

Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 14, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, November 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:

Richard Cox

Marsha Presnar

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 tonight.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Augustine, Mr. Burick abstaining, to approve the minutes of the Addendum to the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Meeting of October 10, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Augustine, Mr. Burick abstaining, to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of October 10, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Augustine, Mr. Rishel abstaining, to approve the minutes of the CDBG 2019 Allocation of October 21, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Augustine to approve the minutes of the 2019 Budget Workshop II Meeting of October 25, 2019. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

EMA Coordinator/Planning Director Justin Data said the Fire Department received a DCNR grant to enable the Fire Department to purchase equipment.

Fire Chief David Rishel gave the monthly Fire Department report and said he received an email today notifying that a grant has been approved that will pay for a vehicle purchased from Ellwood City.

Public Comment:

Richard Cox, Hazen Street, said he received his "hook up packet" and it says he has 90 days, and he wants to know if it means 90 days from the date of application or when he received the packet. Mr. Rishel said only the supervisors can enforce the ordinance and the supervisors are not going to enforce the ordinance as long as residents are making an attempt and will be given ample time. Solicitor Lou Perrotta encouraged residents to apply as soon as possible.

Marsha Presnar, Circle Drive, asked when lines will be painted on Old Pittsburgh Road and Savannah Road.

Mr. Rishel said there will be no lines painted this winter, but the contractor will return in the spring because the weather has to change before the issue can be resolved. Ms. Presnar said lines also need to be painted at the light at the intersection of Route 65, Old Princeton Road and Savannah Road.

#### Public Relations and Announcements:

John Ruehle of Philip Weiner and Company presented the Shenango Township 2018 Audit.

Mr. Burick reminded residents the township will pick up leaves through the month of November, they must be at curbside and in biodegradable bags, and the resident will need to call the township building to let them know they have leaves to be collected.

Mr. Burick said the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be here at the township building this coming Saturday, November 16, from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., the Shenango High School Chamber Choir will be singing, Santa will arrive by fire truck and light up the lights, McDonald's will be providing hot chocolate, Giant Eagle has donated cookies, there will be a DJ, Next Level Photography will be taking pictures with Santa, and there will be stuff a police car and all the proceeds will go to needy families in the township.

Mr. Burick announced there will be a "Hard to Recycle" event at the township building on Tuesday, December 10, being conducted by Lawrence and Mercer County Recycling and Solid Waste, it is 100 percent free, and we have a list of what will be accepted.

#### Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the General Fund expenses of \$247,869.50. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Fire Tax Fund expenses of \$2,811.15. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to approve payment of the Capital Fund expenses of \$10,134.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Payroll Fund expenses of \$80,906.11. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve the ratification for the hiring of Josh Riley as a part-time EMA/Code Enforcement officer not to exceed 16 hours per week and not to have more than one Code Enforcement Officer working at a time, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve the hiring of Seth Parish as a part-time EMA/Code Enforcement officer not to exceed 16 hours per week and not to have more than one Code Enforcement Officer working at a time, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried.

#### SALDO:

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to approve David L. and Laura A. Dougherty and David Lawrence Dougherty Lot Consolidation. Motion carried.

Discussion:

The supervisors at this time discussed doing away with both the per capita tax and the township light tax. The supervisors said that they would like to see a light at every intersection in the township, and the lights would be installed and maintained through an agreement with Penn Power. The general property tax millage would be adjusted to make up for the light tax and the per capita tax. It would not be cost effective to make any changes to the garbage/recycling collection, so it would stay as it is, and that contract is up on September 1, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to amend the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Larry Frederick asked who would decide where to put the lights. Mr. Rishel said the supervisors would like to see all intersections lit over a period of years.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Burick to repeat the light tax by Ordinance or Resolution.

Public Comment: None

Roll Call: Mr. Augustine, yes; Mr. Rishel, yes; Mr. Augustine, yes.

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Augustine to repeat the per capita tax by ordinance or resolution.

Public Comment: None

Roll Call: Mr. Augustine, yes; Mr. Rishel, yes; Mr. Burick, yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.