

**Black Creek Township
Regular Meeting
January 2nd, 2018**

The Regular Supervisors Meeting began directly after the conclusion of the Reorganization Meeting.

Public comment on agenda items: No public comment

Motion to accept made by Joe Lescowitch, seconded by Dr. Saura Rohrbach. All board members were in favor.

Financial report read by Joe Lescowitch:

- MMA Account BB&T \$80,372.83
- State Account BB&T \$3,230.18
- Alumni Account BB& T \$4,087.79
- Checking Account BB&T \$65,087.11
- Total Available Funds \$152,777.91

Payment of the bills, as presented:

Motion to pay the bills made by Bonnie Adams, seconded by Joe Lescowitch. All board members were in favor.

Correspondence:

- Liquid Fuel Audit- no findings
- Letter received for eligibility to receive health insurance from Dr. Saura Rohrbach
- Letter of resignation received from Sewer Authority member, George Curilla. A replacement must be appointed within 30 days.

Dr. Saura Rohrbach made a motion to accept George Curilla's letter of resignation, seconded by Joe Lescowith. All board members were in favor.

Old Business:

Township Reports:

Zoning Officer- Paul Kattner: 1 logging permit

Fire Chief Report- Joe Lescowitch: 14 calls

Engineer Report- Joe Calabrese: LSA grant submitted for the Tower Road bridge replacement project, since the MTF grand application was denied. The LSA grant was submitted to the CFA both electronically and a hard copy. The township expects to receive an answer by May 2018.

Solicitor Report- Kevin Walsh: Resolution settings in tax millage

New Business:

LSA grant for Tower Road bridge project submitted, as covered in the engineer's report

Resolution for tax millage to remain at 0.66 mills: Motion made by Joe Lescowitch for mills to remain at 0.66, seconded by Dr. Saura Rohrbach. All board members were in favor.

Bonnie Adams sought volunteers for the recycling center on Saturdays. The recycling center typically opens between 8:30am and 8:45am and closes between 11:00am and 11:15am.

Public Comment:

Denise Davis- Has been attending township meetings for 10-15 years. Remembers coming to 6:00pm meetings when they were packed, years ago, unlike recently. The 2:00meeting are an inconvenience for those who work. She had to give up a day or work to attend today's meeting. She also points out that the meeting time is inconvenient if you have to pick up a child from school. Asks supervisors to reconsider making meeting at a later time.

Bonnie Adams stats that the meeting times can be changed at any point throughout the year.

Sharon Rohrbach- in the past, has brought her daughter to all township meetings and planning commission meetings, after school. Holding meetings at 2:00 in the afternoon does not encourage our youth. She also points out how many senior citizens still work. If a working individual wished to attend meetings, they must take 12 vacation days per year. The meetings previously were at least half in the evening during the summer months. She asked the supervisors to change the meeting times.

Donna Lupcho- Agrees with other residents to change the meeting times. It is very inconvenient to attend meetings at 2:00pm.

Rick Davis- he is retired, but still has a routine schedule he follows. A 2:00pm meeting is not convenient, even though he is retired.

Ted Sherock- resident of Hazleton. He would like to see the meeting times remain at 2:00pm due to having other functions in the evening to attend. Asks the supervisors to speak louder.

Gary Rohrbach- Disagrees with Mr. Sherock. Wants the meeting times to be convenient to Black Creek Township residents. Knows many residents who want to attend, but cannot, due to the time. Points out how only retired residents can attend.

Casey Kelchner- States that he would like to represent the younger generation. He is attending the township meeting using a vacation day. He would like to be able to attend more meetings, but cannot due to the amount of vacation days it would require.

Steve Motil- Asks if all 3 supervisors will be receiving a pay check for 40hrs per week or is it on an as needed basis. Joe Lescowitch answers that for him, it is on an as needed basis and that he does not accept road master pay. Dr. Saura Rohrbach states she will not be receiving pay. Bonnie Adams did not respond.

Adjournment:

Joe Lescowitch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bonnie Adams seconded the motion. All board members were in favor. Meeting adjourned.