

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, May 1st, 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:

Comments were made concerning Fowler Lane referring to it as a cow path and questioning how long it would take to get the necessary easements to proceed with widening of the road. Supervisor Olshavsky said that the Township is waiting for one easement, and will contact the property owner. In the interim, will meet with contractors working on the water project to see what can be done to straighten out the road and get it in better shape.

Bill Cooper commented on contractor working on the water project stating that Diehl Company did not have flag men out while working on East Wesley Avenue and Allen Streets. He also said that the straw put down to reseed the grass was washing into the ditches and clogging them. Supervisor Olshavsky said that the contractors are working for the Water Authority and complaints should be made to them, but he will look into the issues.

William Offman directed his questions to Supervisor Kostan asking what will be done to solve all the problems on Cyran Alley. Supervisor Kostan said that the Supervisors looked at Cyran Alley at the Drive-in and will look into installing no parking signs on one side of the street. The supervisors also looked at the ditch from his driveway to the Drive-in entrance.

Mr. Offman also brought up the issue that the streets are not marked correctly on East Albright and Bishop Avenue saying that the UPS takes packages to his brother's house on East Wesley Ave. because they can't find his house. Supervisor Selapack said that 911 decide street addresses. Supervisor Olshavsky said that the township put a street sign there because he asked for the sign, and East Albright is not an official Township street.

Mr. Offman also discussed the denial of his claim to the Township's insurance company for damage to his car. Supervisor Olshavsky again said that the Township did not tell the insurance company to deny the claim, and that he could appeal the decision. Supervisor Kostan said that he would meet with Mr. Offman to look into it.

Joe Walters asked about the accuracy of GIS mapping.

John Waksmuski brought up Fowler Lane again and years ago he read that Fowler Lane is the worse lane in the township.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Olshavsky and seconded by Supervisor Selapack to approve the April 3rd, 2013, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried, 3-0.

A motion was made by Supervisor Olshavsky and seconded by Supervisor Kostan to approve the April 9th, 2013, Special Meeting minutes 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. Supervisor Selapack made a Motion to approve the Secretaries Report. Supervisor Olshavsky seconded the Motion. Motion carried, 3-0

Roadmaster's:

The Road Master's report included the following:

- Cleaned streets and ditches
- Worked on equipment as needed
- Patched township roads

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:

- Code Officer is working on dilapidated property on Front Street.

Supervisor Selapack made a motion to accept the code officer's report. Supervisor Kostan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business:

Drive-in Sign

Because of the need to respond to Township residents safety concerns, options on how to proceed with moving the drive-in sign were discussed. Although the sign has been there for about 60 years, the Board has to make a decision what actions should be taken concerning the sign. Supervisor Olshavsky commented that without a decision to move the sign, other residents cannot be made to remove items on township property. Another concern was who was liable if the sign caused an accident. The owner of the property was contacted and gave his opinion of what the operator of the Drive-In would do if made to remove the sign. Supervisor Olshavsky said that the Board has to decide if it wants to

spend Township money in legal fees to remove the sign; and, if we proceed, the Township will have to accept whatever the Courts rules. Supervisor Selapack commented that he looked through Township minutes and found nothing giving permission to erect the sign on Township property. Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to ask our Solicitor to proceed to remove the sign. Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

Garbage Contract:

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to advertise the Garbage contract for one, three or five years with the contract basically the same as previous contract with no fuel adjustments. Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

SayCore Subdivision:

Supervisor Selapack stated that the subdivision was approved by the County Planning Commission and is now being reviewed by Portage Planning Commission with approval pending any changes. Supervisor Kostan said that he needs to look at it. Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to table the subdivision until reviewed by the Board. Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Application for County Aid:

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to apply for \$15,000.00 in County Aid, and Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Roadmaster Maintenance Training:

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion for Richard Shaffer to attend a maintenance course for asphalt roads to be held May 7, 2013 at Penn-Highlands Community College, Ebensburg, PA. Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Donation to Fire Company:

A discussion occurred concerning a one-time donation to the Portage Volunteer Fire Company to help with cost of installation of a new fire hydrant on Dulancy Drive to improve fire fighting abilities for the Township as well as the Borough. The water source would be drawn from the Hyland Water System. Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to donate \$1,200.00 to the Portage Volunteer Fire Company for the new lancer fill hydrant project, and Supervisor Kostan seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Unfinished Drainage Projects from 2012:

The unfinished drainage projects from last year addressed were:

Church Street: Re-gutter and reset catch basin by St. Peter and Paul Church.

Blair Street – proposed to do a French drain on that street. Supervisor Selepack commented that the water problems have to be addressed first.

Robel Road – Should wait until discussed with engineer on how to widen the road. Supervisor Kostan questioned the water problem on Robel Road and how to resolve it.

Bem's Lane – install a pipe to replace a previously located pipe along that lane.
Trout Run Flooding Problem – further investigate flooding problem along Caldwell Avenue by Brady's Tavern.

Supervisor Olshavsky commented that the Township needs to keep working on these projects with our engineer to complete before fall.

Adjourn:

On a Motion by Supervisor Selapack and seconded by Supervisor Olshavsky, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M. Motion carried 3-0.

Those visitors signing the sign in sheet were: Sara Wolford, Ron Cadwallader, Glen Calderwood, Joe Walters, Justin Denis, Bob Brickley, Bill Cooper, John Waksmunski, and Joe

Submitted by Ruby Moore, Secretary

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD