

**PORTAGE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, JULY 5, 2017
4109 PORTAGE STREET, PORTAGE, PA**

Chairman Bill Cooper opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and then offered a moment of silence.

Roll Call: Supervisor Jeff Kostan – present; Supervisor Bill Cooper – present; Supervisor Rick Olshavsky – present.

Public Participation

Kelly and Sherry Smith discussed their concerns regarding a water runoff issue which is a major safety issue specially in the winter. She explained all the damage that has been done driveway, yard. Supervisor Cooper did discuss with them regarding the meeting between the Borough and the Township. Supervisor Olshavsky stated the Township did not create no new ditch. Supervisor Olshavsky also stated they are waiting for the Borough to get back with the Township with a solution.

Matt Zunich of Elwood Drive questioned the Board wanting to know what the assessment is regarding Elwood Drive for the drainage and the pavement of the properties of some residents on Elwood Drive.

Supervisor Kostan then commented that he has never heard from any other resident from Elwood Drive. Mr. Zunich feels if the drainage was fixed properly, it would save the Township from cleaning up like they now do. Supervisor Kostan then stated he was under the impression that the homeowner is responsible to bring their driveway to the Township blacktop. Mr. Zunich stated the people came to him after he got his done which was two years ago. But the Supervisors claim is no one has ever come to them regarding any of the above issues. After more discussion, Mr. Zunich stated he is the spokesperson for the residents and he will get letters from the residents with their concerns regarding the drainage and the pavement.

Charlie Rimini spoke to the Board regarding the fees for a building permit. He wanted to know if the Township receives any monies from these fees other than the tax assessment from the County. He raises these questions because of his dealings with Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency.

Ben Selapack asked the Board if the road was bonded on Chappell's Hill where it was being logged out. Supervisor Cooper and Kostan replied yes.

Dave Rorabaugh questioned regarding the stumps and grass. It was explained it is not completed yet and more work will be done there.

Kandy Chappell of Jefferson Avenue, asked the Board about the paper alley if the Township would abandon the alley, because the residents have maintained it and would like to do the proper paper work to claim it as their own. This would be a Solicitor question.

Linda Pacovsky of Jefferson Avenue, spoke to the Board showing pictures she had with her, showing rocks she placed in the ditch to keep it flowing better and to also help make it look better. This is in her backyard to the ditch. She too wishes for the Township to abandon the alley so they can purchase or do whatever paper work to claim as their own.

With more discussion regarding this matter, the residents are upset over the fact the Borough was measuring their trees and marking with paint and discussing taking the property over by eminent domain. The Supervisors will wait for the Borough to come to them with any solutions they may have to remedy this situation. This is the arrangement that was made when they met with Mr. Koban weeks earlier. Until then, nothing will move forward until an amicable solution between all is agreed upon.

Bob Lutz asked if the Township owned Fowler Lane and the right of way width.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION made by Supervisor Olshavsky seconded by Supervisor Kostan to approve the Monthly Meeting Minutes dated June 7, 2017. Roll Call, all in favor. Motion passed.

Secretarial Report and Correspondence Received

MOTION made by Supervisor Cooper, seconded by Supervisor Olshavsky to approve the Secretarial Report as presented. Roll Call, all in favor. Motion passed.

Road Master's Report

MOTION made by Supervisor Olshavsky, seconded by Supervisor Cooper to approve the Road Master's Report as presented. Roll Call, all in favor. Motion passed.

CEO Report

MOTION made by Supervisor Olshavsky, seconded by Supervisor Cooper to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's Report as presented. Roll Call, all in favor. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Hire a license real estate appraiser (416 Miller Shaft)

MOTION made by Supervisor Olshavsky, seconded by Supervisor Kostan to approve to hire a licensed realtor to appraise the property on Miller Shaft Road. This piece of property will be placed on the market with intent to resale. Roll call, all in favor. Motion passed.

b. Pay application approvals: FINAL for contract 2016-2 General Construction \$167,443.30; FINAL for contract 2016-2 HVAC Construction \$11,224.60; FINAL for contract 2016-3 Plumbing Construction \$2,350.00; FINAL for contract 2016-4 Electrical Construction \$4,550.00.

MOTION made by Supervisor Olshavsky, seconded by Supervisor Kostan to approve the final payouts once the punch list is totally completed and when EADS Group notifies the Township to go ahead and pay each contract listed. Roll call, all in favor. Motion passed.

c. Purchase of lawn mower

MOTION made Supervisor Olshavsky, seconded by Supervisor Cooper to purchase a new lawn mower at the discretion of the Supervisors as to what kind of lawn mower to purchase that will be sufficient for the Township use and cost. Roll call, all in favor. Motion passed.

Some discussion was had regarding a historic piece of machinery that is currently in the upstairs of the building at Miller Shaft. It was decided before the building is sold, to contact someone who would be willing to save the mapping machine ie historical society.

Before the meeting was adjourned Supervisor Cooper wanted to thank Charlie Rimini for donating new chairs for the meeting room.

ADJOURN

MOTION made by Supervisor Cooper, seconded by Supervisor Olshavsky to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Those in attendance tonight and who signed in: Kandy and George Chappell, David Rorabaugh, Ron Portash, Linda Pacovsky, Lisa Yoder, Matt Zunich, Joe Walters, Ben Selapack, Charlie Rimini, Jill Lamar, Kelly and Sherry Smith, Tom Rohr, and Bob Lutz.