

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, March 6, 2013 AT 7:00 PM
Municipal Building – Miller Shaft

Chairman Olshavsky opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

Supervisor Richard Olshavsky – present; Supervisor Elwood Selapack – present; Supervisor Jeff Kostan - present; Solicitor C.J. Webb- absent.

Public Participation:

Mat McCoy, a member of the Portage Fire Company, put a good word in for the Grant Writer by stating that they were doing good work for the Fire Company. He gave a report on all grants generated and also presented the Board with an activities list and a list of all the Fire Company officers.

Mr. McCoy also discussed the issue of putting a secondary water fire hydrant in the Borough to be located by the tracks and Bob's TV. Hyland Sewer and Water runs a 12 inch main in that area. Portage Borough was approached to help with funding. The Borough suggested that the Fire Company go to the Township and ask for help with some of the expenses with the theory that the hydrant could be used for some houses in the Township and Township businesses Stagers and Rays Oil and Gas. Cost will be approximately \$4700.00 for materials and a tap, and Hyland Sewer and Water is going to waive the \$1550.00 fee for use of the backhoe and labor. Mr. McCoy went on to say that the Township can donate whatever amount they wish, and that the Borough will be responsible for the service fee. If installed, the residents will get a lower ISO rating and could lower their fire protection insurance ratings. The hydrant can be used to fill tankers as a second option if existing hydrant is low, and tankers can be used in the Township.

Supervisor Olshavsky said that the Board will consult with our Solicitor to see what we can legally do before we make a decision on the donation.

Triste Serenko addressed the drainage problems on her property that have occurred since 2011. Supervisor Olshavsky said the Township has looked at it, but has not chosen what we are going to do there yet. We will try to get it this spring. Another issue discussed was the ice in front of her property that may cause an accident.

William Offman asked again about opening Bishop Avenue to his residence and the issue of removing the Drive-Inn sign and fence, and the water issues on Cyran Alley.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Olshavsky and seconded by Supervisor Kostan to approve February 6, 2013, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried, 3-0.

A Motion was made by Supervisor Olshavsky and seconded by Supervisor Selapack to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2012 Special Meeting as presented. Motion carried, 3-0.

Secretaries Report:

The Secretary's report was presented and contained written and email correspondence, which was included as part of the meeting record. The report also stated that the Monthly Meeting Minutes have been added to the Website and are now up to date. Also the secretary will be working on publishing the Ordinances enacted in 2011- 2012. Supervisor Selapack made a Motion to approve the Secretaries Report. Supervisor Olshavsky seconded the Motion. Motion carried, 3-0

Road Master's Report:

The Road Master's report included the following:

- Due to the month of February being cold and snowy, most time was spent of plowing and applying anti-skid materials.
- Also worked on broken equipment as needed.
- Removed trees and tree branches damaged by the weather.
- Replaced road signs that were blown over from the weather.

Supervisor Selapack made a motion to accept the Road Master's Report. Supervisor Kostan seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Code Officer's Report:

The Code Officers report included the following:

- Contacted owner for removal of abandoned vehicle off the road on Strawberry Lane. The vehicle was removed February 22, 2013. Supervisor Selapack made a motion to accept the Code Officer's Report, and Supervisor Olshavsky seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Old Business:

Correction to the January 10, 2013 Organizational Meeting Minutes:

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion for correction to the Organizational Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2013, to include the Bond of \$400,000 for the Secretary-Treasurer. Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Road Master:

Supervisor Selapack made a motion to appoint Richard Shaffer as Road Master. Supervisor Kostan seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Municipal Building:

Supervisor Olshavsky initiated a discussion concerning a motion that was approved several months ago to build a new Township garage without having a plan, cost estimate or design by an engineer. Supervisor Olshavsky said that he has a plan with an offer of property along Dulancy Drive with one acre free, and can have as many acres as we want at a very reasonable cost. He is presenting his plan because he does not like the proposed garage plan for Sonman and the renovation of the Township Building. The issue of cost to build the garage was discussed with Supervisor Selapack saying that his plan would save the taxpayers money to build a garage and renovate the office. The garage design presented by our Engineers was, if they did all the work, elaborate; and Supervisor Selapack said that he could have it done for a much lower cost. Once we get the Deed we can move forward with the garage. Supervisor Olshavsky said that the Board gave approval to have the land surveyed for the subdivision to be drawn up, and the Board will have to approve the subdivision. Supervisor Selapack said that the next step is to get a design for the building, a 40x100 ft building, then put it out for bid for prevailing wage. A suggestion was made for the Supervisors to come together to make a decision and to have this issue solved by the next meeting. Supervisor Olshavsky said that the issue is out to the public.

New Business:

Fire Hydrant

Tabled pending advice of Solicitor

Six(6) Foot Variance for John and Phyllis Gresky

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to approve the 6 Foot Variance requested by John and Phyllis Gresky to construct a garage on their property. Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Co-Stars Salt Purchase for 2013-2014

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to purchase not more than 200 Ton of salt on the 2013-2014 Co-Stars Salt Purchase Contract. Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Appointment to Planning Commission

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to appoint Kim Plummer to the Portage Planning Commission to complete the term of Richard Rice. Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Donation to the 2013 Easter Egg Hunt

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion, and Supervisor Kostan seconded the motion to donate \$100.00 to the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 30, 2013 at 12:00 Noon. Motion carried, 3-0.

Reappointment of Ray Kargo to the Planning Commission

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion, and Supervisor Selapack seconded to reappoint Ray Kargo to the Portage Planning Commission for a Five (5) year term. Motion carried, 3-0.

Road Master's Wages

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to set the Road Master's wages at \$13.80, and Supervisor Kostan seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

The issue of Assistant Road Master was discussed. No Assistant Road Master was appointed.

Adjourn

Supervisor Selapack made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried, All yes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Those visitors signing the sign in sheet were: Robert Brickley, Bob Lutz, Bill Cooper, Sara Wolford, Matt McCoy, Brian Miller, Andrew Myers, John Waksmunski, Tris Serenko and Ray Asfar.

Submitted by Ruby Moore, Secretary

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD