

Minutes of South Beaver Township Regular Meeting

August 14, 2012

The regular August meeting of the South Beaver Township Board of Supervisors held in the South Beaver Municipal Building was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Matthew Balik. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Officials present: Matthew Balik, Daniel Rastatter, Clair Young, Carol Miller, David Gropp, Craig Baker, Dan McLean

Others present: Richard Barger, Dan Nabor, a couple of township residents

Matt Balik made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clair Young made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the following bills: General Fund, Check #9929 - #9971, Total \$ 48,119.07; Payroll Fund, Check #7492 - #7542, Total \$37,743.98; State Fund, Check #1924 - #1925, Total \$30,416.30. Matt Balik seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan McLean gave the Police Report and it will be filed. Dan reported they have made some arrests on recent burglaries. They arrested the people responsible for stealing the copper kettles from the First United Presbyterian Church of Darlington. After much research and study, Dan determined it was not in our best interest to merge the police department with Darlington Township at this time. Matt Balik requested the secretary to send a letter out to them. Dan suggested the supervisors stop in at the police office to see how much room they have. They have very little and nine people work out of that office. There is no storage room left. Dan stated he would like to have additional space.

Carol read the Fire Report and it will be filed. The fire department answered a lot of calls in the last two months. Kevin Wyberg stated the reason is they get a lot of calls to the nursing homes. He thinks they have better qualified people to handle the situations. Dan McLean stated they have no defibrillators at the nursing homes and that is why everyone gets called out.

Rich Barger was present and said he would like to see a 1,000 foot buffer area from a residence instead of 500 feet in the R-1, Residential District, whenever a well is drilled. Solicitor David Gropp said he will make note of it.

It was also brought up about putting fire works off after midnight. People were complaining when the group holding the gun bash had the fire works go off after midnight. Dan McLean said maybe we could send them a letter next year.

Dan Nabor of Cordak Drive was present to see why nothing is being done about his complaints on his neighbors property. He has called several times about debris and high grass making it an eye sore. Nothing is ever done. A letter had been sent out and the owner was cited. He still hasn't cleaned up the property. Solicitor David Gropp will look into our ordinances. Citing won't get the property cleaned out.

No cost estimates have been received yet on having additional street lights installed at the intersection of State Routes 168 and 51.

The Road Inspection Report from March 31, 2012 was received from Craig Baker.

Clair Young requested the secretary to make a list of items needing repairs around the township facilities so he can turn it over to the National Guard and see if someone can come to our next supervisor meeting to discuss their program.

The Supervisors approved the hiring of Kurt Magness for the Roadmaster position to replace Gary Gailey when he retires in November. His starting wage will be \$17.85. He can begin as soon as he gives his two week notice to his present employer.

The Board of Supervisors gave final approval to the Lorenz Freshwater Impoundment and Waterline Land Development Project.

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The Supervisors approved an application for renewal of the NPDES MS-4 Individual Permit for South Beaver Township which was completed by Tim Schutzman of Daniel C. Baker Associates. This is for stormwater discharges from small municipal separate storm sewer systems. The renewal filing fee is \$2,500.00 which must be submitted with the application.

The Supervisors gave final approval to the Larry G. and Cynthia S. Clendennen Subdivision Plan located on Groscoast Road. The State Highway Occupancy Permit was approved.

Revised plans have not been received on the David L. and Donald T. Thompson Subdivision Plan and Beaver Creek CDP Land Development Plan located on Lime Kiln Road.

The White Thorn Lodge Land Development Plan for replacing their swimming pool was reviewed by the supervisors. Preliminary approval was given to the plan until the Beaver County Planning Commission comments are received to see if anything needs to be addressed from their letter.

The Board of Supervisors approved the issuance of a Special Permit to DeNoon Lumber Company for overweight hauling on .08 of a mile of Allen Road. The permit was issued on August 9th and expires November 9, 2012.

Two Permit Applications for Drilling a Well were received from Chesapeake Appalachia for wells on Pennsylvania Game Commission property, one on Watts Mill Road and one in Darlington Township. Another Notice of Intent to drill a well on the McDanel Property on Old Blackhawk Road was received from Chesapeake.

An application for a Drive-way Permit was received from Chesapeake for an opening on Hodgson Road on the Carol Kirkwood property where a well is to be drilled. The fee hasn't been paid yet. The Supervisors want to hold up the permit until plans are received as to what they plan to do with Hodgson Road. They were suppose to be at this supervisor meeting to discuss the road but no one showed.

The Supervisors signed papers for renewal with the Federal Surplus Property Program. Applications must be updated every three years to be eligible to stay in the program.

The road work that has been done on Moore Road and Lime Kiln Road by Chesapeake has not been approved by the supervisors. Solicitor David Gropp said it is a dangerous situation. Deep ditches were dug along the sides of the road and when the road was paved, the ditches were not filled in. The supervisors are requesting that Chesapeake fill the ditches in, put drain pipe in with 2-B limestone and fabric with stone on top.

The Recreation Board Treasurer's Report was received for July. The Recreation Board wanted to know if the total budgeted amount for 2012 will be given to them. They wanted to try some new ideas. The supervisors approved giving them the \$1,000.00 left from this year. An itemized budget for 2013 from them would help the supervisors when they are preparing their 2013 budget.

The supervisors approved opening a new PLGIT Account as a Logging Escrow Account. It would be used for holding escrow funds from logging companies.

Carol informed the supervisors that she received a request for a Soliciting Permit for energy services from a person in New York. If all the required information is received, a permit can be issued.

No action was taken on a notice received from Robert Callen, Executive Director of BCRCOG, asking if anyone is interested in fleet conversion to natural gas. If enough municipalities are interested, he can request a grant through COG to cover half of the costs.

No action was taken on a request from the Prevention Network to participate in a tobacco-free parks and playground program to eliminate children's exposure to secondhand smoke.

A notice was received from the PA Department of Environmental Protection informing the township that a Stage 1 Bond Release for Amerikohl Mining Company on the Thompson Site on Lime Kiln Road has been approved and will be forwarded to Harrisburg for final approval.

A Thank You Note was read from the Veterans Honor Guard for the donation sent in memory of Paul Wogan, former township supervisor.

Dan Rastatter requested Carol to contact Hancock Architecture to set up a meeting on August 30th to discuss building options for a township office.

Township Resident Sandra Holland had called to say that Ron Pullman was planning to purchase her property on Blackhawk Road. She has a Special Small Flow Sewage Treatment System and the township is holding an escrow amount for the system. Mr. Pullman will need to deposit an escrow with the township unless she wants to transfer the escrow amount to him and he can reimburse her. The money cannot be refunded unless Mr. Pullman deposits this escrow.

Several residents have asked when the Per Capita Taxes will be sent out for this year. They usually go out with the Blackhawk School District taxes at the end of June. Since the school district turned the collection of these taxes over to Centax, the local tax collectors do not handle them any more. Carol will try to contact Centax to see when the notices will go out.

The State Auditor was in to audit the pension records and wants to have the chairman of the supervisors present at the exit conference. Carol will set it up.

Clair Young brought up that Joe Dalton would clean out both outhouses at the Recreation Park for a fee of \$1,000.00. They haven't been cleaned for some time and there are cans, bottles, and debris thrown in which will take additional time. The Supervisors approved paying the \$1,000.00 fee.

The PSATS June-July News Bulletin was distributed to the supervisors.

Matt Balik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Rastatter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Matt adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Miller, Township Secretary

