

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 Stephanie Kogut. Also present: Recording Secretary and 21 citizens.

I. **Minutes**

Motion by Shearer, second by Brenneman, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 20, 2019. Two members voted aye; *Luckenbaugh abstained*. Motion carried.

II. **Treasurer's Report**

A. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Shearer, to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2019 as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.

III. **General Public Comment**

Betsy Scheivert, Glatfelter Memorial Library, thanked the Board for the Township's contribution to the library and related what events and services that the library offers. Money's tight all around, as usual, and state funds are not always reliable, so Township support is always appreciated. Please consider the library in the budget figures for 2020.

From the audience, Willa Lefever proposed that with the savings in the change in the police protection, perhaps funds can be funneled to the library.

Tim O'Donnell asked why Noss Road is being tar and chipped again. Mr. Shearer explained that this is one of the roads that were under (2017) warranty; stones didn't stick last time.

Willa Lefever, Lehman Road, spoke about trying to increase the amount of communication from the Township. Can the meeting agenda be posted on the office door and on the website the Friday prior to the meeting? It was indeed helpful to be able to procure a copy of the agenda from the Township Office. She also suggested that all Board meetings be videotaped and the tape posted on the website. Cost of mailing the newsletter – please re-evaluate. Also, create a “good idea” file on the website to encourage residents to share ideas to improve life for everyone.

Todd Zeigler, Cemetery Road, asked about the time of the General Public Comment time and what goes on during that Comment period. After a Motion and second, does the public get to comment before the vote or not? Please keep Public Comment at the beginning and at the end of the meeting.

IV. **Police Report**

Jamie Stallcup gave the police report for August 2019. Some improvements in processes; the call log will be more up to date. Regarding the Police Board meeting minutes - an audio clip will be posted to the website; typed minutes will also be available on the website. Mrs. Kerchner asked what about the meeting schedule – she couldn't find it on the website. The optional meeting is a last-minute notification type of meeting.

V. **Fire Company Report**

Chief Tim Carr gave the fire company report for August 2019. Coming up on October 5 the last chicken barbeque starts at 10 a.m. On October 12, the Township fire department will hold its open house, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fire Prevention Week, lots of activities across the Township.

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

Matthew C. and Tisha Spangler, Final Subdivision Plan

Motion by Brenneman, second by Shearer, to approve the waiver request by Matthew and Tisha Spangler for plan scale, Section 165-29.B, as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion by Luckenbaugh, second by Shearer, to approve the Planning Module for the above plan AND to approve Resolution #06-09-2019, and to forward same to DEP. All members voted aye; motion carried.

VII. **Administrative Reports**

A. Supervisors' Reports

1. Shearer – road inspection was completed – seven roads need a fair amount of work. Rockville Road has been put off for years. Two pipes need to be replaced. These should be bid out. Don't blacktop before the pipes are replaced. Also, Joseph Road has the same problem. Start the process. Also, oil/chip done on Walters Hatchery Road and Noss Road; fog sealing will be done. These were roads under warranty. It was noted that the entire road was done today, as opposed to doing one lane at a time; sorry for any inconvenience.

Denny Ilyes commented nice job on Grothey Road. Also, Messersmith Road is already peeling up in sections. Tough summer to do this kind of work.

2. Luckenbaugh –attended fire company meeting and noticed the conduit to outside light is broken. Tim Carr noted that the mowing company is responsible for the damage. Also, from Mr. Luckenbaugh, he would like to upgrade the 2 lights in front of the township building. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Shearer, to replace the conduit at the fire company AND upgrade 2 dusk to dawn light fixtures in front of the Township building. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Also, he was present last week when a fire truck was re-fueling in the township parking lot. The pump shut off after 15 gallons; perhaps there's a problem with the wires. Pay attention.

3. Brenneman - **Motion** by Shearer, second by Brenneman, to approve the Public Works crew to attend the 811-5 steps to basic digging-training meeting on October 2. All members voted aye; motion carried.

B. Manager's Report

1. Pension MMO - \$101,200 (2020). **Motion** by Shearer, second by Brenneman, to acknowledge. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Budget work session is set for October 10, 8 a.m.

3. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the installation and configuration of a new server at a cost of \$8,624.00. All members voted aye; motion carried. It will take 24 hours to do the work. Possibly two new computers to be purchased, quote of \$1,708 for two. Mr. Luckenbaugh will check those two computers and advise.

4. WWTP pump stations cleaning. **Motion** by Shearer, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the cleaning of the pump stations by Kline's for \$3,505. All members voted aye; motion carried.

5. WWTP, Kline's clean out dumpster - \$400 or so, *a savings of apprx. \$800*; **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Shearer, to have Kline's clean out the dumpster for \$400. All members voted aye; motion carried.

6. **Motion** by Shearer, second by Luckenbaugh, to replace 16 ultraviolet lamps at a cost of \$1,840. All members voted aye; motion carried.

C. Engineer's Report

Progress (*but nothing final*) on Brush Valley Road box culvert permit; DEP has until October 26th to review. Discussion; Six weeks to build the thing... should we order the materials on the chance that it is approved? Now would be the time to install it, but it might not happen that way. Might have to get the engineer to do some of the work, and the Township won't get reimbursed for those costs as they're not included in the original estimate.

D. Solicitor's Report

1. YCPC comments and recommendations received on the Zoning Ordinance amendments. Discussion;

(1) make a vehicle fueling station a permitted use (*verses special exception*) in the Highway Commercial Zone; Yes, makes sense.

(2) box trailer storage for agricultural materials; time limit; No

(3) permitted betting suggested *not* in the RAC and AP Zones; No, permit in all zones.

Motion by Luckenbaugh, second by Shearer, to authorize the advertisement of the amendments to the SALDO and Zoning Ordinances. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Trash collection specifications were discussed. The bidding company requested Monday through Thursday collection times, to build in a day for a storm or holiday, so that collection doesn't run into Saturday. Low volume option change to 12 bags every 12 months. Toters are part of the contract.

Advertise for October or November? **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Luckenbaugh, to advertise for November. All members voted aye; motion carried.

VIII. Old Business

Nothing at this time.

IX. New Business

A. **Motion** by Brenneman, second by Shearer, to reimburse Seven Valleys Borough for NCT's portion of the Tri-Community Ambulance Workers Compensation Insurance in the amount of \$390.60. All members voted aye; motion carried.

B. Volunteer Fire Relief, State aid allocation was received in the amount of \$53,051.66. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Brenneman, to release the state aid allocation to the NCT Volunteer Fire Relief for the full amount received. All members voted aye; motion carried.

C. Non-uniform Pension - State aid allocation was received in the amount of \$35,843.49.

Mr. Shearer noted that the Township will be short with snow plow drivers this year. Advertise? Any suggestions? Maybe Mr. Ilyes has the name of a possibility. This is temporary part-time work.

Jeff Miller of the road crew was admitted to the hospital, having had a mild heart attack. While he was released from the hospital, more testing is being done. Still a bit uncertain.

X. **Public Comment cont'd**

Todd Zeigler asked if there are any amendments proposed on the sign ordinance, specifically election/political signs. There's a deadline for removal, but nothing about when they can be put up.

Bill Kaiser asked about the cell tower. Nothing's happening.

Willa Lefever likes the public comment time both at the beginning and at the end of the meeting.

Jamie Stallcup, added comments. FYI, this past Saturday into Sunday, in the Jefferson Road/Stambaugh/Stoverstown Road areas, there was a spate of "break-ins" into unlocked vehicles and sheds. A fair amount of merchandise was lifted. These perpetrators have been difficult to track – no reports of suspicious vehicles, etc. Unfortunately, this is not the first time this has happened, so be aware and lock your properties.

XI. **Announcements**

A. The Rec Board will meet on September 23, 7 p.m.

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

C. The Southwestern Regional Police Board will meet on September 25 and October 9, 7 p.m. at police headquarters.

D. The Board of Supervisors recessed this evening's meeting to October 10, 8 a.m.

E. The Board of Supervisors regular meeting will be held on October 15, 7 p.m.

Scott Lackey asked about the roundabout in Seven Valleys. That meeting will be held on September 26, but is not open to the public. He's wondering if first-responders would be permitted to attend. Mrs. Kerchner doubts but will check.

A brief Executive Session was requested by Solicitor Kogut.

The Board *recessed* to Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

The Board *reconvened* the meeting at 9:09, no action taken.

Motion by Luckenbaugh, second by Shearer, to *recess* the meeting until October 10, 8 a.m. for a Budget work session. All members voted aye; motion carried.

The meeting *recessed* at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kerchner,
Township Secretary/Manager