

Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes October 2nd, 2018 2:00pm

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors held on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 at the Black Creek Township Municipal Building.

Attendance: Lescowitch, Rohrbach; Adams

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Denise Davis- asks about the survey proposal for Chicks Lane. Engineer Calabrese explains that the topographic survey would be needed to do an engineering plan for Chicks Lane to prepare for drainage and widening the road.

A resident asked if this was put out for bid. Only JTB Surveying was contacted by Engineer Calabrese for a quote.

Minutes:

Chairwoman Adams asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Regular Meetings September 11th, 2018, also the minutes for the special meeting, held September 20th, 2018 at 4:00pm.

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

Financial Report:

Supervisor Rohrbach will give the township's financial report from September 1st, 2018 through September 30th, 2018.

General Fund:	\$183,893.05 (\$22,799.70 of general fund money in escrow for fire)
State Fund:	\$75,116.40
Money Market Account:	\$80,423.77
<u>Total Funds:</u>	\$339,433.22

Alumni Account: \$4,587.79

- 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 Rohrbach seconded by Lescowitch, to approve, table or deny 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 Tohil reports she is co-supporting a bill to ban the use of hand-held cell phones while driving.

The house passed bill 126 which would permit a number of entities (parks, police, daycares, ect.) to stock a supply of EpiPens for use in emergencies.

Township Reports:

Zoning Report: Zoning/Codes Officer Tony Harris- not present and no report submitted, first day was October 1st.

Office hours will be Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am-11:00am

Fire Company: Fire Chief Joe Lescowitch will reviewed the activity report

Emergency Management: Steve Motil- not present

Engineer Report: Township Engineer, Joe Calabrese gave a report

- Soil Testing from Geo-technology Associates was obtained.
- The Topographical Survey was proposed for Chicks Lane. He asked it to be added to the agenda now because the survey is flown and cannot be completed with snow cover.
- Agreement for Tower Road Bridge Project was presented. Once it is signed, it can be started.
- Frontier has not moved their lines, but stated they are supposed to move the lines on October 2nd.

Solicitor: Kevin Walsh, Esq. The township solicitor gave a report.

He asked that the recycling bids be opened and tabled until the other municipalities involved have the opportunity to review the bids.

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

Old Business:

Sewer Authority replacement for George Currilla- no replacement found

Move regular township meeting time to 6:30pm, as requested by the residents with a petition containing 431 signatures.

- A motion was made by Dr. Rohrbach, with no second, to accept the meeting time change to 6:30pm.
- A motion was made by Adams to table the meeting time change, seconded by Lescowitch.
 - Roll Call: Lescowitch yes; Rohrbach no; Adams yes

New Business:

Bid opening for the recycling center contract:

Solomon: \$5.00 fee per ton single stream recycling and \$195 per haul

Solid Waste Service, INC/JP Mascaro and Sons: \$60 per ton single stream and \$825 per haul

- A motion made by Lescowitch, seconded by Rohrbach to table the recycling bids.

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

Chicks Lane:

- Execute the contract with Geo-technology Associates, Inc. to perform Pavement Full Depth Reclamation soil testing and design for 1.54 miles of Chicks Lane and 0.28 miles of Tower Road for a sum of \$5,930.00.
 - A motion made by Rohrbach, seconded by Adams to accept the soil testing and design.
 - Roll Call: Lescowitch yes; Rohrbach yes; Adams yes
- Execute the survey proposal from JTB Surveying and Engineering to perform a Topographic and Existing Feature survey of 1.54 miles of Chicks Lane and 0.28 miles of Tower Road for a sum of \$15,600.00.
- Lescowitch requested additional quotes.
- Dr. Rohrbach asked in lieu of a survey, if the township could do an off right of way agreement. She also stated that the supervisors have not agreed on what method should be used to repair Chicks Lane or if it will be widened.
- Engineer Calabrese stated that the supervisors can also wait until the FDR soil test comes back to make their decision.
 - A motion made by Lescowitch, seconded by Rohrbach to table the topographic survey.
 - Roll Call: Lescowitch yes; Rohrbach yes; Adams yes
 - Dr. Rohrbach asked if they decided if they wanted to widen the road, Adams responded no, Lescowitch didn't know how wide they could go.
 - A resident on Tower Road asked if this type of survey was done on Tower Road; it was not. He complained of flooding on his property which he has complained about, numerous times. The board agreed to have Engineer Calabrese investigate the resident's issue.

Execute the Agreement with Rutledge Excavating, Inc. to perform the site construction associated with the Tower Road Bridge Replacement Project for a sum of \$187,600.00.

- A motion made by Lescowitch, seconded by Rohrbach to accept the agreement.
- Roll Call: Lescowitch yes; Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

Begin process to vacate the "Dump Road" portion of Derringer Street

- A resident asked what this meant and stated she would like to see the road remain open. Dr. Rohrbach explained that the road fell in to such a deplorable state due to lack of maintenance that the township lost liquid fuel money. Dr. Rohrbach also attempted to apply for a grant, which was denied by the other supervisors.
- A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Lescowitch to table initiating the process to vacate this portion of Derringer Street.
- Roll Call: Lescowitch yes; Rohrbach yes; Adams yes

Track/document the expense for each township road

- Rohrbach explained she would like to see a folder kept on each road for material expenses
- A motion made by Rohrbach, with no second, to accept tracking expenses for each township road.
- No Roll call vote followed.
- Lescowitch stated it did not require vote, but could be a change in office procedure.

Received the 2018 Commonwealth state aid allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association of \$13,441.98, which will be turned over to the Nuremberg/Weston Volunteer Fire Co.

The next scheduled Regular Supervisors Meeting will be held on November 13th, 2018 at 2:00pm.

Dr. Rohrbach stated that the road crew hire from last month fell through and the township is seeking a road crew worker with a CDL.

Public Comment:

Dave Knelly- Lives in North Union Township, but on the Black Creek Township line on Pine Street, adjoining Pineapple Street. He is having a problem with water coming down Brush Street, has been in his yard all summer that he cannot even mow his grass. He is concerned that the water may be coming form the water company. Requested the township look at this problem. Adams called the water company yesterday and will look into the problem.

Marsha Cosack- Lives on Hazle and Pineapple Street- has a water problem. There is a culvert which is on Pineapple Street, not Hazle Street, and it does not catch any water, even with heavy rain. She asked countless times for someone to look at this culvert.

Wayne Brugger- Hazle Street. Asked if Adams' call to the water company, yesterday, was in reference to his question last meeting. The water company said that they did not tell Mr. Brugger when they will be replacing the waterline. Mr. Brugger's contention is that they are replacing the pipe section by section instead of the entire line. He would like there to be answers at future meetings to questions asked at a meeting.

Darlen Vanblargan, North Union Twp- Aqua Water applied to Schuylkill to start pumping 288,000 to 300,000 gallons of water daily at a well at the sewer plant in Eagle Rock. Is concerned it may affect residents on the Back Weston Road.

Rick Davis- Asked if the township was covered by errors and omissions insurance, by whom, what the deductible is, and is the township covered if anything illegal happened. Attorney Walsh knows we are covered, but not the specifics. Adams does not know the specifics, but stated it is through H.A. Thompson. Dr. Rohrbach suggested looking at the policy after the meeting to answer the resident's questions.

Donna Lupcho, Weston- After the flood, across from 592 Hazle St, there are large concrete slabs that go across Raccoon Creek which now have holes that are dangerous and need repair. She noted that someone chopped up tree bark and placed it in the holes.

Bob Kapes, Red Fox Lane- requested the township address the ditches and drainage on Red Fox Lane.

Denise Davis, Chick's Lane- Asked if there were bids done for the Hazle Street project, and if there weren't, why not. Attorney Walsh recommended not commenting due to personnel issues and litigation.

Adjournment:

A motion by Lescowitch, seconded by Rohrbach, to adjourn the meeting at 2:51p.m.