

Sunbury, PA 17801
July 14, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Township Supervisors was held on July 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shamokin Township Municipal Building.

In attendance were Supervisors Gregory Rachau, John Klinger, and Paul Rapp, Solicitor Mike Finn, Roadmaster Jon Clemens, Sewage Officer Ken Young, Secretary/Treasurer Stephanie McKinney and 7 visitors.

Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Rapp to approve the June minutes as presented. Motion was passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved on a motion by Supervisor Klinger seconded by Supervisor Rapp. Motion was passed unanimously.

Health Insurance

Chris Bailey from Sholley Insurance presented two health insurance plans from Geisinger. One plan was age banded and the other was self-funded. The self-funded plan was considerably less expensive.

Supervisor Rapp moved, seconded by Supervisor Rachau to choose the self-funded health insurance plan from Geisinger Health Plan at a cost of \$4,375.16 per month an increase of 4% from last years plan. The deductibles and copays will remain the same. Motion was passed unanimously.

Poppy Road Bridge

Roadmaster Jon Clemens reported Seda-COG will be doing a temporary fix to the Poppy Road bridge. Bids will be opened and a contractor chosen sometime this month.

Concerning the accident at the traffic light involving an illegal ATV driven by a minor and a car, Mr. Clemens reported that he has been communicating with an insurance adjuster and sent them an article in the newspaper that the juvenile was charged with the accident.

Mr. Clemens reported that Shipe Road and an intersection of Larch Road will be paved. Other roads will be tarred and chipped in August.

Fire Company

Kerry Yordy reported that the fire company will hold a Chicken BBQ on August 8th and the gun raffle drawing will be September 25th.

DEP-Bank Stabilization

Mr. Clemens reported that DEP is finalizing everything and a grant should soon be received for the bank stabilization.

American Rescue Plan Funding

Secretary McKinney reported that one half of the American Rescue Plan funds from the federal government were received totaling \$124,242.35. The secretary presented a flyer from PSATS on approved uses for the funds but noted that the funds usage is revolving every day from the government.

Solar Letter Request

A request for a letter from the township concerning a solar project was received. Solicitor Bathgate wrote a letter that Solicitor Finn read to the board. The letter involves the township having no zoning and no issues with a solar project. Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Klinger to approve the letter written by Solicitor Bathgate concerning a solar project on Shamrock Road by Borrego Solar. Motion was passed unanimously.

Handicapped Sign-Mulberry Road

An email was received requesting a handicapped child sign at 1084 Mulberry Road because of a child in a wheelchair and speeding cars on Mulberry. Supervisor Klinger moved, seconded by Supervisor Rapp to approve the placement of two handicapped child signs on Mulberry Road paid for by the person requesting the signs with placement by the road crew. Motion was passed unanimously.

Buggy Sign-Hosta Road

A request was received requesting a Horse & Buggy sign for Hosta Road since there have been a lot of Amish living in the area.

Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Klinger to place "buggy" signs on Hosta Road and other township roads in the township with horse & buggy traffic with a cost not to exceed \$600. Motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Michael Yucha noted that Adams Park Road requested "No Outlet" signs and were told no. The board responded that the township would place "No Outlet" signs on Adams Park Road but the residents must pay for the sign.

Garbage Burning

An email was received concerning the burning of garbage at the old schoolhouse property near Irish Valley Road. The board recommended that DEP should be contacted about this. The secretary will follow-up with the emailer.

2020 Audit

Secretary McKinney reported that the auditor, Klacik & Assoc., has had the treasurer's books and records since February and have not yet provided the township with an audit. It was due to DCED by April 1st and we have a contract stating that the audit will be done by April 1st. The solicitor will send a letter to Klacik & Assoc regarding the 2020 audit.

Agenda Law

Secretary McKinney reported that beginning with the September meeting all agendas will need to be posted on the website and at the building 24 hours prior to the township meeting. If the board wants to discuss something not on the agenda, they will have to vote on the discussion by majority vote.

Supervisor Rapp moved, seconded by Supervisor Klinger to have all agenda items to the secretary 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Motion was passed unanimously.

Keystone Collections

Secretary McKinney presented a new contract with Keystone Collection concerning the LST collection, the previous contract had the wrong commission amount of 2.00% and it should be 1.75%.

Supervisor Rapp moved, seconded by Supervisor Rachau to sign the amended contract with Keystone Collections for LST collections with the 1.75% commission rate. Motion was passed unanimously.

Old Reading Road-Floodplain Issue

Mr. Clemens reported that there was excavating work being done on Old Reading Road at the Williams place, that has been stopped because of floodplain issues.

Rose Road-Floodplain Issue

Ken Young reported that there was some clearing of brush and weeds near the creek and Rose Road. He notified the owner that there would be no fill allowed in the area.

Adams Park Road

Concerning selective tree clearing on Adams Park Road, Mr. Clemens read a letter from Craig Zack of KPI noting that they did an inspection of the area and were of the opinion that a survey is not necessary since the work appears to be vegetation management and maintenance related as opposed to construction or development and would therefore not require a floodplain permit. It is Mr. Zach's opinion that the work done did not violate the Township's floodplain ordinance and in fact, removal of dead trees and underbrush may also serve to lessen any impacts from flooding as opposed to increasing the impacts from flooding. It was recommended that the property owner will need to comply with all Township ordinance, including the floodplain ordinance.

Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Klinger to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and to pay the invoices. Motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie A. McKinney
Secretary/Treasurer