing this with the proper authorities. Also, a car on Indian Rock Dam Road was damaged to the tune of \$3K, with bricks and stones; the police had no suspects. However, thanks to his guilty conscience, the perpetrator came to the station and confessed. Good news indeed! Also, the police department wants to know how it's doing. Interns from York College will be conducting the study/questions. This will be a Township project, starting in the spring of 2019. The police conducted a firearms class to answer general questions. It was very well received. The class will be held again for each of the four municipalities to answer questions. On another note, on Tunnel Hill Road, a woman had locked herself in bedroom; her husband had a knife and was pounding it into the door. He sat in prison overnight, was released, and went right back to the house to repeat the behavior. Officers handled it very well both times. Also, on the police website are two photos of men who were burgling vehicles. Still no identification. Take a look and notify the police if you have any information.

Further, in the Police Board meeting, it was revealed that the Township is looking at the prices of other police services. This does concern our department, after all we've been in this partnership for 16 yrs. So, what is the process that the Township will be following? Mr. Shearer replied that we have not yet had an opportunity for discussion, in order to offer any information. We would like to start by getting price comparisons, to see where we are. But there is nothing definite yet. The police department would appreciate the opportunity to react to the discussion. Chief Bean claims that SWRPD is less expensive than NYCRPD, who is one of the departments that the Township may be taking into consideration. There's a police board meeting on Saturday to discuss ways to decrease costs. No matter what the decision is, both parties have a year to work out any agreement. Mr. Shearer assured Chief Bean that the Supervisors/Township will be forthcoming with any and all information gathered. Chief Bean noted that a way to reduce costs would be to reduce the number of hours that the police give to this Township. Or add another municipality to spread out the services/costs. He wants to continue the relationship. Chairman Brenneman said that the Township sent a list, back in December, of ways that the police department might reduce costs. Chief Bean said he didn't receive a copy of that list. Mrs. Kerchner provided another copy tonight. Willa Lefever doesn't want to see a reduction in the police services.

V. **Fire Company Report**

Tim Carr gave the fire and EMS reports for August 2018. He noted that the new digital sign allows the fire department to get information to the residents quickly and also permits the

advertising of multiple events. Open house October 13. Next chicken barbecue is October 6. Mr. Shearer asked about the status of the ALS vehicle. They house at NCT fire station, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mr. Shearer urged Mr. Carr to have the EMS Chief attend a Supervisor meeting, to discuss their financial situation. Or if he prefers to discuss in an executive meeting with the Supervisors, that can also be arranged. Mr. Carr will pass on the request.

VI. **Permits, Plans, and Modules**

A. Final Subdivision Plan for Mason Grist – request to withdraw the plan.

Motion by Shearer, second by Brenneman, to withdraw the Mason Grist Final Subdivision Plan. All members voted aye; motion carried.

VII. **Administrative Reports**

A. Supervisors' Reports

1. DSA on Martin Road starts tomorrow, Sept. 19th. Sunnyside/Martin—there was a problem when the road was closed. A taxicab and a jeep went through the barricades. There was a camera in use at a neighboring property at the time; does the Township want to pursue the violation? Mr. Shearer will take a look at the video with the police; then make the decision. Also, road edging with begin Sept. 24th, for the roads that have been finished.

2. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Shearer, to hire Roger Shifflett as a full-time public works employee, at a starting pay rate of \$20.00 an hour, effective September 19, 2018. All members voted aye; motion carried. Mr. Shearer noted that Mr. Shifflett is replacing an employee whom resigned this pass March, so it will be good to have a full crew again.

B. Manager's Report

1. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Shearer, to *table* the request for return of release and return of letter of credit #9600453936-0001, at BB&T, in the amount of \$27,888.85 on behalf of Cornerstone at Colonial Crossings. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Shearer, to *table* action on the quote from Winter Engine Services to rebuild the pumps and injectors at the SHPS; cost \$2,825. All members voted aye; motion carried.

3. Budget work sessions beginning on October 8, 8 a.m. and November 5, 8 a.m.

4. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Shearer, to approve the MMO in the amount of \$66,820 (for 2019). All members voted aye; motion carried.

5. FYI—the Township received advanced funds in the amount of \$67,128.80 for the Dirt and Gravel Project on Martin Road.

C. Engineer's Report

No questions or discussion of the report.

D. Solicitor's Report

1. Prior to the meeting, Attorney Miller provided examples of zoning ordinance provisions that help to accommodate for Amish school houses within the Township. This item was tabled until October to give the Supervisors time to review the examples and discuss with Mr. Miller.

VIII. Old Business

A. Mr. Brenneman noted he is trying to contact John White, regarding a dead tree located on his property and the concern that it will fall onto our SSPS/electrical panel.

IX. New Business

A. Kinsley Properties has requested the inclusion Lot #37, Salem Overlook, in the Ag Security Area. Application accepted.

B. Mr. Shearer spoke to Representative Seth Grove about the County-wide Stormwater Authority (*tax*) proposing to be implemented. Mr. Grove suggested that the Township send a Resolution to the Commissioners *opposing* the creation of this new Authority. Attorney Miller will have this Resolution ready for the October Board of Supervisors meeting. For the benefit of the audience, Mr. Brenneman read the information concerning the proposed stormwater authority. YCPC (*Stormwater authority*) is having the next Public meeting on September 25, (*old Central High School*), 300 E. Seventh Avenue in York, 6 to 8 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

It was noted that the Township is still exempt (*until 2023*) from being included in the MS4 plan. The Township does indeed have stormwater management provisions. Mr. Shearer feels that the Township has been addressing its stormwater issues and this new authority is not necessary and it's not fair to the residents. He strongly urged the residents to attend the public meeting and contact the County Commissioners to voice **opposition**. Mr. Brenneman feels that the high nitrogen content in our state's runoff comes more from leaves that fall into the streams, etc., not from the farmers or sewer plants.

X. Announcements

A. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on September 20, 7 p.m.

B. The Rec Board will meet on September 24, 7 p.m.

C. The Planning Commission will meet on September 25, 7 p.m.

D. The Southwestern Regional Police Board will meet on October 10, 7 p.m., at police headquarters.

E. Budget work session set for October 8, 8 a.m.

F. The Board of Supervisors will meet on October 16, 7 p.m.

The Board *recessed* to an Executive meeting at 8:20 p.m.

The Board *returned* from Executive meeting at 9:35 p.m.

At 9:36 p.m., the meeting *recessed* until October 8 at 8:00 a.m. for a Budget Session and any other Township business that may come before the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kerchner,
Township Secretary/Manager

Julie B. Maher,
Recording Secretary