

# **Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes** **June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 2:00p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 2:00pm.

Attendance: Lescowitch; Rohrbach; Adams

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

## **Minutes:**

Chairwoman Adams will ask if there are any additions or corrections to the Minutes of regular meeting held May 14th, at 2:00pm.

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

## **Financial Report:**

Supervisor Rohrbach will give the township's financial report from June 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

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| General Fund:         | \$212,709.93                         |
| State Fund:           | \$87,202.32                          |
| PLGIT- Class Savings: | \$81,142.33 (earning 2.23% interest) |
| <u>Total Funds:</u>   | \$381,054.58                         |

Alumni Account: \$4,935.74

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

## **Bills:**

Supervisor Adams asked Angelo Tolotti to step forward, prior to the bills being paid. Angelo Tolotti was representing the Black Creek Health Clinic. The Nuremberg clinic has installed a new sign, which cost \$2,000 and he is requesting financial aid to match 50% of the cost of the sign, which would be \$1,000.

- Lescowitch motioned to contribute \$1,000 for the sign, seconded by Adams.
- Lescowitch yes; Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

Payment of the bills, as presented.

- A motion by Lescowitch, 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: Lescowitch yes; Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

## **Correspondence:**

Tarah Toohil:

PA Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program:

- Area citizens are encouraged to take advantage of a state program that provides vouchers worth \$20.00 that can be used to purchase produce at participating farmers markets and roadside stands.

- Vouchers will be distributed during the months of June and July.
- The nearest distribution center will be Butler Twp. Active Adult Center on June 20 from 10a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Reports:**

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

Fire Company: Fire Chief Joe Lescowitch reviewed the activity report

Emergency Management: Steve Motil- not present, no report

Engineer Report: Twin Oaks Consulting- John Acherman- presented his report

Solicitor: Donald Karpowich, Esq.: The township solicitor gave a report: Suggested addressing short term rentals in the township’s zoning by adding an amendment. This would affect rentals listed on Air B and B and other short term rental sites. He recommended allowing them in areas where multi-family is allowed, which is currently R2 and B1. Rohrbach would like this to be addressed. The other supervisors agreed. The solicitor will have a final draft ready for the next meeting.

Road Department: The road department report was reviewed by Chairwoman Adams Supervisor Dr. Rohrbach commented that she received multiple complaints about the ditches along the roads. She and other residents have been trying to maintain township ditches and stone washouts on their own. She believes it is imperative to maintain the ditches in the township in order to keep the water off the roads, which is ruining the asphalt.

**Old Business:**

Sewer Authority replacement for George Currilla- none

Ambulance Service coverage for the Nuremberg/Weston area- Lescowitch has not received a report. The last study that was done was on ALS, not BLS. The EMS and Southern council is pushing for ALS to respond because there are not as many BLS trucks available. Rohrbach asked if Lescowitch called to see what is taking so long for the time study. Lescowitch stated that there time studies you can do on your own, such as Google and that Shenandoah is the closest ALS service. Rohrbach stated that Sugarloaf, which has BLS units, is several minutes closer than Shenandoah through Google Maps.

**New Business:**

Bids for Seal Coating on Cedarhead Road, Church Road, and Red Fox Lane-The Township Engineer will be utilizing Penn Bid for the bids. He recommended waiting until September to have the road seal coated, when the cracks are more open. The bids will be ready for review at next month’s meeting.

The next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

Rohrbach Reviewed Public comments that needed to be addressed, from last month’s meeting:

- Wayne Bruggar- has been waiting since 2017 for a repair of tar in front of his house. Adams says the rain and only having 2 workers is holding back repairs. There is no estimated time for his repair
- Gary Schell- repair of Scotch Valley Road. Adams said the guys are repairing ditches currently and there is no money for repair.  
Rohrbach stated that the roads are being poorly managed and the township needs to look into alternate ways to repair the roads, before they fall apart. Rohrbach recommended looking into having a contractor help with road work. Adams was going to do so.

**Public Comment:**

- David Knelly, Nuremberg- has a water problem stemming from Brush Street, which comes by the Library and runs across the street and onto his property. Additional runoff comes from a neighbor's property and into a ditch, which ends and runs all over his property.  
Rohrbach asked if the citizen was having the same issues last year; he was.  
Rohrbach was upset that residents have to keep coming back for issues that the township is not addressing, repeatedly. Rohrbach wants the issue addressed.
- Wayne Bruggar- was at the meeting when Mr. Knelly first presented his problem. The majority of Mr. Knelly's problem comes from Brush Street. Some is from North Union Twp, but this does not excuse what is happening in Black Creek Township. He stated that the water is ripping up the asphalt, like Rohrbach mentioned earlier. He would like to know if the township is working with the water company, like the township was going to do. Asked for the township to put pressure on the water company.  
Engineer Acherman recommended adding an ordinance for utility companies that if they disrupt a township road, they will be required to resurface that area of road.  
Rohrbach asked Adams to try to contact the water company, again.  
Rohrbach announced that she listens when residents speak, she even goes out and looks into a problem and can get advice from LTAP engineers and the township engineer, but unless Lescowitch and Adams are willing to rectify a situation, there is nothing she can do.
- Bob Palushock- wants to know what is happening with the recycling center. Would like the board to give options at the next meeting.
- Angelo Tolotti- Would like the residents to know that the clinic works with a sliding fee schedule, which is according to income. Thanked the board for the donation of \$1,000 for the Black Creek Health Clinic.

**Adjournment:**

A motion by Rohrbach, seconded by Lescowitch, to adjourn the meeting at 3:00p.m.  
All reports and correspondence covered during this regular meeting are available for review at