

Regular Monthly Meeting
October 8, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, October 8, 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:

Barbara Thompson
Brenda Phillips
Melissa Amodie

Kimberly Booher
Larry A. Greenawalt

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes were approved from the regular monthly meeting of September 10, 2015.

Fire Chief David Rishel gave the monthly fire department report, and said that Ken Langford could not make the meeting this evening, but wanted the residents to know that both Shenango Township Fire Department and the South New Castle Borough Fire Department unanimously approved a joint banking account and the County is donating \$2,000.00 to them from the Marcellus Shale Project. Also, at the September 10, 2015, meeting, a woman handed Mr. Rishel money to be donated to the family who had the fatal fire in the township and Mr. Rishel is not permitted to take money like that, so he handed it over to Bill Cheslock and Mr. Cheslock deposited it into a bank account set up for the family.

Sergeant Darrin Cwynar spoke on behalf of the police department and said South New Castle Borough has decided to end police service with Shenango Township effective as of October 31, 2015. Sergeant Cwynar also said he met with residents of the Old Butler Road area about starting a neighborhood crime watch in their area, and said he would be available to any residents of the township who have any questions about starting one in their neighborhood.

Public Comment:

Barbara Thompson, Boyd School Road, asked if there is anything that the Township can do to stop people from flip-flopping zoning. Solicitor Louis Perrotta explained that the proposed mining she is talking about was not a permitted or conditional use in the requested area, so they were asking for a change of use variance. Solicitor Perrotta said an amendment to the entire Zoning Ordinance is on the horizon. Solicitor Perrotta said, to his knowledge, there has been no appeal filed from the denial of the variance request. Solicitor Perrotta also explained that the reason for the absence of the Board of Supervisors at the variance hearing was that a use variance is not something that comes before the Board.

Larry Greenawalt, Berger Street, asked if something could be done about target shooting in the township, perhaps an ordinance. Sergeant Cwynar said it is permissible if it is done in the daytime and there is a sufficient backstop. Sergeant Cwynar said there is no ordinance to prevent it. Solicitor Perrotta said he is not prepared to comment at time, but they can take a look at it.

Melissa Amodie, Clen Moore Boulevard, explained that she is a candidate for judge in the county and encouraged residents to vote.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to approve payment of the General Fund expenses of \$157,220.67. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to approve payment of the Payroll expenses of \$66,778.58. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to approve payment of the State Fund expenses of \$211,176.08, which Mr. Albertini said is the paving project. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to approve payment of the Fire Tax Fund expenses of \$13,021.58. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to set Trick-or-Treat for the township on Saturday, October 31, 2015, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley for authorization to advertise for Venture Park Drive. Mr. Burick explained this is a new street for a new development by Maytis, Incorporated, for a 135 to 150 thousand square foot mixed development, with multiple structures, and currently they are projecting construction of a three to four million dollar structure in the spring of 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley for authorization to advertise proposed Shenango Township Ordinance #7 of 2015, Telecommunication; Cell Tower Ordinance. Solicitor Perrotta explained this was discussed at the monthly meeting in September. Mr. Burick said it would be for every district and would be considered as a conditional use. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley for authorization to advertise proposed Shenango Township Ordinance #8 of 2015, Road Weight Ordinance. Solicitor Perrotta explained this ordinance and said it could be up for adoption in November or December. Motion carried. (A discussion was held at this time regarding trucks and city buses on Hoover Road.) Mr. Burick said he would contact David Richards of the New Castle Area Transit Authority.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley for authorization to advertise proposed Shenango Township Ordinance #9 of 2015, Road Cut Ordinance. Solicitor Perrotta explained that there is legislation to monitor utility companies, and he would like to adopt this ordinance at the November meeting. Motion carried.

Subdivisions:

Mr. Burick explained the 2-Lot Subdivision – Keys to the Kingdom Plan. Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to approve the Subdivision contingent upon an easement being obtained. Motion carried.

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Mr. Burick explained the 9-Lot Subdivision – “The Fields” (Phase 2B & 3). Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to approve the Subdivision. Motion carried.

Mr. Burick explained the Land Development Plan for “The Fields,” then Karen Esposito explained the County issues. Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to approve the Land Development Plan contingent upon RAR comments. Motion carried.

Resolutions: None

Dave Wagner, Old Butler Road, said there was mention of auditors in the New Castle News, and he asked who hired them. Solicitor Perrotta explained the hiring of Phillip Weiner and Associates and Packer Thomas, but Mr. Burick explained that the auditors Mr. Wagner was talking about are auditors who are elected to their positions by the voters for six-year terms.

Shirley Sallmen, Old Princeton Road, asked why the end of the agreement between the Shenango Township Police and South New Castle Borough. Sergeant Cwynar said South New Castle Borough opted out.

William Alexander, Savannah-Gardner Road, complained about the stop sign at Savannah and Savannah-Gardner Road.

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