

**MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, September 12, 2013
MUNICIPAL BUILDING – MILLER SHAFT**

Chairman Richard Olshavsky opened the meeting at 5:00

Roll Call:

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

This meeting is a special meeting for general purposes.

Public Participation:

Bob Koban discussed the reason why the Workman's Compensation Insurance rates are going up. Due to the high modification ratio over the past four-five years, caused by losses incurred by the Fire Company, Selective Insurance Co., would not renew the Borough's insurance. Mr. Koban presented a Premium Comparison to the Board comparing the expiring premium to the renewal premium with and without the Fire Company coverage offered by Selective Insurance Co., HARIE and SWIF. Township's coverage is estimated to increase around \$3,000.00 under SWIF. State is inundated with Townships requesting policies.

Also presented were the draft ordinances and resolutions for the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) which authorizes local taxing authorities to exempt from real property taxation, within certain limitations, the assessed valuation of improvements to, and new construction of, industrial, commercial and other business property in the area to attract new business into the area.

Doris Cappriotti discussed the request for variance presented to the Board for the Mary Burke property that changed the configuration, but has not changed the property. The request is for the property to be described as two (2) separate parcels, with two separate deeds to be sold without a subdivision. This is needed to sell the property without the lot that has a trailer located on it to conform to guidelines set by the lender. Supervisor Olshavsky said that the township discussed this matter with our solicitor and said that we have a subdivision ordinance that is the law and a subdivision is needed.

Old Business:

Blair Street:

Supervisor Olshavsky discussed corrections to Blair Street that were discussed at the June 5th meeting without a motion. Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to spend the necessary money to correct problems, to buy pipe, catch basin end tops and grates where needed, and pave and restore properties on Church Street, Blair Street, Albright Avenue, and Caldwell Anenue/Chappel's Hill area as stated in the June 5, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Supervisor Kostan seconded the motion. Motion carried, 2-0.

New Business:

Tibbot Subdivision:

Supervisor Olshavsky said that the Township does not have a problem with the subdivision, but questioned the water drainage on the property. Bob Koban said that the engineering firm has the Township ordinances and storm water management plan and there will be less runoff on that property after graded properly. Their engineers will follow and abide by the rules and are willing to work with the Township to develop a piece of property that is not developed. The Township's engineer stated that the Subdivision is fine and he recommends approval, but the Land Development Plan is missing information and will send a letter to the engineering firm explaining that.

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to approve the subdivision only and the Land Development will be approved when finished and forwarded to the Township. Supervisor Kostan seconded the motion. Motion approved 2-0.

Portage Area Regional Comprehensive Plan, Resolution 2013-6:

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-6, Portage Area Regional Comprehensive Plan, and Supervisor Kostan seconded the motion. Motion carried, 2-0.

Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2014:

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligation presented by the Secretary for the Township's Pension Plan. Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to adopt the Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2014, and Supervisor Kostan seconded the motion. Motion carried, 2-0.

Adjourn:

Supervisor Olshavsky motioned to adjourn the meeting. **All YES.**
Meeting adjourned at 6:21PM

Those visitors who signed the sign-in sheet: None

Submitted by Ruby Moore, Secretary

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD

