

Regular Monthly Meeting
September 9, 2010

The regular meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, September 9, 2010, 7:00 pm at the Shenango Township Municipal with Supervisors Bob Peters and William Albertini present.

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

The minutes were read and approve from the previous meeting.

Police Superintendent Phillips gave the monthly police report.

Motion by Mr. Peters second by Mr. Albertini to approve payment of the general fund expenses.
Mr. Peters – yes, Mr. Albertini – yes

Motion by Mr. Peters second by Mr. Albertini to approve payment of the sewer fund expenses.
Mr. Peters – yes, Mr. Albertini – yes

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Peters to approve the Michel & Elaine Monsour Subdivision, which carries a non building declaration, contingent upon satisfaction of reviewed items by the Lawrence County Planning Department.

Motion by Mr. Peters second by Mr. Albertini to approve the George W. & Colleen Miller Subdivision, contingent upon satisfaction of reviewed items by the Lawrence County Planning Department.

District Attorney Joshua Lamacusa, discussed the mission of the Lawrence County Drug Task Force and presented the supervisors with a Memorandum of Understanding which describes the involvement of various law enforcement agencies.

Motion by Mr. Peters second by Mr. Albertini to review and approve the referendum to be a member agency of the Lawrence County Drug Task Force. Mr. Peters – yes, Mr. Albertini – yes.

Public Comment:

Mr. Bill Alexander, Savannah Gardner Road, stated that the ditch line needs cleaned on Old Pittsburgh Road and would like to see more mowing in the weeks ahead.

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Michele Hietsch, Pennsylvania Ave, stated that she would not be in compliance with the new recycling and trash collection, Solicitor Cilli, reviewed the bid procedure and the mandate to comply. The supervisors also stated that any monies that become available will be used to help offset the cost of those in need.

Billie Jo Marshall, Big Run Creek Road, asked why Ellwood City pays less for similar service. It was explained that the base rate for collection is derived from the total distance and the number of customers. Ellwood is one square miles and Shenango is over 26 square miles each having approximately the same number of customers. The more customers in a smaller area would result in lower operating costs.

Mr. Manny Weinschenk, Pennsylvania Avenue, asked if the township paid for the consultant of the trash and recycling assistance. Mr. Peters stated that the services of the consultant were paid with a grant.

Mr. Fred Kobe asked if you generate no trash and recycling items would you be excluded. Solicitor Cilli stated that the ordinance states that all are required to participate. Mr. Kobe also stated that he believes that the ditch along Stewart Avenue needs to be cleaned.

Ms. Pat Lysko, Center Church Road, stated that she believes that the new recycling program will be a positive move resulting in more recycling. Ms. Lysko also asked if the township has anything on the books to deal with the marselis shale drilling. Solicitor Cilli stated that he believes that there will be new legislation from the state regarding this issue and he believes that utico type of extraction method will be used in this area which is a much cleaner process.

Mr. Dale Gould, Shenango Stop Road, asked if the township has received any grant monies for recycling. Mr. Peters stated that the township has not received any grant monies due to the non compliance issues with DEP.

Mr. Joe Monsour, Hoover Road, asked if vacant properties would be billed. Mr. Peters stated that vacant properties should not be billed.

Mr. Sam Garver, Dean Drive, asked if there is an increase in the contract for trash and recycling. It was stated that the contract is for a five year period with base rate increase on 10 cents per month the second and third year and believed to be around 20 cents the forth and fifth year. Mr. Garver also stated that the retention ponds at Woodland Hills and Shenango Greens be checked to see if they are working properly. Mr. Peters stated that he would advise the township engineers.

Mr. Claire Robison, Forest Avenue, stated that he was happy when water and sewers were placed on his street and at this point he loves that new trash and recycling program,

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

Respectfully submitted,
Brian D. Tanner
Secretary-Treasurer

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