

Regular Monthly Meeting
March 9, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Shenango Township Municipal Building, with Supervisors Frank Augustine, Russell Riley and Albert Burick, III, present.

Present at the Meeting:

Shirley Sallmen
Brenda Phillips
Charles Johnson

Barbara Thompson
Dave Brooks

The meeting was called to order and opened with a salute to the flag.

Mr. Augustine announced that the supervisors held an executive session regarding personnel prior to the meeting beginning.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Burick to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of February 9, 2017. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Fire Chief David Rishel gave the monthly Fire Department report and then reported that the Township's ISO rating has gone from a 6.9 to a 4.4, thanks in large part to the work of EMA Coordinator Justin Data. Mr. Rishel also reported on grants, 109 new fire hydrants to be installed in the township, and said that the house that burned on Circle Drive should be coming down sometime this month.

Assistant Fire Chief Brandon Rishel said that, if not for the EMA position, the reduction in the ISO rating would not have happened.

Mr. Augustine thanked the firefighters and recognized the three additional firefighters in attendance at this meeting, Justin Data, Josh Riley and Morgan Hill.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment:

Shirley Sallmen, Old Princeton Road, commented on Judge Acker denying the appeal of the proposed Methadone clinic in the Township. Mr. Augustine said the Township won the appeal. Ms. Sallmen asked what was happening with the former YDC property. Mr. Augustine said there were two tours with two individuals, and there are issues with the property and its assessed value. Mr. Burick said the Township is no longer in talks with the County regarding YDC.

Barbara Thompson, Boyd School Road, asked if the parties could appeal the Methadone ruling. Solicitor Louis Perrotta explained the appeal process.

Brenda Phillips, Highview Drive, presented a picture of a gazebo installed on her property and asked for the permit fee back since it did not need to be inspected. Mr. Augustine informed Ms. Phillips that, as a result of her pending civil suit against the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors and the residents of Shenango Township, at this time the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors is under legal recommendation to ask that she address any questions she may have in writing to her attorney and that he may then forward the questions to the legal counsel of Shenango Township.

Dave Brooks, Douglas Drive, asked if the supervisors are looking into hiring another police officer. Mr. Burick said they are floating around the idea. Mr. Brooks thanked the fire department for responding so promptly to an accident scene which he observed. Dave Rishel explained the accident scene situation.

Charles Johnson, Harrison Street, complimented the supervisors for their web page. Mr. Johnson then asked if Jeff Richardson would be involved in a Type 2 permit. Mr. Burick said he will not be. Mr. Johnson asked why Tom McCosby was hired since Mr. Richardson's rates were higher. Mr. Augustine said Mr. Richardson has been working for the Township for a long time and they were pleased with his work and so he was kept on. Mr. Augustine said Mr. McCosby never submitted any paperwork, he just came to a public meeting.

Correspondence: None

Public Relations and Announcements:

Mr. Burick said there will be an Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 8, 2017, up to 10 years of age, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Burick said the township clean-up week will be May 1 through May 5, up to 20 bags and one large item, and to check the website for further information.

Mr. Burick spoke about the Savannah Road Bridge Replacement project and said it will close March 20 and will be closed for approximately five weeks, all weather permitting.

Mr. Burick said the 2017 Tax Outreach Program would be at the township building on March 21 from 9:00-1:00.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Augustine to approve payment of the General Fund expenses of \$76,070.55. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Fire Tax Fund expenses of \$3,733.34. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Payroll Fund expenses of \$70,604.19. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Capital Fund expenses of \$46,309.88. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the K-9 Fund expenses of \$662.50. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Burick to purchase a red 2016 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD 4-wheel drive crew cab through PA Co-Stars Buying Program and Dave Hallman Chevrolet of Erie, Pennsylvania, at a cost of \$45,498.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Augustine to appoint Terri Flynn, Fred Chiaverini, Diane Ostrowski, Darr Jackson, Frank Matteo, Joannie Handlos and Al Burick to the Shenango Township Community Park and Recreation Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to advertise for pickleball court repairs at the Shenango Township Community Park. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Augustine to advertise for three part-time seasonal Public Works employees. Motion carried.

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