

Regular Monthly Meeting
November 9, 2017

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

Present at the Meeting:

Judy Martwinski	Loreli Gavroy
Susan Zikeli	Bill Cheslock
Randy Zikeli	Shirley White
Bill Phillips	Barbara Thompson
Lisa DeSantis	Brandon Rishel
Dave Durst	

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 legal matters prior to the meeting tonight. Mr. Augustine congratulated Brandon Rishel for winning the supervisor seat in the recent election. Mr. Augustine also said there will be nothing tonight regarding the former YDC property.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Burick to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of October 12, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 2, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2017, Budget Workshop Meeting. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Fire Chief David Rishel gave the monthly Fire Department report.

Public Comment:

Judy Martwinski, Big Run Creek Road, thanked the supervisors, and said Youngblood Paving did a beautiful job paving her road.

Loreli Gavroy, Savannah Gardner Road, said she would like to be able to keep her well even after water is run onto her road with the new water project, because she does not want to drink public water. Solicitor Lou Perrotta said he would have to consult with someone regarding that.

Shirley White, Ellwood Road, asked where the money is from the sale of the sewers, and asked why it was not used to pay off a bond that the Township has. Mr. Burick said it is in a PLGIT CD, and they were

not permitted to pay the bond off early. Ms. White asked if the Secretary-Treasurer position is hourly or salary. Mr. Riley said it is salary. Ms. White asked why the meetings do not follow Robert's Rules. Mr. Perrotta said if nothing is carried over to be voted on, it is just put under action items. Ms. White asked why money from recycling is not used to help low income seniors. Mr. Burick said none of the three current supervisors were here if and when that was talked about, so they know nothing about it.

Bill Phillips, Highview Drive, questioned the Gathering Ordinance. Solicitor Perrotta said it is on the agenda to make some amendments to the Ordinance. Mr. Phillips asked what the plans are for the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Burick said it was to help businesses, to bring businesses into the Township and apply for grants. Solicitor Perrotta said the first thing would be to get the organization incorporated, but then to market and promote the Township, to take care of blighted properties, and for redevelopment.

Barbara Thompson, Boyd School Road, asked about money to demolish properties. Mr. Burick said they had one done, but the owners of a property on Baldwin Road said they would rather tear it down themselves.

Lisa DeSantis, Pennsylvania Avenue, asked who is on the Economic Development Committee, and asked if she could be on it. Solicitor Perrotta said they have no bylaws as of yet. Ms. DeSantis asked if the rezoning of the township has anything to do with Hilcorp, and if the supervisors have had any contact with them recently. Mr. Burick said they have had no contact, and it has nothing to do with the rezoning of the township.

Brandon Rishel, Rose Stop Road, asked what the need was to move so fast to have a special meeting last week. Mr. Burick said they wanted to accept the resignation of a police officer and "to do what we want to do tonight." Mr. Rishel asked if there will be any special meetings before December 3. Mr. Burick said possibly a budget meeting. Solicitor Perrotta said if Mr. Rishel is referring to the YDC property, if everyone is true to form, there is a lot of interest in that property other than Shenango Township. Solicitor Perrotta said it would be his recommendation to have multiple meetings, potentially a Saturday. Mr. Augustine said the supervisors have spent a lot of time talking to people regarding that property.

Dave Durst, Douglas Drive, said there are multiple areas not hooked up to the water system. Solicitor Perrotta said he did not work on the water project at all. Mr. Durst said he thinks the Economic Development Committee is a great idea, and asked if any of the positions would be paid positions. Solicitor Perrotta said it would be volunteer and there is no intention to create a paid position. Mr. Durst also commented on the installation of culvert pipes in the township and suggested they use a leveling machine on them.

Shirley Sallmen, Old Princeton Road, asked if there was any new information on the proposed Methadone clinic. Solicitor Perrotta said Monday there will be argument on briefs in Pittsburgh.

Public Relations:

Mr. Augustine said the Township will be picking up leaves the month of November and they must be in biodegradable bags, at curbside, and you must call the township building to let them know you need them picked up.

Mr. Burick said the Township will be holding a Christmas tree lighting on November 29, everyone is invited and the Shenango High School choir will be there along with Santa Claus.

Mr. Burick explained the Route 65/US 422 Corridor Study is to start in the spring of 2018, with \$80,000 from PennDOT, \$10,000 from the Township and \$10,000 from the County of Lawrence, but bids are under budget, so the Township may be getting money back.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to approve payment of the General Fund expenses of \$196,952.05. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to approve payment of the Payroll Fund expenses of \$76,933.01. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Capital Fund expenses of \$74,779.12. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to approve payment of the K-9 Fund Expenses of \$159.90. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to approve payment of the Fire Tax Fund expenses of \$1,118.91. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to approve TEC Benefits of Wexford, PA, and UPMC Health Plan as the health insurance provider for Shenango Township union and non-union employees, contingent upon agreement with the bargaining units, effective 12/1/2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to approve the Job Description for the position of Zoning Officer. Motion carried.

Mr. Augustine announced the supervisors will now call an executive session to discuss personnel.

(The meeting was recessed at 6:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:45 p.m.)

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to hire Chad Knox as a part-time police officer of the Shenango Township Police Department, at a rate of \$18.52 per hour as per the Shenango Township Police Department Wage and Policy Unit contract of 2016, pending the completion of a successful background investigation. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to approve the advertisement of the Amendment to Ordinance No. 7 of 2017. Motion carried. Mr. Augustine said he wanted to thank the gentleman from the Rapid Tappets Car Club who came to the special meeting on November 2, 2017, to express his concerns regarding Ordinance No. 7 of 2017.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Burick to authorize Supervisor Al Burick to attend economic development training in Lancaster, PA. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Burick to adjourn. Motion carried.

(Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.)