

Sunbury, PA 17801
May 8, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Township Supervisors was held on May 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shamokin Township Municipal Building.

In attendance were Chairman Gregory Rachau, Vice Chairman John Klinge via phone, and Supervisor Paul Rapp, Solicitor Roger Wiest, Roadmaster Jon Clemens, Secretary/Treasurer Stephanie McKinney and 31 visitors.

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

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

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Anne Gibbs Proposed Dog Kennel

A group of concerned citizens were present to discuss a proposed dog kennel on Hollow Road. Jacqueline Janovich read a written statement to the board that included the owner of the property, Anne Gibbs, who was charged and fined for animal neglect. The kennel will be in a residential area while Ms. Gibbs lives in her residence in Herndon. The residents were concerned with the location, the dangers and noise of aggressive service dogs, and the welfare of the dogs.

Solicitor Bathgate explained the process of the Municipalities Planning Code and that the township does not have zoning. Since the township does not have a Land Development and Subdivision Ordinance nor zoning then the township cannot regulate where things are placed. The land development falls to the county to control. According to the county the plan was approved with conditions but the conditions have not been met. Once the land development has been approved the township would issue building and sewage permits. It was noted that a kennel would need a holding tank permit from DEP.

Mr. Yucha suggested that the group go to a County Commissioners meeting.

After some further discussion the group left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Building Addition

The flooring will be completed on Friday. The June meeting may potentially be held in the new meeting room. Furniture needs to be chosen and an Executive Session will be held after the meeting to make decisions.

Poppy Road Bridge

The yearly inspection of the Poppy Road bridge was completed but the report has not been received.

Apple Blossom Lane

Concerning drainage issues on Apple Blossom Lane, KPI will be reaching out to the property owners.

Birch Road

A dirt and gravel grant was received for repairs on Birch Road. DEP denied the permit and so further work was done to comply. The engineering costs went from \$5,000 to \$25,000 because of their criteria. The county approved another \$101,000 for the project for a grant total of \$170,725.

Gradall

The 2003 Gradall needs some major repairs estimated to be \$15,000. A mini-excavator would make a better replacement at less cost. After some discussion, it was decided to sell the Gradall on Muncibid to get funding towards the excavator and run some numbers to investigate if the township has the funding. A new mini excavator will cost around \$148,350.

Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Rapp to place the Gradall for sale on Muncibid.com and to advertise the same for the June meeting. Motion was passed unanimously.

Roadmaster Report

Mr. Clemens reported that the road crew will be making cold patch again this year at the fire company for Rush, Upper Augusta, Lower Augusta and Point Townships and Snyderstown Borough.

Council of Government

There is money sitting in an account with the COG for the belt loader so those funds will be split between the three townships that own the belt loader.

Seal coat bids and paving bids were received. The low bidder for seal coat was Russell Standard at \$48,464.17. The low bidder for paving was Meckley's Limestone at \$183,980.00 with \$42,808 for the parking lot paving. Supervisor Rapp moved, seconded by Supervisor Klinger to accept the low bids for paving and seal coat as presented. Motion was passed unanimously.

Nuisance Complaints

A nuisance complaint was received about a property on Costa Road. KPI investigated and pictures were presented. It was noted that this property was not as bad as previous properties. The board felt that the property was taken care of and no further action is necessary.

Supervisor Klinger left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

A complaint was received concerning burning of garbage on SR 61. The complainant was referred to DEP.

Penn DOT

A letter was received from Penn DOT reminding the township of yearly traffic light maintenance.

Northumberland County

Northumberland County approved stormwater management for Victor Delorso, Jr.

Linden Road Driveway

A driveway on Linden Road owned by Tina Beech was discussed. The owner is logging and wants to use the logging driveway as their vehicle driveway. The driveway doesn't comply with Penn DOT's line of sight requirements. Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Rapp to grant a waiver for the driveway design requirements provided that the landowner signoff on an indemnification agreement and at that time a driveway permit can be issued for the property at 890 Linden Road owned by Robert and Tina Beech. Motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 for an executive session to discuss the meeting room furniture. Meeting reopened at 9:10 p.m.

Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Rapp to order 3 silver 66 x 30 tables, 25 church chairs, and 7 staff chairs for the new meeting room from A+ Office Furniture in Mifflinburg at an approximate cost of \$7,000. Motion was passed unanimously.

Supervisor Rachau moved, seconded by Supervisor Rapp to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. and to pay the bills. Motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie A. McKinney
Secretary/Treasurer