

Regular Monthly Meeting
August 21, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014, 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:

Barbara Thompson
Ron and Carol Doak
Shirley Sallmen
Dale Gould
Dave Durst
Patty Bartley

Paul Klabon
Paul and Dee Hosler
Tom Tatarka
Debra Miller
Roberta Filer

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

The minutes were read and approved from the previous meeting.

Mr. Riley said there was correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. Watkins inquiring about the ordaining of the southernmost unordained portion of Cornell Avenue. Mr. Riley said that will be passed on to RAR for further inspection and to have the process moved on.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick. Motion carried.

Superintendent William Phillips gave the monthly police department report.

Fire Chief John Krueger gave the monthly fire department report.

Shirley Sallmen, Old Princeton Road, questioned why no one was answering the phone at the township building this date. Mr. Burick explained that he had a situation where he had to be out of the office, the receptionist was off today and Mary Gay was in her office working on the sewer billing and it is difficult to hear from her office and she was just answering when someone rang the bell.

Marsha Timblin, Allegheny Avenue, asked about yard waste pick up that has not happened yet, and garbage trucks are making a mess on her street. Mr. Riley said the supervisors have talked about the yard waste before and will have to sit down with the garbage company and discuss that as well as the size of the trucks being too large for the roads.

Tom Tatarka, Woodview Drive, said his garbage and/or recycling has not been picked up at least 22 times and wanted to know about getting an adjustment on his bill from Allied. He said Mr. Smiley on his road has had problems, also. Mr. Albertini said he would call Mona at Allied and see what he can do about his situation.

Debra Miller, Nearwood Drive, wanted to know when some of the roads are going to get paved, specifically Old Pittsburgh and Nearwood Drive. Mr. Riley said we finally got our key cutter, so we can now go and mill some of the roads and we will be listing some of the roads we are going to be working on.

Marsha Presnar, Circle Drive, said Circle Drive gets flooded every time it rains and something needs to be done.

David Durst, Douglas Drive, asked if they have plans to get another supervisor since Mr. Burick is doing the secretary-treasurer work. Solicitor Lou Perrotta said no, he is still a supervisor, and it is permissible under the Second Class Code. It comes up in January and it is an annual appointment. Mr. Durst said the roads need paved in his development. The garbage trucks are too large for residential areas. Mr. Riley said when they have the new negotiations when this contract is up, they will be bringing up that they need smaller trucks in areas. Mr. Durst asked if we were ever approved for a grant for the sewers. Mr. Riley said no. Marsha Timblin asked if we applied for a grant. Mr. Burick said we do not own the sewers anymore.

Brandon Rishel, Savannah-Gardner Road, asked about getting an engineer involved for road repairs, and said you need to get a game plan for road maintenance. Mr. Riley said our goal this year is to finish the east side of Shenango Township, next year is to do Roosevelt and over on that end of the township.

Joe Budai, Melody Lane, asked if we got the money back from the liquid fuels. Mr. Burick said it was the county money from liquid fuels, not the state money. We got the state money, which is the big number, it is the supplement from the county we did not get.

William Cheslock, Old Princeton Road, commented about speeding by his house and the condition of the road. Mr. Riley said that road is one of the things they have talked about. Mr. Cheslock also said at the one meeting last month, he had asked that Brian Tanner and Deno Delorenzo not be fired, he asked that they be suspended pending the investigation, and if they are found not guilty, can they sue the township. Mr. Perrotta said they are both appointed positions and they are annual appointments, and he cannot discuss personnel issues.

Dale Gould, Woodview Drive, questioned whether everything dealing with the sewers will be from New Castle and not Shenango Township and New Castle would be setting all the charges. Mr. Burick said the sale was closed May 15, 2014 and, yes, that would be correct. Mr. Perrotta said the 537 Plan has been in place for a number of years, so that started with the Township with DEP and now it is with the New Castle Sanitation Authority, so whomever has the 537 Plan is obligated to bring it to fruition.

Paul Pounds, Warner Alley, there is high grass and weeds at the South Hills Athletic Association on Martha Street. Superintendent Phillips said he stopped up there and talked to whoever takes care of it about getting it cut.

Tom Tatarka asked if the township has a code enforcement officer. Mr. Riley said we are doing that tonight. Brandon Rishel said he commends the supervisors for making the decision that they did and getting the township back on track and understands it needed to be a supervisor because it had to be done in a timely manner, but before anybody else is hired, a nepotism policy needs to be put into place and a civilian review board needs to be looked at.

Sam Mielke, Woodrow Street, presented a petition from his neighborhood of Crowe Street, Woodrow Street, Alveretta Boulevard, Motor Street and Carr Street to voice their concerns for the improvement of their streets. He also questioned whether they would be able to get road signs. Mr. Riley said every street will have one at the bottom.

Marsha Presnar asked if there will be a code enforcement person. There is someone driving through her yard on a golf cart. Mr. Riley said there will be code enforcement rules put together that the code enforcement person will go by. We have never had one before, so this is all starting out new for all of us.

Joe Budai asked about the sewers and water and what control we have. Mr. Riley said they are going to be bonded to complete the work. Mr. Albertini said they have to put the ditch back according to RAR.

Barbara Thompson, Boyd School Road, asked what is going to be done on her road. She said her road is in bad shape.

Paul Pounds said a mirror needs put up on the sharp bend on Martha Street. Mr. Riley said the supervisors will look at that.

Richard Thompson, Boyd School Road, why not 537 for the whole township. Mr. Burick said DEP decides where and they lay the lines. He explained 537 is for the sewers. Mr. Riley asked Mr. Thompson if he wanted sewers and he said no, he just put a new septic system. Mr. Burick said he thought the last house on Boyd School Road, the Kreitzer house, would be the last to get them. Mr. Thompson said, if we can't get sewers, can we get our roads fixed. Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Phillips if they could get the speed limit reduced on Boyd School Road and it is 35 mph now. Mr. Phillips explained about clocking speed. Art Hairhoger, Old Princeton Road, said he has told the police can sit in his driveway. Mr. Cheslock said the police should stay in the township only, on our roads.

Barb Thompson asked what happened to the committee for township development. Mr. Burick said there is a committee that meets once a month and they are working on rezoning and it was where they surveys come from and we got a great response from the surveys.

Art Hairhoger asked why Deno Delorenzo is still the New Castle Sanitation auditor. Mr. Riley said that is something right now that we really cannot even talk about. Mr. Burick said we are all witnesses and we cannot really speak on certain issues.

Mr. Tatarka asked if Woodview Drive will be getting sewers. Mr. Albertini said yes. Mr. Tatarka asked when. Mr. Riley said that is not us, that is DEP.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the general fund expenses. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the payroll expenses. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the state fund expenses. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the park fund expenses. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the fire tax fund expenses.

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to begin sending out letters to Shenango Township residents who are customers of the New Castle Sanitation Authority notifying them of the upcoming billing address and procedure changes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve Michael Lynch as the part-time Zoning Officer for Shenango Township for the duration of 2014 at the rate of \$15.81 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to accept the Shenango Township 2014 Paving Project for seven streets (Allegheny Avenue, Lakeview Road, Schenley Avenue, Alborn Avenue, Creston Avenue, East Washington Street, Graham Avenue, Roy Drive and Willowbrooks Road) to Youngblood Paving at a total bid of \$283,011.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to accept the Shenango Township 2014 Tar and Chip Project for three streets (Old Butler Road, Alborn Avenue and Hoover Road) to Youngblood Paving at a total bid of \$48,926.80. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve Parking Lot Painting Company of Bethel Park, PA, for the line painting of Willowbrook Road, Savannah Road and Old Pittsburgh Road for the cost of \$3,825.00. Motion carried.

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