

MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS WHITE TOWNSHIP July 11, 2018

On Wednesday, July 11, 2018 in the Meeting Room of the Township Building, located at 2511 13th Ave. in White Township, PA 15010, the Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00PM by Supervisor DeMeio and began with a moment of silence and The Pledge of Allegiance.

This Meeting was advertised in the *Beaver County Times* on January 17, 2018 in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Section 709.

Roll Call:

Susan DeMeio, Supervisor Chairperson – *Present*

Ray Evans Jr., Supervisor – *Present*

Keith Beatty, Supervisor - *Present*

Diana Lois, Secretary-Treasurer – *Present*

Lou Adrian, Tax Collector – *Absent*

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2018 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Beatty seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Beatty – YES. Motion carried.

Resident in attendance, Dan Swartz spoke up in regard to June's Minutes, Public Forum, #2: to correct the spelling of Swartz and to correct his address of 1201 27th St.

Reports:

Wage Tax: Supervisor DeMeio read that \$8,501.44 was collected in June.

Real Estate Tax & Fire Protection Fee: R.E. \$5,775.00 / F.P.F. \$253.00 collected in June.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Summary: A.P. = \$55,413.34; P.R. = \$7,991.40

Police: Chief Stanislawski read that there were 46 calls in June, resulting in 1 citations.

Fire Department: Supervisor Evans said there were no calls in June.

Road Crew: Expressed concerns about the ongoing parking issue with driver's parking too close to stop signs and in the middle of alleys, impeding their work. Chief Stanislawski said he'd look into it. In the meantime, the road crew will place flyers on the windshields of the obstructing vehicles, instructing them to find another parking spot on specific dates as work needs to be performed in the alley or street.

Asked to purchase a new chainsaw, as the current one is past its useful life. D&G has a MS251 18" that comes with a 2yr. warranty for \$340.00. Tractor Supply has a Husquavarna 18" for \$299.99 or 20" for \$399.99 both come with 2 yr. warranty. Also asked to purchase a Lawnboy AWD push mower (better & safer for hillsides) from Home Depot for \$299.00.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to get an estimate from Hamilton Tool to repair the chainsaw and to purchase the push mower from Home Depot. Supervisor Beatty seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Beatty – YES. Motion carried.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to accept the reports as read. Supervisor Beatty seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Beatty – YES. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Email received 7/3 from BCHS: 2nd QTR Animal Report: 1 cruelty investigation; 1 notice of violation; 4 follow-up investigations; 1 animal pick-up; 1 welfare check. Equals 8 patrol hours & 3 animals received.

2. Fax received 7/3 from Walsh Equipment: Estimate for 2000 hours service JCB backhoe = \$1,941.64. Also faxed an estimate for a new starter = \$1,477.40. But if we do both at the same time we can save \$458.00. (Single mileage & travel labor opposed to paying it twice.) Supervisor DeMeio said she doesn't dispute that the backhoe needs serviced, she'd just like the road crew to check around, to see if a better price can be found. Supervisor Beatty agrees.

Unfinished Business:

1. Supervisor Evans updated the status on the following items:

-Install riprap apron – Wilson: *Hasn't gotten a chance, as the back hoe has been down.*

Supervisor Evans made a motion to move the Wilson Ave. project ahead of finishing the 23rd St/24th Ave. sinkhole project. No seconds. Motion denied.

Supervisor DeMeio updated the audience of the project's timeline beginning in February 2018.

-23rd St. sinkhole project: *The storm drains on 23rd St. are finished.*

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to turn these two projects over to the road crew for completion. Supervisor Beatty seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – NO. Supervisor Beatty – YES. Motion carried.

2. Supervisor DeMeio asked Supervisor Evans if he responded to Dave's (with LSSEngineering) email to set up a final walk through of the 12th Ave. paving project with Folino Construction. He said no, as he's gathering site pictures to show they haven't fixed everything that they were supposed to fix. Supervisor Beatty said that he too saw the remaining problems.

Dan Swartz asked that the Twp. contact J. Young Refuse to make them mindful of watching the alley curb when pulling out to 27th St.

3. The FD 2017 expenditures report was presented to the Supervisors and is available for public review during normal office hours. There were 38 checks written by the FD in 2017.

Supervisor DeMeio said she was asked by Twp. residents, who'd like to remain anonymous, to ask the FD a few questions on their behalf:

A) On an annual basis, how much fundraising is done by the FD? Supervisor Evans said in years past the FD would hold a Community Day, but due to poor turnout and lack of volunteers that has ceased. Supervisor DeMeio questioned if support of the FD is 100% from the residents of White Twp. Supervisor Evans said they do receive yearly grants, using that money for specifically what it was intended and it's always audited by either the state or Federal government. Dan Swartz asked how many grants they apply for in a year. Supervisor Evans said two or three.

B) The Twp. owns 4 firetrucks; how many are in service? Supervisor Evans said 2 are in service and 2 are for sale.

4. 12th Ave. bridge deterioration; *Ryan A. Contestabile, P.E. of LSSE was out to inspect the bridge on 5/15. He found significant erosion and recommends the following actions be taken: 1. Perform a detailed structural review/analysis of the structure to determine if the bridge, in its current condition, is suitable for the current posted weight limit. 2. Consider reducing posting weight limit, restricting traffic to the center lanes, or closure of the bridge until an analysis is performed. 3. Budget for significant repair or replacement of the structure.*

Supervisor Beatty said he will approach Beaver Falls tomorrow, 7/12 and schedule a meeting with the City Manager or the Road crew Foreman to see if this is a project that they'd be willing to help with since Mt. Washington is primarily in Beaver Falls' city limits.

New Business:

1. Clarification from Solicitor on what is majority of supervisors / removal of township equipment. Solicitor, Nate Bible said generally, two but asked for the scenario of why this question was posed. Supervisor Evans said he broke the Twp. Road crew's rotary saw and asked Supervisor Beatty if it was okay if he (Evans) could have the broken saw for the FD. Supervisor Beatty agreed the FD could have it. Nate Bible said the BOS cannot intentionally omit a Supervisor from any vote and whomever is receiving the benefit should abstain from that vote. Supervisor Evans said he'll return the saw to the garage and that this is amounting to a petty witch hunt.

2. There's a utility pole through the sewer line on Steffin Hill. The PA1 notification came in on Saturday, 11/25/17 as an emergency from Duquesne Light. Supervisor Evans said the pole belongs to Verizon and they're willing to come to the site on Friday, 7/13 to lift the pole and move it, provide traffic control and reimburse the Twp. for any material that is used while Twp. employees fix the line, although Verizon is not willing to put their intentions in writing. After some discussion, including the public audience, *Supervisor Beatty made a motion to cancel Friday's appointment with Verizon and instead have Tom Orlowski of the road crew work in conjunction with the solicitor to contact Verizon and make other arrangements for Verizon handle the fix. Supervisor DeMeio seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – ABSTAINED. Supervisor Beatty – YES. Motion carried.*

Good & Welfare of the Township:

1. The next Regular Twp. Meeting is here on 8/1 @ 7:00PM.

Public Forum:

1. Jim Matthey, of Wilson Avenue, West Mayfield said he first notified White Twp. of his stormwater complaint at the public meeting on 3/7/18. He said he now has two dead trees because of all the stormwater. He asked the Twp. to please fix this issue ASAP before a tree falls and takes out his electricity. Tom Orłowski said the road crew will stop by Matthey's home tomorrow, 7/12. Matthey also asked why the fire hydrant on 12th Ave. is out of service. Ray Evans Sr. said BFMA was notified of the issue and it's on their list to repair.

2. Richard Ernsberger, attorney for Colonial Oaks and Rebecca Brainard, manager of Colonial Oaks: Ernsberger said there appears to be some stormwater runoff on 22nd Ave., with the hillside starting to subside and would like to know if the Twp. has any plans to address this issue. Colonial Oaks is in the process of having the land surveyed and will supply the Twp. with maps and findings. He also asked about an apartment complex being erected on the playground at 22nd Ave. Supervisors DeMeio & Beatty both said there's no development at the playground. Supervisor Evans said that sewer drain does not belong to the Twp. Supervisor DeMeio confirmed that any information Colonial Oaks can provide to the BOS is welcomed so all parties can come to an agreement on with whom the responsibility lies. Brainard agreed.

3. Ray Evans Sr. of the FD wants money so he can pay the FD bills. Supervisor DeMeio said the check is signed and ready for him.

4. Dan Swartz of 1201 27th St. is concerned about abandoned, unlicensed vehicles, as well as garbage on resident's property. He read a prepared speech which included an excerpt from the Second Class Twp. Code, Section 1601; Ordinance No. 109 – Prohibit & Removal of Garbage & Rubbish of 6/1/2004; Ordinance No. 111 – Prohibit Storing Inoperative/Unlicensed Vehicles of 6/1/2004 in their entirety. He then provided the BOS photos of the eyesores in the Twp., including unlicensed firetrucks. He reiterated that Ordinance No. 111 does not give immunity to the FD. Lastly, he brought up the deplorable condition of 23rd St. with all the gravel in the road and using residents' lawns as a staging area for the catch basin repairs. In conclusion, he asked for Supervisor Evans resignation as Twp. Supervisor.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to have the BOS enforce these ordinances in lieu of a code enforcement officer. Supervisor Beatty seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Beatty – YES. Motion carried.

5. Ron Plummer of 13th Ave. is concerned about 25th St. He's seen dirt roads in better condition. He is also concerned about speeding on 13th Ave.

Supervisor DeMeio made a motion to adjourn the July 2018 Regular Meeting at approximately 9:20PM. Supervisor Beatty seconded. Supervisor DeMeio – YES. Supervisor Evans – YES. Supervisor Beatty – YES. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.