

Regular Monthly Meeting
September 13, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 6:07 p.m. at the Shenango Township Municipal Building, with Supervisors Frank Augustine, Brandon Rishel and Albert Burick, III, present.

Present at the Meeting:

Dennis Foreman
Barbara Thompson
Ralph Reynolds
Shirley White

Fred Kobbe
George Warnick
Joseph Holdaway
Doug and Jodi Yoho

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

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick, Mr. Augustine abstaining, to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of August 8, 2018. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator Justin Data reminded everyone that September is National Preparedness Month and reported on Tropical Storm Florence.

Fire Chief David Rishel gave the monthly Fire Department report and recommended strongly that everyone get a 911 reflective sign in their yard to assist emergency services in locating addresses.

Correspondence: None

Mr. Rishel explained the status of the roadwork in the township and said the township and water company came to a resolution today regarding restoration of the roads, and asphalt restoration should begin tomorrow morning.

Public Comment:

Dennis Foreman, Hollow Road, asked about septic tanks once the sewers are installed. Mr. Rishel said they must be pumped down, filled and inspected. Solicitor Perrotta said there is an amendment to an ordinance from 1987, then explained what must be done regarding septic tanks.

Fred Kobbe, Stewart Avenue, said it is a chaotic mess in Castlewood, and asked who is controlling or monitoring what goes on. Mr. Rishel said he is the one responsible and speaks with people in charge of the project on a daily basis and sometimes several times a day, then explained that the township revoked the road cut permit with the water company approximately 10 days ago and they came to a resolution today.

Barbara Thompson, Boyd School Road, asked about repairing Old Pittsburgh Road and Boyd School Road. Mr. Rishel said the material must settle for a period of time before going on to the next step.

George Warnick, Williams Drive, said Williams Drive is pitiful and wanted to know if the road is going to be fixed. Mr. Rishel said it is going to be fixed, but he is not sure when, because there is no final agreement regarding Williams Drive.

Ralph Reynolds, Williams Drive, asked why there is no agreement regarding Williams Drive. Mr. Rishel said he hopes to have an agreement early next week.

Joseph Holdaway, Hollow Road, would like to see that the new sewers are working properly before filling in his septic tank. Mr. Burick said the new sewer system will most likely be working for months before an inspection will be done.

Shirley White, Ellwood Road, asked if the township has the funds to get all the named roads done. Mr. Rishel said they do have the funds, but they do not have any control over state roads getting paved.

Doug Yoho, Spring Hill Lane, said Graziani dug a hole as deep as his knees by his mailbox and the road is falling in. Mr. Rishel advised Mr. Yoho to call the supervisors.

Bill Cheslock, Old Princeton Road, said they have to compact the soil, and wanted to know if the township has an inspector overseeing the water and sewer projects. Mr. Rishel said the township does not have an inspector that is out on the jobs overseeing what is done, all the township has is a bond from the companies.

Public Relations and Announcements:

Mr. Burick announced that Trick-or-Treat this year will be on Wednesday, October 31, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Also, the first phase of the Shenango Community Park for 2018 is finished and the restrooms are now open and there is a new pavilion. Also, Touch-a-Truck is going to be cancelled this year because of the condition of the park from all the work being done there and all the rain that has fallen recently.

Mr. Augustine said the next phase for next year is to extend the walking trail, and Mr. Burick was able to obtain a grant to match \$200,000.00 invested by the township for the park.

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

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the General Fund expenses of \$90,512.58. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Capital Fund expenses of \$9,808.76. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Fire Tax Fund expenses of \$5,848.99. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Payroll Fund expenses of \$111,501.42. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to approve the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for 2018-19 with Bruce & Merilees. Motion carried.

Mr. Burick explained the reopening of Cochran Hill Road.

Zoning Officer TJ Keiran explained Pennsylvania American Water Company's intentions regarding Aspen Lane which is located off Hollow Road.

Mr. Augustine read a letter from Officer-in-Charge Darrin Cwynar requesting stop signs be installed at several intersections on Old Pittsburgh Road. Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to approve advertisement of an ordinance regarding the stop signs. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve Resolution #10 of 2018 – Fair Housing Officer Amy McKinney. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve Resolution #11 of 2018 – CDBG 2019 Allocation. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve Resolution #12 of 2018 – Cowher Planning Module. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve Resolution #13 of 2018 – Section 504 Officer Rebecca Shaffer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve Resolution #14 of 2018 – Enterprise Zone. Motion carried.

Mr. Burick explained that Resolution #6 of 2018 approving the transfer of a liquor license (License #R-16654) into the Township of Shenango from Neshannock Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, was passed after a public hearing which was conducted at 5:00 this evening.

Ordinances:

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve Ordinance No. 5 of 2018, the Septic Tank Removal Ordinance. Motion carried.

Mr. Augustine announced that Busy Beaver will be having their grand opening on Saturday, September 22, at 9:00 a.m., and there is now a second owner of the Lawrence Village Plaza, a 50-50 partnership. Mr. Augustine also welcomed Jacob Ruffo, a new hire of the New Castle News who will be covering Shenango Township.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.