

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

May 8, 2024

The regular May meeting of the South Beaver Township Board of Supervisors held in the South Beaver Municipal Building located at 805 Blackhawk Road was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Jack Mintier. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: Jack Mintier, Tom Miller, John Onuska, Ashley Carr, John Heyl, Dan Petrich, Joseph Budicak

Others present: Laura & Jason Kyle, Linda & Tom Bradshaw, Russell & Elizabeth Porterfield, Joe & Deborah Dalton, Greg Douglass, James Rich & Keith Girting.

Tom Miller made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check No. #16234#16268, Total \$27,938.43, Payroll Fund, Check No. #12059-#12088, Total \$34,180.71, State Fund, Check No. #2149, Total \$1,886.04. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Heyl gave the engineers report. It will be filed.

Dan Petrich gave the police report. It will be filed.

James Rich gave the road report. James reported that the road department put a pipe in on Allen and will be putting another one in shortly on Sportsmans. The road department has also completed the first round of patching. A discussion was held on the work that Columbia Gas has done on Sherman and Georgetown and about contacting them to restore the roads back to their original conditions. John Heyl asked Ashley Carr to send him the applications that were submitted by Columbia Gas and he will reach out to them.

Keith Girting gave the fire report. It will be filed. Keith reported that the fire department is certified for QRS and should be up and running by the end of next week. The fire department will be holding a CPR class in June and Keith invited Township employees/supervisors to attend.

Dan Petrich asked the supervisors if they would be interested in getting an AED for the Township building. John Onuska told Dan to price it out with a cabinet.

Tom Bradshaw was present and told the board that he was notified that the Kerry's wanted to put a solar farm on the property next to his. He asked the board to make solar farms a conditional use and ask that it is only allowed in commercial or industrial areas instead of residential. Russ Porterfield was also present and agreed with Tom that it should only be allowed in commercial or industrial and not the Agricultural Residential district. Liz Porterfield commented that the Township is only going to get more applications and now is the time to restrict it through an ordinance.

Greg Douglass was present on behalf of Loran & Deborah Dalton for Rustic Meadows and asked the board for an executive session due to the trial coming up. The Supervisors agreed to an executive session at the end of the meeting.

Joe Budicak commented on solar farm language being added to the zoning ordinance and said that it has to be addressed in some fashion and that it can't be ignored or the board can't ban any use. For the visitors who were present Joe informed them he is working on the ordinance and will send it to the engineer for review, once complete the hearing will be advertised and it will be available to the public for review.

John Heyl requested bids for the municipal parking lot and only received one from Youngblood Paving which is under the threshold for bidding requirements. John Onuska made a motion to approve the municipal parking lot quote through Youngblood Paving for \$20,800 paid from American Rescue Plan Funds. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Budicak informed the board that he looked into the comp time policy which will have to state that either overtime is taken or comp time is paid out at 1 & ½ times the hourly wage. John Onuska commented that this should be a blanket policy for all full time non salary employees, not just the police department. Joe will draft the policy.

John Onuska made a motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere 6110M Tractor with MowMaster boom mower for \$187,998 conditioned upon terms of financing. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. LandPro will be supplying the tractor through John Deere for \$97,275 and US Municipal will be supplying the mower for \$90,723. The board intends to pay for this with Liquid Fuels and finance the remaining amount. Ashley Carr will reach out to WesBanco for financing options.

John Heyl commented that the Tar & Chip bidding and repairs to the fire station will be advertised to be bid together for bid opening at the end of May. John Onuska made a motion for Ashley Carr to send in the advertisement for bidding for both projects. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Kyocera M2540DW printer for the police department through Speerhas Business Machines for \$999 with a full supply service contract at \$295 per year through Act 13 funds and the purchase of a new Toshiba EStudio 4528A for Ashley through Speerhas Business Machines for \$4,595 with trade in of her current machine and transfer of the current full service supply contract to the new machine paying half from general funds and half from fire tax, due to Ashley printing for the fire department. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Supervisors mentioned that the Rustic Meadows Bed & Breakfast Conditional Use application was approved at a hearing prior to the meeting at 6pm.

The Supervisors mentioned that the Conditional Use application for Roni Wise, of Roni's Rolling Pin for a home-based bakery business was approved at a hearing prior to the meeting at 6:30pm.

Governor Josh Shapiro signed a law to increase the Township Auditor pay from a Second-Class Township by resolution from \$10 per hour to up to \$18 per hour for performing the annual audit and other duties of office. John Onuska made a motion to increase the auditor pay to \$18 per hour. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Miller made a motion to rescind the motion to purchase the 2022 Norstar Equipment Trailer from September 13, 2023 due to the trailer never being purchase. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of a 18' tandem axle equipment trailer for \$5,796 through Bennett Trailer Sales out of Liquid Fuels. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Onuska a motion to accept Brian O'Roark's resignation from Brady's Run Sanitary Authority Board. Tom Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The liquid fuels audit has been complete for 3/19/2020 to 8/15/2023 and one of the findings in the audit determined that the Township should reimburse its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund \$68,665 due to noncompliance

with advertising and bidding requirements for the guard rails that were purchased for Watts Mill Road.

Thomas Miller made a motion to allow Ashley Carr to make a transfer from general funds to the liquid fuels tax for \$68,665. John Onuska seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Supervisors held an executive session on Rustic Meadows with Loren & Deborah Dalton, Greg Douglas, Ashley Carr, Dan Petrich, John Heyl and Joe Budicak.

John Onuska made a motion to add an executive session on a potential litigation to the agenda. Thomas Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Supervisors, Ashley Carr, Dan Petrich, John Heyl and Joe Budicak held an executive session on a potential litigation.

Jack Mintier adjourned the meeting at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Carr