

Special Meeting
November 12, 2015

A special meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Shenango Township Municipal Building, with Supervisors Russell Riley, William Albertini and Albert Burick, III, present.

The purpose of the meeting was for a public hearing for the adoption of Ordinance No. 10 of 2015 relating to the regulation of oil and gas exploration in Shenango Township.

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

The meeting was called to order.

Solicitor Louis Perrotta explained the purpose of the hearing, and said there is no plan to adopt an amendment tonight.

Public Comment:

Gale Tillia, Harmony Baptist Road, asked whether fracking on Turkey Hill would affect other areas of the township. Mr. Perrotta said there is no final determination on whether it will include the entire township or just portions of the township.

Dave Dean, Reno Lane, said the township needs a fracking ordinance and needs to follow the Pennsylvania Constitution and not just follow ordinances of other townships; they need to create their own. (Mr. Dean provided documents and Mr. Perrotta marked them as exhibits.) Exhibit No. 1 is a letter from Smith Butz dated October 5, 2015. Exhibit No. 2 is an oil and gas ordinance of South Fayette.

Lisa DeSantis, Pennsylvania Avenue, asked if the Ordinance will cover Cascade Park. Mr. Perrotta said it will not. Ms. DeSantis said we need an ordinance to protect ourselves. Mr. Perrotta said future meetings will be advertised, and the Township has no interest in anything at this point.

Daniel Dean, Station Road, said he is concerned with the government's lack of care for people and said it is all about money. He said doctors are concerned with the gag order of Act 13. Mr. Dean presented a document to Mr. Perrotta for him to read, which Mr. Perrotta marked as Exhibit No. 3.

Bill Cheslock, Old Princeton Road, said the township needs an ordinance and something to protect our kids and roads. He also thanked Bill Albertini for his service to the township.

Mr. Perrotta marked Exhibit No. 4, paperwork from Hilcorp. Mr. Perrotta said the Notice for this hearing was advertised in the New Castle News on October 30 and November 5. Mr. Perrotta said there will be no action tonight on a draft of legislation.

Dave Dean said there was a presentation at Westminster College on oil and gas well drilling and said it is an industrial operation and should be done in an industrial zone. Mr. Dean said doctors are not allowed to talk to people regarding this matter because of a gag order, and said endocrinologists are leaving the state of Pennsylvania. Mr. Dean presented documents to Mr. Perrotta. Exhibit No. 5 is regarding fracking, Pennsylvania gags physicians, and Exhibit No. 6 is from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Albertini to advertise for further hearings. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley that no action be taken tonight. Motion carried.

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