

Regular Monthly Meeting
October 8, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, October 8, 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:

Charles Johnson
Judy Martwinski
Aaron Miller

Jean Johnson
Shirley Sallmen

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 litigation prior to the meeting tonight.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of September 10, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Augustine, Mr. Rishel abstaining, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2020, Budget Workshop Meeting. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

EMA Coordinator/Zoning Officer Justin Data gave the monthly Fire Department report and reminded everyone October is Fire Safety Month.

Mr. Rishel thanked Cemex for their \$5,000.00 donation to the Fire Department that was used as a brush truck donation, which resulted in no cost to taxpayers or the Fire Department.

Announcements:

Trick-or-Treat for Shenango Township will be on Saturday, October 31, 2020, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Leaf pickup will begin in the township on November 2. All leaves must be in biodegradable bags, and residents should call the Municipal Building to have their leaves picked up.

Phase III of the Dirt, Gravel, Low Volume Road Project 2020 was for Chewton-West Pittsburg Road, was a 100 percent grant of \$55,000.00 from the State of Pennsylvania, and Phase IV is being worked on for next year for Chewton-West Pittsburg Road and possibly Denny Drive.

Mr. Burick explained the \$20,000.00 DCNR Grant that the township received for a Community Park cite plan.

Mr. Burick explained that he and Mr. Augustine met with Brandon and Jeannine Reamer and described their plans for a Storybook Trail and Scarecrow contest at Shenango Community Park.

Public Comment:

Charles Johnson, Mosser Drive property owner, said his property at 922 Mosser Drive is vacant, and asked Mr. Burick if he is going to retract saying it is commercial. Mr. Burick said he would like to put in the minutes that 922 Mosser Drive is a residential property and never has been commercial. Solicitor Lou Perrotta reminded Mr. Johnson that we have beat this issue for eight years and there is no reason to discuss it any further.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the General Fund expenses of \$137,283.80. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve payment of the Payroll Fund expenses of \$85,740.63. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Augustine, Mr. Rishel abstaining, to approve payment of the Fire Tax Fund expenses of \$3,510.17. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to approve payment of the K-9 Fund expenses of \$250.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve the creation of the Shenango Home Program Fund, a fund to disburse federal monies received by Shenango Township through the HOME Grant. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve the rescheduling of a Conditional Use Hearing for the construction of a Billboard in a C-2 zoning district for October 29, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve for Robert Milnes and Albert Burick to attend Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance of Dirt & Gravel Roads Training. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to approve four Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau Repository Purchase Awards. Bruce Peterson is the purchaser on each and each is the amount of \$500.00, PID #31-017300, 31-017200, 31-017100 and 31-017000.

(The audience was asked if there was any public comment.)

Judy Martwinski, Big Run Creek Road, asked if the township gets anything from the sales. Mr. Rishel said the township would receive tax money.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Rishel to approve the four Repository Purchase Awards. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick for the ratification of Resolution #21 of 2020 – Coronavirus Relief Fund Money from Lawrence County Agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve Resolution #22 of 2020 – The CDBG Application for Shenango Township fiscal year 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve Resolution #23 of 2020 – Appointing CDBG 504 Officer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rishel second by Mr. Burick to approve Resolution #24 of 2020 – Appointing CDBG Fair Housing Officer. Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

There was a discussion at this time regarding a possible merger between Shenango Township and South New Castle Borough.

Mr. Rishel made a statement at this time regarding the new sports complex being built by the Shenango Area School District.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.