

Sunbury, PA 17801
September 8, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Township Supervisors was held on September 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shamokin Township Municipal Building.

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

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

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

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Bathgate reiterated that with the new state amendment (Act 65 of 2021) to the Sunshine Law, agendas must be posted at the meeting site and on the website 24 hours prior to a meeting. In order for that to get completed on time, the board made the rules that all items must be to the Secretary at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. In order for an additional item to be added to the agenda it must be approved by the majority of the board.

Solicitor Bathgate stated that there was a situation where a sewer system, on Irish Valley Road, is malfunctioning. The new sewage system is within 100 feet of a well which is not allowed in the state code, unless there is a situation where there is no other area to place it, then the township may grant a waiver to allow that exception. The township incurs no liability for granting such waiver.

Supervisor Klinger arrived at 7:34 p.m.

Supervisor Klinger moved, seconded by Supervisor Rapp to add to the agenda the Irish Valley sewage issue. Motion was passed unanimously.

Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Klinger to adopt Resolution 2021-1 a resolution granting a waiver of horizontal well isolation distance for repair permit on a property at 3045 Irish Valley Road. The township incurs no liability from this waiver and the property owner must test their water every year. Motion was passed unanimously.

Poppy Road Bridge

Concerning the Poppy Road bridge, Roadmaster Jon Clemens reported that the repair was done at the beginning of the month. Another inspection will be held and it is hoped that inspections will be every 6 months to a year until a permanent repair can be done.

Rails to Trails

Supervisor Klinger state there was no meeting for the Rails to Trails program.

County Wide Action Plan

Mr. Clemens reported that HRG will be working on a plan for the county and it is being reviewed with DEP. Once the plan is finalized then the township can review it.

ATV Accident

There was no report on the ATV accident on Routes 487 and 61.

Road Report

Mr. Clemens reported that the tar & chipping was completed and fog seal should be done next week.

There were heavy rains last Wednesday from Hurricane Ida. The only damage was wires and trees down.

Mr. Clemens was requesting that eye and dental insurance be added and paid for by the employees.

COG

Concerning the COG, Mr. Clemens reported that the only thing to report is that we received an invoice for the township share of the equipment insurance.

Nuisance Complaints

Solicitor Bathgate stated that there was a report from KPI. There was a hearing for a property on Holly Road and it is moving in the right direction. Another complaint was received and investigated on S.R. 61. The owner has been taking measures to clean up and requested an extension to finish the work.

Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Rapp to extend the continued cleanup of the Frederick property on S.R. 61 until the October 13th meeting. Motion was passed unanimously.

Bank Stabilization

There was no report on the grant request for a bank stabilization on Snyderstown Road.

American Rescue Plan Funding

Concerning the American Rescue Plan Funding, Secretary McKinney reported that a report on the use of the funds was due in October for the period ending September 30th.

2020 Audit

Secretary McKinney reported that the 2020 audit reports were submitted to DCED and the box with last year's records was returned. The Secretary will call and get prices for the 2021 audit.

Snydertown Borough Request

Charles Dalpiaz and Paul Shaw were present to request the township to help with plowing of their six miles of roads for a payment of \$11,000 per year for a trial basis. Mr. Clemens was concerned about the condition of their roads and the damage they may cause to plows which cost \$15,000 to replace. The board would like to discuss the proposal with the road crew and make a decision at the October meeting.

Email from Penn DOT-Scour Critical Bridge

An email was received from Penn DOT concerning the flood watch and monitoring of a scour critical bridge.

Email from DEP-Dumping

An email was received from DEP concerning a complaint about dumping into a stream on Snydertown Road. Secretary replied to the email asking who is the responsible party when someone dumps in the stream and as of today there was no response from DEP.

Tire Cleanup

A tire cleanup will be held October 2nd for the township residents from 8 to noon.

Public Comment

Mr. Michael Yucha presented a right to know request for a copy of the letter that was sent by the solicitor to Rich Jarosky concerning a property in the area of Adams Park Road.

Mr. Yucha noted that Ken Young made a E&S report for Mr. Jarosky and asked if that was a conflict. Mr. Young replied that he is a professional engineer and it is permitted for him to do work for others. Mr. Yucha stated that the report was incorrect and rejected. It was noted that Mr. Young was working on a private matter and not a township matter. Mr. Yucha stated he made a complaint with the state against Ken Young.

Mr. Yucha asked if Supervisor Klinger was on the Rails to Trails Committee and how many meetings they had. Mr. Klinger replied he was on the committee and he sat in on two virtual meetings.

Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Rapp to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. and to pay the invoices. Motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie A. McKinney
Secretary/Treasurer