

Sunbury, PA 17801
October 13, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Township Supervisors was held on October 13, 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 8 visitors.

Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Klinger to approve the September 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.

Poppy Road Bridge

Concerning the Poppy Road bridge, Roadmaster Jon Clemens reported that the engineer is inspecting the temporary bridge repairs on Monday, October 18th. At this point, it is hoped that inspections will be every 6 months to a year until a permanent repair can be done.

Rails to Trails

Concerning the Rails to Trails Program, Mr. Clemens reported there was no meeting, but there will be public meetings on October 26th at Shamokin Career Arts Building and October 27th at the Northumberland County Admin Building at 5:00-6:30 p.m. for both meetings.

County Wide Action Plan

Mr. Clemens reported that there are no updates on the county wide action plan.

ATV Accident

Concerning the ATV accident, Secretary McKinney reported that a letter was received from EMC Insurance Company completing the investigation. They sent a denial letter to the plaintiff's attorney and asking the township to preserve all information regarding this incident. They are closing their file at this time.

Fire Dept.

Supervisor Rachau reminded the Fire Company that whenever an event is held it must be brought before the board so that the board can approve of the event. The approval will help to cover any Worker's Compensation claims.

Nuisance Complaints

There was no report for the nuisance complaints.

Bank Stabilization

Concerning a bank stabilization on Snyderstown Road, Secretary McKinney reported that an advertisement will be done requesting bids for the work, the ad will be paid by the property owner, and bids will be opened at the November meeting.

American Rescue Plan Funding

Concerning the American Rescue Plan Funding, Secretary McKinney reported that a report on the use of the funds will now be due next year.

Snyderstown Borough Request

Concerning the request from Snyderstown Borough to help with plowing on their six miles of roads, the board reviewed the roads and held an Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss the matter. The board has decided to abstain from plowing Snyderstown's roads, it is not fair to the township's citizens to take the road crew from Shamokin Township to plow roads in another municipality. The board did agree to help provide cinders and salt at the same cost that the township pays.

2022 Budget

Secretary McKinney presented the draft 2022 budget to the board for their review. The budget would be advertised for review in November and adoption in December.

County Act 167

Mr. Clemens reported that Act 167 plan, concerning stormwater management. The county recently adopted the plan. If the township has an issue, it would be investigated by the county.

Building Insulation

Mr. Clemens reported that he received two quotes for insulation on the ceiling and front of building. Both have different specs and there were others called that never responded. Rapid Spray Works gave a price of \$26,834 for 3" of foam and Dynamic Spray Foam for \$13,670 for R14 at 2 ½ inches of foam. Supervisor Klinger moved, seconded by Supervisor Rapp to accept the lowest bidder that has the same specs as Dynamic Spray Foam not to exceed \$13,670. Motion was passed unanimously.

Northumberland County Farm Bureau

Supervisor Rapp, a member of the Northumberland County Farm Bureau, requested the use of the township meeting room once a month to hold their farm bureau meetings. Supervisor Klinger moved, seconded by Supervisor Rachau to allow the Northumberland County Farm Bureau to use the township building meeting room on the first Monday of the month. Motion was passed unanimously.

Dental & Eye Insurance

Mr. Clemens requested eye and dental insurance that the employees would pay for but was unsure of which plan to pick. The Secretary will get some numbers together for the next meeting.

Tire Cleanup

Mr. Clemens reported that the tire cleanup was a success and two dumpsters were filled with almost seven tons of tires.

Census Results

Secretary McKinney reported that the census results were received in 2010 the population of Shamokin Township was 2,407 and in 2020 it is 2,373 down 34 people.

Penn DOT Letter

A letter was received from Penn DOT concerning road resurfacing on Hollow Road in the spring of 2024. Any comments must be received by January 14, 2022.

Public Comment

Mr. Michael Yucha asked the board if they were in support personally to the Rails to Trails project. Supervisor Klinger was in support, Supervisor Rachau has no stance either way and Supervisor Rapp does not know enough about the project to comment. It was noted that Mr. Clemens is the township representative and Supervisor Klinger is a private citizen that attends the committee meetings. Mr. Clemens stated that at the Rails to Trails meetings the township's stance is that it has no position on the project but has expressed concerns about the maintenance of the trails.

Mike Duzick of Mulberry Road asked what is the responsibility to the landowners for this project. The township has no position on the Rails to Trails Project at this time. The public was encouraged to attend the public meetings on October 26 and 27, to ask their questions to the Rails to Trails committee.

Mr. Yucha commented that he is against the Rails to Trails Project.

Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Rapp to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. and to pay the invoices. Motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie A. McKinney
Secretary/Treasurer