

Regular Monthly Meeting
August 13, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, August 13, 2020, 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:

Bill Cheslock
George E. Johnson

Tim Buck
Linda Turk

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 matters prior to the meeting tonight.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of July 16, 2020. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

EMA Coordinator/Zoning Officer Justin Data reported that the Fire Department numbers are picking up, 58 calls in the month of July, and reminded everyone to be sure to keep fires attended.

Announcements:

Mr. Augustine announced that Clean-up Week will be the week of September 14, on your regular garbage day, with one bulk item and up to 20 garbage bags permitted per household.

Public Comment:

Bill Cheslock, Old Princeton Road, questioned the status of the proposed new sports complex at Shenango High School. Mr. Augustine said the Township approved it and it will now go before the school board again. Mr. Cheslock also wanted the supervisors to know that Lynne Ryan, a candidate for state representative, wanted him to thank Shenango Township and all who helped with the recent food giveaway at Shenango High School and what was determined to be the largest food giveaway so far in the United States. Mr. Augustine was also to be thanked for his donation to the food giveaway.

Tim Buck, Service Street, asked what is being done over at the Harding property on Old Butler Road. Mr. Data explained that there were open code violations, but just as they were able to cite them, it was sold and the new owner now has plans to demo the building and to put a commercial business in there. Mr. Buck also questioned what was being done with the pond at the Shenango Community Park. Mr. Rishel said the pond is a nuisance and liability to the Township and the Township is trying to make it as nice as possible and doing everything possible to protect the habitat.

Linda Turk, Baldwin Road, said she left a message for Sergeant Darrin Cwynar several months ago and she has never heard back from him. Mr. Rishel said she should in the future call the non-emergency number at the 911 Center, and an officer will call her back. Ms. Turk said someone is throwing newspapers on Old Butler Road every week from Route 388 to the old coal tipple. Ms. Turk also spoke about an incident that happened near her home. Mr. Burick said he checked on it with the police and it was determined that what they were doing, although offensive to someone observing it, was actually legal to do. Ms. Turk also said that people are not stopping at the stop sign at Old Butler Road and Baldwin Road.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the General Fund expenses of \$50,190.22. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Payroll Fund expenses of \$88,843.80. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Fire Tax Fund expenses of \$20,224.40. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Liquid Fuel Fund expenses of \$19,765.26. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Capital Fund expenses of \$241,218.97. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve for the setting of Trick-or-Treat for Saturday, October 31, 2020, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve the one-year extension of the Municipal Solid Waste Contract with Republic Services at 2020 rates. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve the exploration of a municipal merger with South New Castle Borough, and work on language for a spring 2021 referendum. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve the resignation of Josh Riley from the Shenango Township EMA/Zoning Department. Motion carried. The supervisors expressed their thanks to Mr. Riley for his years of service to the Township.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve a legal complaint filed with the Court of Common Pleas of Lawrence County in reference to funds allocated by Lawrence County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve Resolution #20 of 2020 – Planning Module – Orchardale Subdivision. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.