

Regular Monthly Meeting
October 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at 6:15 p.m. at the Shenango Township Municipal Building, with Supervisors Frank Augustine and Brandon Rishel present.

Present at the Meeting:

Barbara Thompson
Joe Monsour

Bill Cheslock
John Manna

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 issues and personnel prior to the meeting tonight.

Mr. Augustine said Mr. Burick had an important meeting tonight regarding his baby and would not be able to attend tonight's meeting and announced that Mr. Brandon Rishel and his wife had a baby girl this past Sunday.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Augustine to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of September 12, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Augustine to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting of September 27, 2019. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

EMA Coordinator/Planning Director Justin Data said Mr. Dave Rishel was out of town, so he gave the fire department report and reminded residents October is fire safety month, so check your alarms and batteries.

Correspondence: None

Mr. Brandon Rishel gave a road condition report and said the water project is 100 percent complete, the first 150 residents in Phase I of the sewer project received letters, 200 residents in Phase II of the project will soon be receiving letters and by the end of the month the final connection letters for Phase III will be going out, then he explained the connection process.

Public Comment:

Barbara Thompson, Boyd School Road, expressed concern about flaggers on Old Pittsburgh Road and where they were positioned in relation to the intersection which was being worked on. Mr. Rishel told her to always use caution when approaching a work area to avoid an accident. Ms. Thompson asked if there has ever been any thought about donating property that was once a ball field on Nearwood Drive to the school. Mr. Rishel said, because of insurance, the backstop had to be removed, but said someone would have to approach the supervisors about such a thing.

Bill Cheslock, Old Princeton Road, said his class reunion was recently held at Shenango Park and said it is a very good addition to the township and it was nice to see all the people using the park.

Joe Monsour, Hoover Road, spoke about a letter he received about high grass and the sign that remains on the former East Wind property. Mr. Rishel said it a legal issue and people have complained about the condition of the property. Mr. Monsour said he would like to keep the sign as a selling point. Mr. Data said a sign must be removed within 30 days of a business being done.

John Manna, Fields Drive, asked why Savannah Road was included in the tar and chip. Mr. Rishel explained that the township chip seal is a necessity and part of a maintenance plan, and the township cannot afford to not chip seal.

Public Relations and Announcements:

Mr. Augustine reminded residents that Trick-or-Treat in the township will be Thursday, October 31, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Also, the Christmas Tree Lighting will be Saturday, November 16, from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Also, there will be a special meeting for CDBG on Monday, October 21, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. here at the township building.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Augustine to approve payment of the General Fund expenses of \$235,383.16. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Augustine to approve payment of the Fire Tax Fund expenses of \$3,941.11. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Augustine to approve payment of the Payroll Fund expenses of \$81,452.61. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Augustine to approve for the application for Chewton-West Pittsburg Road Phase II from the 2020 Pennsylvania Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Road Program. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Augustine to approve the repository property sale of 194 Kozal Road to Daniel Gordon at a bid of \$100.00 through the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Augustine to add to the agenda a motion to break up the EMA/Code Enforcement position into multiple positions for part-time EMA/Code Enforcement officer at a rate to be determined by qualifications. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Shirley Sallmen, Old Princeton Road, thinks it is a good idea to have more than one.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Augustine to break up the EMA/Code Enforcement position into four positions for part-time EMA/Code Enforcement officer at a rate to be determined by qualifications. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Augustine to approve Resolution #17 of 2019 – Comprehensive Plan Addendum. Motion carried.

Discussion:

A discussion was held at this time regarding the Light Tax and Per Capita Tax and possibly doing away with the per capita tax and adding a light tax to all residents.

Mr. Augustine announced an AT&T store and a Broken Gadgets store have opened in the Shenango Square Plaza and there are some good things coming to the Lawrence Village Plaza.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.