

Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 15, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Shenango Township Municipal Building, with Supervisors Russell Riley, William Albertini and Albert Burick, III, present.

Present at the Meeting:

Bill Cheslock  
Billie Jo Graham  
Carole and Floyd Montgomery  
Paul Klabon  
Kim Booher  
John Presnar  
Brenda Phillips  
John A. Downing IV  
Larry A. Greenawalt  
Kathy Ferrell  
Debbie Grafton  
Bill Devido  
Bob Esposito  
Russell DeMatteo  
Thomas C. Mills  
Susanna P. Reilly  
Glenn Klingensmith  
Ron Matteo  
Lisa DeSantis

Jero!d Graham  
Shirley Sallmen  
Dottie Angelucci  
Gale Tillia  
Marsha Presnar  
Jennifer Krueger  
Brandy Downing  
Olga Moniodes  
Bill Phillips  
Dave Ferrell  
Harry Grafton  
Paula Devido  
Jeff Hilyard  
Betsy Mills Lutz  
Dave Brooks  
Leighanne Joseph  
John Park  
Dave Rishel

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

The minutes were approved from the previous meeting.

Mr. Albertini explained his vote regarding the police superintendent position being abolished at the Organization Meeting held on Monday, January 5, 2015, by saying it was inadvertently reported that he voted in favor of it, when he actually did not vote in favor of it.

Sergeant Darrin Cwynar spoke on his new position of Officer in Charge and the current operations of the police department.

Fire Chief Dave Rishel spoke about the Fire Department budget.

Mr. Burick went over and explained the 2015 budget.

Mr. Riley, Mr. Albertini and Mr. Burick all voted in favor of a 3-minute public comment policy.

Public Comment:

William Cheslock, Old Princeton Road, asked if Mr. Burick is acting or full-time secretary-treasurer, and questioned his qualifications. Mr. Burick said he is full-time secretary-treasurer. Mr. Riley commended Mr. Burick for the work he has done for the township to get us where we are.

Shirley Sallmen, Old Princeton Road, asked why three budgets. Mr. Burick deferred to Auditor Robert Izzo to explain this. Mr. Izzo said he is an independent auditor hired by the township, and it is not three budgets, it is one budget representing Shenango Township, Lawrence County. Some funds must be kept in separate accounts. Very few townships do this detailed of a budget, and the residents should be very proud of what you see with the budget and the way it was done.

Kim Booher, Gardner-Center Road, asked for an explanation regarding the fire hydrant tax and street lighting fee in the real estate taxes. Mr. Burick explained that it was just easier that way. Mrs. Booher also asked Mr. Burick how he is able to vote on things when he is both a supervisor and secretary-treasurer. Mr. Perrotta said it is permissible under the Second Class Township Code.

Marsha Presnar, Circle Drive, said at the meeting in July a citizens review board was asked for, questioned why two road masters were appointed, and questioned what the plans are for Mary Gay's employment after May 15, one year from the sewer sale. Mr. Riley said they have not made a decision regarding Mary Gay.

Brenda Phillips, Highview Drive, said the supervisors can gain the public trust by answering truthfully when asked about something.

Brandy Downing, Highview Drive, asked how one full-time salary can be more than one full-time salary and one part-time salary in another department. Mr. Burick said it depends on how much the person makes.

John Downing, Highview Drive, questioned police donations and the canine fund in the budget. Mr. Burick said it is not earmarked, it is just an estimate.

Larry Greenawalt, Berger Street, asked if the township applied for a recycling grant. Mr. Burick said it was applied for approximately November 9 in a 12-page document, but the township has not yet received a response.

William Phillips, Highview Drive, pointed out mathematical mistakes in the budget and asked for Mr. Burick's resignation. Mr. Burick explained what happened and how he corrected the problem by passing Resolution No. 2 of 2015 to legally cover ourselves to pay for the insurance.

Russell DeMatteo, Big Run Creek Road, said Mr. Phillips should not have been let go because of financial reasons, and felt the secretary-treasurer position should have been advertised.

Dave Brooks, Douglas Drive, Mr. Phillips should be reinstated.

Susanna Reilly, Grigsby Street, remarked about the perception of the supervisors when responding to questions.

Leighanne Joseph, Grigsby Street, wanted to know if we received any money yet from FEMA for the storm of July of 2013, and remarked about the condition of Shenango Park. Mr. Burick and Mr. Albertini explained that we are waiting on the State regarding the storm money.

John Park, New Butler Road, said he is a lifelong resident of the township and expressed his opinion about Mr. Phillips and all that he has done for the community and his family in the past and said he understands the support he has around him, but was disappointed in what he saw at tonight's meeting from Mr. Phillips. Mr. Park said he would like to see the township residents start supporting the supervisors and everyone begin working together.

Ron Matteo, Willowhurst Circle, has not lived in the township long and realizes these things happen and would like to see everything work out.

Lisa DeSantis, Pennsylvania Avenue, wants to know what Deno DeLorenzo is doing downtown, and expressed her concerns regarding fracking in the township.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the General Fund Expenses of \$51,301.71. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Payroll Expenses of \$48,665.13. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Fire Tax Fund Expenses of \$2,096.20. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve Resolution #4 of 2015, closing of the Park Fund bank account and transfer of funds into the Shenango Township General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve Resolution #3 of 2015, A Resolution to Enact a Public Comment Policy for Public Township Meetings. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to adjourn.