

Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes **May 14th, 2019 2:00p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019, at 2:00pm.

Attendance: Lescowitch; Rohrbach; Adams

Public Comment on Agenda Items: none

Minutes:

Chairwoman Adams asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of regular meeting held April 8th, at 2:00pm.

- A motion was made by Rohrbach, seconded by Adams, 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 April 1st-30st, 2019.

General Fund:	\$211,041.20
State Fund:	\$91,895.04
PLGIT- Class Savings:	\$80,989.26 (earning 2.24% interest)
<u>Total Funds:</u>	\$383,925.50

Alumni Account: \$4,935.74

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

Bills:

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:

- State dog wardens will be canvassing Luzerne County in the month of May. State dog wardens will conduct dig license and Rabies vaccination checks in Luzerne County in the month of May. This program aims to raise public awareness of the importance of up-to-date dog licenses and rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats. Remember, dog wardens will be driving vehicles and wearing uniforms labeled with PA Dog Law Enforcement Warden. They will also be wearing a badge and carry state identification.

- May is designated as Lyme disease awareness month in Pennsylvania. People who spend time outdoors should check themselves for ticks and be aware of the symptoms of Lyme disease and other tick-related ailments.
- Letter from Office of Community Development- Black Creek Township no longer has any low to moderate income areas and no longer qualifies for the associated grant. The township could do their own income study to try to re-qualify. Rohrbach was in favor of completing the survey.

Reports:

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

Fire Company: Fire Chief Joe Lescowitch reviewed the activity report

Emergency Management: Steve Motil- not present

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

- Dr. Rohrbach read 2 LTAP reports, one was regarding the guide railing of Tower Road Box Culvert, the other was regarding Tower Road Box Culvert and other roads in the municipality, reports attached for the record. Rohrbach suggests they have an engineer review the guide railing design, as the report points out numerous flaws.
- Rohrbach inquired about the Kenise and Bachman pipes and why the issues have not been addressed in years for the Kenise pipe and several months for the Bachman pipe. Adams stated there was no reason. Rohrbach would also like to know if a formal answer was given to the resident in Mountain Grove with a pipe issue, which was going on for several months. Adams said no. The zoning officer will be sending a letter to this resident.

Solicitor: Donald Karpowich, Esq.:

- Subdivision request from John Hunter- a 2 lot subdivision was performed years ago. He would like to have names on subdivision map updated on parcel 2 from Yamulla Trucking and Excavating Company, Inc to Yamulla Construction Cooperation. At the time of the subdivision, the land was owned by Yamulla Trucking and Excavation Company Inc. The Hazleton City Water Authority will not pay Mr. Hunter unless he updates the names. Attorney Karpowich recommended doing a new subdivision plan. The supervisors decided to have the new engineer give a recommendation.
- Rohrbach asked what the Planning Committee does. Karpowich stated they review subdivisions and give their recommendations to the supervisors. Rohrbach has never seen any of their reviews. The Committee does not meet, but individually sends their recommendations via e-mail to the engineer.
- Request to name a private road for 911: Lescowitch made a motion to name the private road Yamulla Road, as requested by the landowner. Rohrbach seconded the motion.
- Roll Call: Lescowitch yes; Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

- A subpoena was received by the township for the old zoning officer to appear in Luzerne County Court for a zoning violation. The township was granted a continuance. After looking into the matter, the case was from several years ago. The present zoning officer visited the premises and the resident was no longer in violation.
- Lescowitch made a motion that the townships pull the case, seconded by Rohrbach.
- Roll Call: Lescowitch yes; Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

Road Department: The road department report was reviewed by Chairwoman Adams Rohrbach stated that the road crew is continuing to pile dirt above the ditches that they clean out. She passed out pictures of one of these ditches and of the ditches done in other townships that do not have piled dirt.

Old Business:

Sewer Authority replacement for George Currilla- none

Ambulance Service coverage for the Nuremberg/Weston area- no time study received

Salt/Anti-skid Shed addition estimate- a contractor came to give an estimate and advised against an addition, since the braces would have to be removed from the side. He was concerned this would cause instability to the structure.

Engineer

- A motion by Lescowitch, seconded by Adams, to approve the hiring of Twin Oaks as township engineer at a rate of \$95 per hour.
- Roll Call: Lescowitch yes; Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

New Business:

Alternate Engineer

- A motion by Adams, seconded by Lescowitch to approve the hiring of Alfred Benesch as alternate township engineer at a rate of \$99 per hour.
- Roll Call: Lescowitch yes; Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

The Township is still seeking a road crew worker and lifeguards

A double seal Coating from Wolf's Corners to Gross' Corners on Cedarhead Road is estimated to cost \$68,000. Single Seal Coating Church Road and Red Fox Lane would cost \$24,000. Lescowitch makes a motion to put the project out for bid, seconded by Rohrbach.

- Roll Call: Lescowitch yes; Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

The next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 11th at 2:00pm.

Public Comment:

Wayne Brugger- the tar saturated asphalt in front of his house has still not been repaired. He asked when the repair will be completed. Adams answered they need to wait until it stops

raining. He has been waiting since 2017 for this repair and has asked numerous times for the repair to be completed.

Gary Schell- Scotch Valley Road is deplorable. Recommended the township apply for a grant, since Scotch Valley Road connects two State Roads and is a main thoroughfare for truck traffic.

Adjournment:

A motion by Lescowitch, seconded by Rohrbach, to adjourn the meeting at 2:47p.m.