

Regular Monthly Meeting
March 14, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Shenango Township Municipal Building, with Supervisors Frank Augustine, Albert Burick, III, and Brandon Rishel present.

Present at the Meeting:

Barbara Thompson

Bill Cheslock

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 and legal issues prior to the meeting tonight.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of February 13, 2019. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Mr. Burick said EMA Coordinator Justin Data is off tonight and Mr. Data, Mr. Burick and Mr. Brandon Rishel were NIMS certified on Wednesday, March 13.

Fire Chief Dave Rishel gave the monthly fire department report and reminded residents it is brush fire season and please be careful.

Zoning Officer TJ Kieran had nothing to report.

Public Comment:

Barbara Thompson, Boyd School Road, asked if the speed limit on Boyd School Road could be reduced to 25 miles per hour because she feels people are going too fast. Mr. Rishel said the supervisors can contact the police department. Ms. Thompson also spoke about the new stop signs on Old Pittsburgh Road, and Mr. Rishel assured her the police are documenting when they are sitting at those intersections. Ms. Thompson asked Solicitor Perrotta if he could explain in layman's terms the article from the March 1 New Castle News article regarding the higher court vacating Brian Tanner's guilty plea. Solicitor Perrotta explained the article.

Phil Lascola, Jackson Avenue, would like a four-way stop at the intersection of Jackson Avenue and Wood Street. He thanked the supervisors for paving the street, but people are now speeding. Mr. Burick said the police department recommended against putting stop signs there. Mr. Rishel said the supervisors will address it.

Bill Cheslock, Old Princeton Road, said he sat at the light at Lawrence Village Plaza for two minutes and there were no other cars around. Mr. Rishel asked Mr. Kieran to get in touch with PennDOT. Mr. Cheslock said people are going 60-70 mph on Old Princeton Road. Mr. Rishel said the supervisors will discuss it with the police.

Public Relations and Announcements:

Mr. Burick reminded everyone about the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The 2019 Spring Curbside Cleanup Week will be May 6-10 on your regular garbage pickup day. The 2019 Lawrence County Tax Outreach will be April 17 from 9:00-12:00 noon. Mr. Rishel explained the 2019 Summer Road Paving Project and said Public Works employees started doing things today. Mr. Burick reminded residents that Cascade Boulevard is closed due to a project the City of New Castle is doing regarding the pond to make it safer and to prevent it from flooding. Mr. Rishel explained what is being done with the pond. Mr. Augustine reminded residents to come to the township building and apply for a building permit before installing fences, sheds or pools.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the General Fund expenses of \$60,002.67. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to approve payment of the Capital Fund expenses of \$12,278.39. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Fire Tax Fund expenses of \$7,533.05. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Payroll Fund expenses of \$83,050.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to approve Ryan Long, Esquire, as the Alternate Zoning Solicitor for the Shenango Township Zoning Hearing Board at a rate of \$105.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve the advertisement for Seasonal (Summer) Public Works and Office positions for the year 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve the advertisement of the 2019 Shenango Township Spring and Summer Materials bidding. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to approve for the advertisement for a public meeting on April 25 at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of opening and awarding material bids and any other business that comes before the Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to review the Lawrence County US 422 and SR 65 Corridor Study and approve the advertisement for a public meeting to occur May 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Augustine to table the Columbia Gas restoration agreement for the 2018 project. Mr. Burick asked if there was any public comment, to which there was no response from those in attendance. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve the Shenango Township Employee Handbook (version 2019). Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Augustine second by Mr. Burick to add an item to the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to appeal the decision of the Shenango Township Zoning Hearing Board #002-19 Cameron. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve Resolution #9 of 2019 – A resolution supporting an application to DCNR for Land Acquisition. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.