

Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes **April 9th, 2019 2:00p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019, at 2:00pm.

Attendance: Rohrbach and Adams were present. Lescowitch was absent.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: none

Minutes:

Chairwoman Adams asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of regular meeting held March 12th, at 2:00pm.

- A motion by Rohrbach, seconded by Adams to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, as presented.
- Roll Call: Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

Financial Report:

Supervisor Rohrbach gave the township's financial report from March 1st-31st, 2019.

General Fund:	\$174,098.30
State Fund:	\$128,121.81
PLGIT- Class Savings:	\$80,840.11 (earning 2.24% interest)
<u>Total Funds:</u>	\$383,060.22

Alumni Account: \$4,935.74

- A motion by Adams, seconded by Rohrbach, to approve the financial report.
- Roll Call: Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

Bills:

Payment of the bills, as presented.

- A motion by Adams seconded by Rohrbach, to approve the bills as presented and to pay any and all bills in all funds that become due before the next regular meeting.
- Roll Call: Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

Correspondence:

Tarah Toohil:

- To report a pot hole to PennDOT call 1-800-FIX-ROAD
- 24 fire and EMS organizations in the 116th districts were awarded grants to include Nuremberg Weston Volunteer Fire Company of \$13,492.00.
- DEP to start a 5- year statewide surveillance of ticks to assess the risk of tick-borne illness across Pennsylvania
- Local Share Grants totaling over 2 million dollars were awarded for the 116th District. Black Creek Twp. did NOT receive the grant for the Food Pantry.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

- Black Creek Twp. received a letter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania stating they were unable to award the grant requested under the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program for Chicks Lane and Tower Road Improvement Project.

Reports:

Zoning Report: Zoning/Codes Officer Tony Harris submitted a report- not present

Fire Company: Fire Chief Joe Lescowitch submitted an activity report- not present

Emergency Management: Steve Motil- no report- not present

Engineer Report: Alfred Benesch, interim Engineer- no report, not present

Solicitor: Donald Karpowich, Esq.: An executive session was held after the last work session, on March 20th, regarding personnel. The supervisors will hold a work session in May for zoning.

Road Department: The road department report was reviewed by Chairwoman Adams

Old Business:

Sewer Authority replacement for George Currilla- no replacement

Ambulance Service coverage for the Nuremberg/Weston area- Lescowitch has not received any data

Salt/Anti-skid Shed addition estimates:

Pioneer: \$19,780 for one bay and \$24,540 for 2 bays

Fetterville: \$17,065 for one bay and \$24,560 for 2 bays (constructed existing salt shed)

New Business

Black Creek Township received \$1,474.00 from the state for the Recycling Performance Grant Act 101

Eagle Rock Subdivision:

- A motion by Rohrbach, seconded by Adams to approve the Eagle Rock Open Space Subdivision.
- Roll Call: Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

Recycling

- A motion by Rohrbach, seconded by Adams to approve switching to Dual stream recycling with Solomon Container Services at a rate of \$195 per haul and no fee per ton, glass no longer accepted.
- Roll Call: Rohrbach yes; Adams yes
- This change will take place May 1st, 2019

Engineering

- A motion by Adams, seconded by Rohrbach to table the hiring of an engineer. The supervisors will interview engineers and vote on hiring an engineer, next month.
- Roll Call: Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

Road Construction:

- Tower Road from the Black Creek Bridge to Cedarhead- top coat of asphalt- The township will get an estimate from Rutledge for the top coat, since they did the base coat. Rohrbach brought a mud flap with asphalt which popped out of the road at the Tower Road box culvert, creating a pot hole. Rohrbach stated that Rutledge spoke to Adams and agreed to fix the hole, this year.
- Cedarhead Road (Wolf's corners to Gross Corners) and Mountain Street- Rohrbach asked about seal coating, which was not done last year, as planned. The township will get estimates from AMS. Also considered sealcoating Gold Course Road.
- Tower Road pot holes- Rohrbach stated all the pot holes came back and asked if there was a guarantee on the patches. Adams answered no. The road crew will be fixing the patches with asphalt.
- Ditches- Rohrbach wants to ensure the road crew is no longer piling dirt above the ditches, when they clean them. Adams ensures they are no longer doing this.
- Adams has been working with Beaver Township to borrow their Grader and Operator for use in Black Creek Township.

Cost of Tower Road Bridge Project:

- Total Expense for Project: \$282,967.82
- Grant Money: \$175,000.00
- Reimbursement from Luzerne County to Black Creek Twp: \$55,997.47
- Black Creek Township's Expense: \$51,970.17

Red Creek Wildlife Center, Inc.- a wildlife rehabilitation center in Schuylkill Haven

- 570-739-4393

Rohrbach announced that Luzerne County has delivered the guide railing for Tower Road Box Culvert to the township yard. Installation is said to take place the week of April 15th.

Gateway project is to take place this year and will cost \$23,850 from M and J Excavation.

Old Garage- Rohrbach asked if the guys are going to take the old garage down. Adams doesn't know when it will be taken down.

The next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 14th at 2:00pm.

Public Comment:

Jack Peak- Cedarhead Road near the Tower Road intersection where the pipe was installed by Gladys Zehner's old house is starting to give away. Inquired about paving on Cedarhead and Tower Roads. Asked if the township could charge money to residents to continue accepting glass.

Joyce Knise- has asked previously about re-routed water on Tower Road that is now diverted onto her property, causing washing of her road to the chalet. The township was supposed to send an engineer to look at this problem, last year.

Adjournment:

A motion by Rohrbach, seconded by Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 2:35p.m.