

Chairman Nelson Brenneman called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisors present: Dennis Luckenbaugh and Rodney Shearer. Present on behalf of the Township: Manager Sharon Kerchner, Solicitor Andrew Miller. Also present: Recording Secretary and 13 citizens.

I. Minutes

Motion by Shearer, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 19, 2018. All members voted aye; motion carried.

II. Treasurer's Report

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

III. General Public Comment

Christine Reimold asked about regulations regarding fireworks. Attorney Miller noted that with the new state act, there's very little that a Township can regulate, maybe noise, but not possession. Fireworks must meet the state law. Mrs. Reimold related that over the fourth of July weekend, with added fireworks, her horses were quite disturbed and anxious. Mr. Shearer said it's unfortunate that the state enacts something like this but leaves it for the municipalities to regulate and enforce. Mr. Brenneman has also received complaints about fireworks being used after midnight. The Supervisors suggest talking with the Police Board about this issue, as it would be the Police Officers to enforce it. Unfortunately, the state law does not set a time limit for fireworks use.

From the audience, Officer Poplin noted that he cited someone for criminal mischief for damage caused by fireworks. It's really on a case-by-case basis. Disorderly conduct charges might be applied, depending on the circumstances. But overall, the residents are smart about using fireworks. That being said, if alcohol is involved, all bets for common sense are off – which then becomes a violation of state law – no fireworks and alcohol. Unfortunately, there are likely illegal fireworks being set off, too, which would be very difficult to prove/cite. Supervisors suggested to voice their complaints and share their concerns with our State Representative; Seth Grove. Also, that when you have issues, *Call the police*. Willa Lefever noted from the audience, that not only animals are affected by the use of loud fireworks, but so are autistic children and people with PTSD.

Willa Lefever apologized for the incorrect information or innuendo that was included in her group's election brochure. She does however, continue to stand behind all other information that is presented on her brochure. There was a brief question regarding the 2018 police budget.

Also, there's a big pool of standing water along Stoverstown Road, where the construction of townhouses is being developed. She's concerned that it's a breeding ground for mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus. Mr. Luckenbaugh noted that she's not the first to complain; it's in "construction mode" now, and it will revert to a retention pond after construction is completed. Perhaps she can contact the York County Conservation agency to

request that someone check for mosquito larvae. Or maybe Mrs. Kerchner can contact the Zoning Officer for the status of the project.

Also, Mrs. Reimold asked about the property near her, that burned several years ago, remains in a state of repair. The weeds are out of control on the lot. Call the Zoning Officer.

IV. **Police Report**

Officer Poplin gave the Police Report for June 2018. He is the bicycle officer in the Township, riding his bike in the neighborhoods nearly every day, making lots of contact with the residents. In another matter, Mr. Brenneman suggested that bicyclists on the Rail Trail, Maple Street in Seven Valleys, be monitored a bit more, as they are running the stop signs, presenting a danger to themselves and motorists. So noted.

V. **Fire Company Report**

Tim Carr gave the Fire Company report for June 2018. On a sad note, a young member was killed in a car accident. Plus, thanks to SWRPD for extra support during the fourth of July fireworks fiasco.

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

None at this time.

VII. **Administrative Reports**

A. Supervisors' Reports

1. Mr. Shearer- Sunnyside Road will be closed-July 23 thru 28 for blacktopping. Hammaker – will return this fall to reseal roads that were tar and chipped last year.

2. Mr. Luckenbaugh- As of July 16, Engles & Fahs completed installation of new outdoor LED lights and fixtures at the Fire Co – the LED's provide a much brighter, safer and a more energy efficient and cost savings alternative.

B. Manager's Report

1. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Luckenbaugh, to authorize the purchase of a responder parka, vest, and cap for our Deputy Coordinator Dave Meiler, NTE \$500, per the recommendation of EMA Director Carldene Stough. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Shearer, to approve the repairs to Engine 12-2, new valves and tank gauge at a cost of \$1,463.03. All members voted aye; motion carried.

C. Engineer's Report

No comments or discussion.

D. Solicitor's Report

1. Received as-built plans for the work at Eichelberger's. Mr. Shearer's concerned with keeping the septic system area cleared of vehicles. Perhaps it should be fenced. Attorney Miller will check with the Zoning Officer to get a recommendation for a minimum area to be clear of vehicles? **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Shearer, to authorize Attorney Miller to check with the Zoning Officer on the specifications for clearance around a septic location. All members voted aye; motion carried. The \$5K will be held until November until the parking situation can be examined.

The Employee Handbook will be discussed in an Executive Session following tonight's meeting.

VIII. **Old Business**

Nothing at this time.

IX. **New Business**

A. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Shearer, to authorize the reimbursement to Seven Valleys Borough for NCT's portion of Tri-Community Ambulance's Workman's Compensation Insurance in the amount of \$476.00. All members voted aye; motion carried.

B. Received \$6,045 for the 2016 Recycling Grant.

C. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Shearer, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Thomas Reilly from the Recreation Board, AND to send him a letter thanking for his service. All members voted aye; motion carried.

D. Les Scrivens is interested in being appointed to the Recreation Board to complete Tom Reilly's term through December 31, 2020. There's an alternate on this Board; would that person like to finish the term? Ms. Clark will check and report next month.

X. **Announcements**

A. The Recreation Board will meet on July 23, 7 p.m.

B. The Planning Commission will meet on July 24, 7 p.m.

C. The Southwestern Regional Police Board will meet on August 8, 7 p.m., at police headquarters.

D. The Board of Supervisors will meet on August 21, 7 p.m.

Mr. Shearer noted that the Supervisors did not pass the 2018 police budget because there's no satisfactory explanation for the year-end figures for 2017. Without passing the 2018 budget, the budget reverts back to the 2017 numbers. Mr. Shearer was adamant that without a suitable explanation for the numbers discrepancies in 2017, there will be no action on the 2018 budget. From the audience, Paul Cusumano noted that apparently the person who can provide answers isn't present at this meeting. He'd like to get to the bottom of the whole issue. Maybe it would be good to have the administrator present at a Supervisors meeting so that there can be a public discussion. Mrs. Kerchner noted that the police department records were just audited, and it has been revealed that there were a few transactions that were not recorded, affecting the profit and loss balances. She met with the administrator and asked for answers to some pointed questions. She is awaiting further information from the administrator.

NCT pays 48.4326% of the costs of the police department, Heidelberg-18.3492%, Manheim-16.3118% and Spring Grove Boro-16.9064%. In light of those figures, NCT will, of course, be more interested in the explanation of the numbers.

Mr. Brenneman noted that he has found discrepancies in various reports. Mr. Luckenbaugh noted that an audit is only as good as the numbers that are provided to the auditors.

At 8:04 p.m., the Board *recessed* to Executive Session.

At 9:03 p.m., the Board *reconvened* from the Executive Session.

Motion by Luckenbaugh, second by Brenneman, to give Sam Napier, a \$.25 per hour increase, for receiving a pesticide spraying license for the Township ROW's, effective immediately. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Luckenbaugh, second by Brenneman, to adjourn. All members voted aye; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kerchner,
Township Secretary/Manager

Julie B. Maher,
Recording Secretary