

**MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 12, 2014
Municipal Building – Miller Shaft**

Chairman William Cooper opened the meeting at 4:00 PM with the salute to the flag.

Roll Call:

Supervisor William Cooper – present; Supervisor Jeffery Kostan present; Supervisor Richard Olshavsky – present; Solicitor C.J. Webb- absent.

This meeting is a special meeting for general purposes.

Public Participation:

John Nicholson questioned how Amfire Coal Co. can do anything they want to on Mine Road without getting an easement or permit. Mine Road is a Township road and a liquid fuels road. If it is a public road, how can Amfire be allowed to block the road for hours. Supervisor Olshavsky said that it is a Township Road; the portion where Norfolk Southern has the crossing is Amfire's. We have to find out from the State Police a law that you cannot block the roadway for more than fifteen minutes at a time without having a flagman present.

Also discussed was the need to have fences around the ponds that are about 15 feet deep. Supervisor Cooper said if it is private property, it should be posted, and he contacted the state and federal government to see if there were any regulations on that, and they don't. Mr. Nicholson suggested passing an ordinance to require fencing. He went on further to say that all we ask that you try to look into the best interest of the community. He also suggested getting the road weight limited. Supervisor Olshavsky said that he may propose that the Township start some work now with our engineer to find out what requirements they would have to get up to meet this maintenance agreement for that area.

Supervisor Olshavsky said that an alternate route would be the right thing to do. The cost to bring the road up to standards of 33 ft. width standard might cost more than an alternate route. Amfire is more interested in bonding the road because of wetlands in the area, and would need elevation of the road to the bend to get to the heights where it comes out from the tipple.

Supervisor Olshavsky said that the Township can only make suggestions. The state makes the permits; it is them that they have to comply with. We can only go one step at a time.

25 Ft. Variance for Joseph Willinski

Motion made by Supervisor Olshavsky, seconded by Supervisor Kostan to allow a 25 foot variance requested by Joseph Willinski to keep his house in line with other houses in that area. **Motion carried, 3-0.**

Supervisor Cooper –yes, Supervisor Kostan –yes, Supervisor Olshavsky –yes.

Supervisor Olshavsky made a Motion to contact our engineer for preliminary work done for either maintenance or bonding of Shoemaker Circle, Lumber Road, and Mine Road.

Supervisor Cooper seconded the Motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Supervisor Cooper –yes, Supervisor Olshavsky –yes, Supervisor Kostan –yes.

Adjourn

Supervisor Cooper made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Olshavsky. All yes. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Those visitors who signed the sign-in sheet: Elwood Selapack, John Nicholson, James Nicholson

Submitted by Ruby Moore, Secretary

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD