

MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2013
MUNICIPAL BUILDING – MILLER SHAFT

Chairman Cooper opened the meeting at 7:00p.m.

Roll Call: Supervisor William Cooper – present; Supervisor Richard Olshavsky – present; Solicitor C. J. Webb – absent.

Public Participation

Elwood Selapack commented on the Reorganization Meeting held January 6, 2014, mentioning that only a supervisor can be appointed as a temporary chairman, not the secretary. Supervisor Olshavsky said that the minutes will be corrected.

James Nicholson and John Nicholson discussed concerns concerning the air quality from coal dust from Amfire Co. coal piles and the chemical used in the water to keep the coal dust from blowing off the piles. Also discussed was an addition to the refuse area and approval of the permit to do so. He also included having an air quality study done to place an environmental impact fee on Amfire to encase the coal piles and clean up the area.

Supervisor Olshavsky said that the supervisors met with Amfire, and the chemical used in the water was latex based and non toxic. Supervisor Cooper suggested contacting the Federal Inspectors, but Mr. Nicholson said they were already contacted and they said that DEP is to explain what will be done at the site, but it has been six to eight months and he has not heard anything from DEP. He asked if the Township could set up a meeting with DEP.

Also discussed was the trucks traveling too fast and not stopping at stop sign on Lumber Road-Shoemaker circle intersection.

Butch Kostan asked about the status of the drive-inn sign. Supervisors Cooper and Olshavsky said that the sign is also on PennDOT's right-of-way and we are waiting for word back from our solicitor who is working on an Agreement with PennDOT to move the sign.

Renee Maul expressed her concern about the coal trucks traveling too fast and not stopping at the stop sign on Lumber Road and Shoemaker Circle intersection. She also asked if something can be done about using solid tarps instead of mesh tarps on top of the coal trucks to keep the dust from blowing off. Can the Township enact an ordinance? The supervisors said they would investigate the problem and do what we can.

A question was asked as to why there was no weight limit on Shoemaker Circle. Supervisor Olshavsky said there would have to be a study done before a weight limit could be put on the road. Ben Selapack said that Amfire would just bond the road.

Supervisor Olshavsky said they would try to set up a meeting with Amfire to forward all complaints to them. Also suggested was to complain to our representatives that DEP did not respond to written complaints against the new permit for Amfire.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Supervisor Olshavsky to appoint Bill Cooper Temporary Chairman instead of Ruby Moore for the Reorganization Meeting. Supervisor Cooper seconded the Motion. Motion carried, 2-0.

A Motion was made by Supervisor Cooper and seconded by Supervisor Olshavsky to keep the Treasurer’s salary at \$100.00 a month as before and to reinstitute the Auditors meeting for approval. Motion carried, 2-0.

January 6, 2014 Reorganization Meeting

Supervisor Cooper made a motion to approve the January 6, 2014 Reorganizational Meeting minutes with a correction made to appoint Supervisor Cooper as temporary chairman instead of the Township secretary, and to set the Treasurer’s salary for 2014 to \$100.00 a month as done in the past with approval of the Township Auditors. Supervisor Olshavsky seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

January 6, 2014 Regular Meeting

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to approve the January 6, 2014 Regular meeting minutes with correction to Motion carried from 3-0 to 2-0. Supervisor Cooper seconded the Motion. Motion carried, 2-0.

Secretary’s Report

The secretary’s report was presented to the Board, and Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to accept the secretary’s report as presented. Supervisor Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried, 2-0.

Treasurer’s Report

A Motion was made by Supervisor Cooper to accept the Treasurers Report as presented by Supervisor Olshavsky. Supervisor Olshavsky seconded the Motion. Motion approved 2-0.

Treasurers Report – Forth Quarter 2013

	FUND	12/1/2013	Rec'd. Dec. 2013	Exp. Dec. 2013	Bal: 12/31/2013
	1st Summit MM	271,506.36	124.99		271,631.35
	GENERAL	504,172.24	35,684.51	43,407.17	496,410.52
	STATE	218,065.49	100.39		218,165.88
	3 S&T CD's	141,485.87	517.25		142,003.12
	ALL	1,135,229.96	36,427.14	43,407.17	1,128,210.87

Road Master's Report

The Road Master's Report was presented by Supervisor Cooper which included the following:

- Worked on Township equipment, as needed,
- Plowed roads and applied anti-skid when needed,
- Installed 130 feet of French drain pipe to correct ice build-up problem along Sportsman's Road
- Maintained roads

Supervisor Olshavsky made a Motion seconded by Supervisor Cooper to accept the Road Master Report. Motion carried, 2-0.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report

The Code Enforcement Officer's Report was presented by Supervisor Cooper which included the following:

- The owner of a dog on Puritan Road was notified of excessive barking complaints. The owner of the dog has been contacted and has moved the dog from the residence.

Supervisor Cooper made the Motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer report and Supervisor Olshavsky seconded the Motion. Motion carried, 2-0.

Old Business

Vacancy Board Special Meeting

Supervisor Cooper made a Motion, seconded by Supervisor Olshavsky to schedule a special meeting of the Vacancy Board for February 10, 2014, at 3:30 PM for the purpose of appointing a Township Supervisor. Motion carried, 2-0.

New Business

Sale of Spreader to Cassandra Borough

Supervisor Cooper made a Motion to sell the Township's spreader, as is, to Cassandra Borough for \$300.00. Supervisor Olshavsky seconded the Motion. Motion carried, 2-0.

PSAT New Supervisor's Training

Supervisor Cooper made a Motion to attend the Supervisor's training, and other supervisors if they can attend, scheduled for March 1st and March 8th, at \$175.00, in Blair County. Supervisor Olshavsky seconded the Motion. Motion carried, 2-0.

Permit Fees for Jamestown Water Improvement Project

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to waive the street opening permit fees required by the Township for the Portage Area Water System Improvement Project extension to include Front Street and Plane Road with the intent that this will allow more pipe in the ground, and after bidding, to have the contractor responsible for the required road bonding. Supervisor Cooper seconded the Motion. Motion carried, 2-0.

Appointment of Planning Committee Member

Supervisor Cooper made a Motion, seconded by Supervisor Olshavsky to appoint Michael Baker to the Planning Commission for a five year term. Motion carried, 2-0

Donation to the Portage Area Easter Egg Hunt

Supervisor Cooper made a Motion to donate \$100.00 to the Portage Area Annual Easter Egg Hunt, and Supervisor Olshavsky seconded the Motion. Motion carried, 2-0.

Appointment of Hourly Clerk

Supervisor Cooper made a Motion to appoint Michelle Kostan as hourly clerk to fill in when the secretary is absent. Supervisor Olshavsky seconded the Motion. Motion carried, 2-0

ADJOURN

Supervisor Olshavsky made the Motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Olshavsky.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Those visitors who signed the sign out sheet: Ben Selapack, John Nicholson, James Nicholson, Butch Kostan, Joe Walters, Paul Maul, Alfred Maul, Francis Maul, Renee Maul and Tom Rohr.

Submitted by: Ruby Moore, Secretary

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY BOARD.