

Minutes
October 14, 2021

Supervisor Kreitzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisors in attendance were Bill Bering, Jr., Richard Kreitzer and Dean Patches. Also in attendance were Attorney, Colleen Gallo; and nine (9) residents.

Public Comments

Troy Williams – 79 Sweetbriar Lane

Mr. Williams is a member of the Pine Ridge HOA and had questions regarding some outstanding items in the development. He questioned the filter socks that are along some roads and in inlet boxes. Mr. McEwen from Parkside Developers was on hand and assured Mr. Williams that they will be removed. Mr. Williams questioned who the contact should be for streetlight problems. He was directed to contact the Township. There were questions about the road installations and stop bars. The plans will be referenced. He brought a tree on wires on Quarry Road to the attention of the Board.

Since there were a number of people present, and due to Covid concerns, the members of the public were invited to be taken out of order.

New Business #7:

Traffic Light Request – Jeff Werner

Mr. Werner stated that he had previously been opposed to a traffic light at N. Lancaster Street and SR 22 but due to the effects of a recent accident on a friend, he has changed his mind. There have been too many accidents, some resulting in fatalities at that intersection. The Board will make arrangements for the stop bars to be reestablished in the spring. The Township Engineer will be asked to investigate a traffic light at this intersection. Mr. Werner made an offer to contribute \$5,000 to the project if the traffic lights could be installed by next Christmas.

New Business #3:

35 Monroe Avenue – Property Maintenance Extension Request – Lydia Dominguez

Ms. Dominguez has requested an extension for the cleanup of her parent's property. She will only have access to a dump trailer at the end of November.

Supervisor Bering moved to authorize an extension until December 31, 2021 for the cleanup of the property at 35 Monroe Avenue. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

New Business #5:

Hazard Mitigation Lease Agreement

PEMA has provided the revised lease agreement for consideration by the Township for those wanting to rent HMGP properties. The lease agreement is to be reviewed by the Township Solicitor.

Old Business #3:

Pine Ridge Village Dedication Request – Resolution #2021-07

Ms. Gallo reported that the deed of dedication has been prepared as she was directed at the last meeting.

Supervisor Patches moved to adopt Resolution #2021-07 accepting Deed of Dedication for the roads in Pine Ridge Village. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Zoning / Code Enforcement

Four zoning permits had been issued during the month of September. The Property Maintenance report was reviewed. Ms. Gallo reported that lien documents were filed for 56 Washington Avenue for failure to reimburse the Township for their sewer invoices.

Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the September 9th Meeting Minutes and September 22th Workshop and Budget Workshop Minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

September 2021 Financial Reports

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the financial reports. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Bills Payable

Supervisor Patches moved to approve the bills payable list totaling \$160,769.65 from the Monroe Valley Sewer, Fire Hydrant and General Funds. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission – Dean Patches

The Planning Commission has finalized recommendations for the Board of Supervisors consideration on ordinances pertaining to commercial uses in non-commercial zones, medical cannabis, open burning and the accessory keeping of animals. The recommendations will be forwarded to the Township Solicitor for review.

Recreation Board Report – Rick Kreitzer

The Recreation Board is discussing plans for an event next year including live music and food trucks.

Township Report – Kirk Artz

In September the road crew cleaned inlets and culverts, preparing for winter maintenance, mowed the park, fixed pipe crossings, and worked in the park. They plan to replace culvert pipes, patch roads, mow the park and trim trees.

Stormwater Management

Mr. Ramsey was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a conflict. His written report, included in the packet, was reviewed.

Communications

5 E-Mails expressing opposition for a business at 445 Mountville Drive
Pennsy Supply – Notification of a price increase effective October 18th 5% - 10%
PennDot estimated allocation for 2022 Liquid Fuels - \$193,444.37
NLCA Minutes from August 24, 2021
Bethel Township Fun Day – October 23rd
GLRA Memo – Waste disposal fee information
Lebanon Daily News Proof of Publication – Budget Meeting – October 27th
PA One Call Annual Report
FEMA – 2020 Floodplain Insurance Study
Wilson Consulting – Bridge Inspection Reports

OLD BUSINESS

Mill Street Heights Swale Project – Meeting scheduled with residents on November 10th

Woodcrest Heights Bond Reduction

Supervisor Patches moved to reduce the Woodcrest Heights Bonding as recommended by Mr. Ramsey in Phase I to \$44,300 and in Phase II to \$33,100. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Misty Glen Bond Reduction Request

Supervisor Patches moved to release the Misty Glen Bond in full as recommended by Mr. Ramsey. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission Resolution Revision #2021-08

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to sign Resolution #2021-08 establishing an alternate position on the Planning Commission to be filled by Bill Bering, Jr. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Revised 2022 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation

After review by the Pension Administrator the MMO was adjusted to reflect the 2022 MMO amount to be \$11,329.

NEW BUSINESS

Formal Complaint – Bunker Hill Fire Company – Jean Gundrum

The Board of Supervisors have received a complaint about the actions of the Bunker Hill Fire Company. The Complaint will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken.

614 N Mill Street – Bond Release Request – Harold Detweiler

Supervisor Patches moved to release the bond being held for 614 N. Mill Street. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

On-Lot Maintenance

To date there are 133 septic systems that have not pumped.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the Solicitor to send notices to these property owners. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

2022 Supervisor Compensation

The 2020 Census numbers have been released and Swatara Township now has a population of 5061. The Second Class Township Code allows for a pay increase for the Supervisors to take place upon each successive election. The Supervisors Compensation would go from the current amount of \$1,875 per year to \$2,500 per year.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize documentation be prepared to allow for the pay increase. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. Supervisor Patches abstained from the vote. Supervisors Kreitzer and Bering voted in favor; motion carried.

2021 Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 28th from 6-8 with a rain date of November 1st.

Guiderail Repair

Mr. Artz presented quotes for two areas with recent guiderail damage. Wm. Orr and Sons provided quotes.

Horst Drive	\$5,800
Old Jonestown Road	\$11,260

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize Wm. Orr and Sons to repair the guiderail on Horst Drive for \$5,800 and Old Jonestown for \$11,260. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

DCNR Grant Application

DCNR is holding webinars in November for municipalities that may be seeking grant funding in 2022. The Board directed the office staff to attend a webinar.

Attorney's Report – Atty. Gallo

Atty. Gallo reported that Atty Lamoureux will be attending next months meeting in her place.

Engineer's Report – Nothing further to report.

The meeting recessed into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discussion the Fire Company Litigation, the pending Zoning Hearing, Land Purchase and the Complaint against the Fire Company.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize an appraisal for a potential land purchase. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize a township representative to attend the zoning hearing for 445 Mountville Drive to discuss parking issues. Seconded by Supervisor Kreitzer. All voted in favor; motion carried.

With no further action or discussion Supervisor Patches moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding