

**Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 11th, 2024 at 6:00PM.**

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on  
Thursday, January 11th, 2024 at 6:00PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Attendance:** Roll Call: Cheesman: Present; Yacowatz: Present.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** There is a 5-minute time limit. Please state your name and address. None.

**Minutes:**

The chairman will ask if there are any additions or corrections to the December 7th, 2023 general meeting. None.

A *motion* by Supervisor Yacowatz, seconded by Supervisor Cheesman, to approve the minutes of the December 7th, 2023 general meeting.

All in favor.

<b>Financial Report:</b> December 1 <sup>st</sup> to December 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Interest Rates</b>
<b>Mid Penn General Fund:</b>	\$63,058.90 1.00%
<b>Fire Escrow Account:</b>	\$75.05 1.00%
<b>PLGIT Prime Savings:</b>	\$102.90 PLGIT Yields
<b>PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:</b>	\$175.15 Can Change
	Daily
<b>Total Checking/Savings:</b>	<b>\$63,412.00</b>
<b>PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:</b>	<b>\$5,104.88</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$68,516.88</b>

A *motion* by Supervisor Yacowatz, seconded by Supervisor Cheesman, to approve the financial report.

All in favor.

- Interest accrued on accounts for December will appear on the financial & treasurer's reports in February.

**Bills:** Payment of bills, as presented.

A *motion* by Supervisor Yacowatz, Seconded by Supervisor, 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 Vote:** Cheesman, Yes; Yacowatz Yes.

**Correspondence: None.**

**Reports:**

**Zoning Report:** Zoning/Codes Officer, Henry Mlecynski sent a zoning report which was reviewed by Supervisor Yacowatz.

- Year-end report is attached to this agenda.

**Fire Company:** Fire Chief Joe Lescowitch submitted an activity report which was reviewed by Bob.

**Emergency Management:** William Singley Jr. submitted a report which was reviewed by Chairman Yacowatz.

**Roadmaster Report:** Submitted by Former Supervisor Rohrbach for December, which was reviewed by Supervisor Cheesman.

Supervisor Cheesman gave acknowledgement to John Ross for how clean the garage is and for coming out to plow on his vacation time. Supervisor Yacowatz also gave his acknowledgement and thanks to those who helped with downed trees during the recent rain storm.

**Old Business:**

**1. Employees Raises:**

Determined by employee evaluations:

**Jennifer Hall - \$4.00 Per Hour**

**John Ross – 3% Raise**

A motion made by Supervisor Yacowatz and seconded by Supervisor Cheesman to give the above-mentioned raises.

All in Favor.

**2. Annual Resolution for Tax Mills**

A *motion* by Supervisor Yacowatz, seconded by Supervisor Cheesman, to approve the annual resolution to set the tax millage rate to 0.72% mills for the year 2024.

All in favor.

**New Business:**

**3. Appoint Township Supervisor**

A *motion* by Supervisor Yacowatz; *Seconded* by Supervisor Cheesman, to appoint Dennis Feerrar as Township Supervisor.

All in Favor.

**4. Appoint Secretary/Treasurer**

A *motion* by Supervisor Yacowatz, *Seconded* by Supervisor Cheesman, to appoint Dennis Feerrar as Secretary/Treasurer.

All in Favor.

**5. Open 2024 Budget**

*A motion* by Supervisor Yacowatz; *Seconded* by Supervisor Cheesman, to approve opening of budget for 2024.

All in Favor.

**6. Open Plow Bid Contract for 2024**

*A motion* by Supervisor Yacowatz; *Seconded* by Supervisor Cheesman to approve the opening of a plow bid contract for 2024.

All in Favor.

**7. Hire 2 Road Crew Members**

*A motion* by Supervisor Yacowatz; *Seconded* by Supervisor Cheesman to approve, the hiring of 2 new road crew members.

All in Favor.

**8. Amend Ordinance No. 1 of 1997, to raise Tax Collector Compensation for real estate and duplicate bills from \$10.00 each to \$20.00 each.**

*A motion* by Supervisor Yacowatz; *Seconded* by Supervisor Cheesman to approve the amending of Ordinance No. 1 of 1997 to raise the tax collector compensation for real estate and duplicate bills.

All in Favor.

\*Solicitor Karpowich made a comment stating that this will need to be done by Resolution and that if it needs to be done by ordinance, he will advertise it for next month's meeting.

**9. Outstanding Road Crew Jobs List Submitted by Former Supervisor which was reviewed by Supervisor Chairman Yacowatz.**

- "List of Outstanding Jobs:

**Urgent**- line modified berms with R4 along Chick's Lane ASAP

Mountain Laurel Trail needs rip rap in ditches where they are too deep

Culvert Box on Hazle Street in Nuremberg- needs a resident's connecting pipe to be repaired. Resident is responsible for pipe outside of right of way.

Use the tar kettle to crack seal cracks in the roads, as well as any paving joints from seams or patches, over the winter.

Fill large pot hole on Main Street in Weston

Repair shoulders/berms and clean ditches on Tower Road. These were damaged in the 12/18/23 storm.

Order and spread additional **certified playground mulch** at park. The nature trail could use a touch up of regular mulch, in a few spots.

Temporarily repair Center St in Weston, until Spring. Should be reclaimed and paved, at the same time as Derringer St.

Patch holes in township, this is done multiple times a year, throughout the year.

John Krevenko would like dirt removed from along Tower Road, below his house. It is encroaching his property. Call him for more info.

**Spring time:**

Power wash and seal Derringer St bridge **spring of 2024**. Could not be done in 2023 because the concrete needed more time to cure. The contractor who restored the bridge can provide this service, Native Habitat Restoration.

**Additional info:**

The contract with Benjamin Reality was not renewed, to lease the old office. This is so the new board can decide what they would like to do, with the space.

**\* ALL TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT NEED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE TO BE COMPLETED OVER THE WINTER"**

**\*Spring time list was reviewed by Supervisor Cheesman and he stated that the list will be reevaluated.**

**10. Working Supervisors**

A *motion* by Supervisor Yacowatz, *Seconded* by Supervisor Cheesman to approve working supervisors to work for the township on a three-tier pay scale – Heavy Equipment Operator, Laborer and secretarial work. Auditors to set pay scale in special meeting.

All in Favor.

**\*Review Public Comment** from last meeting. (December Meeting, if any)

**Public Comment:** There is a 5-minute time limit. Please state your name and address.

Mr. Feerrar inquired to see if we will be renewing the agility contract with PennDot. Supervisor Cheesman stated he wasn't aware what it was. Mr. Feerrar explained that we would clean their access areas, Supervisor Cheesman followed by saying intersections. Mr. Feerrar then finished by saying that in return, PennDot would paint our lines on our roads for us. The Supervisors took note to look into that.

**Adjournment:** A *motion* by Supervisor Yacowatz, seconded by Supervisor Cheesman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14p.m. All in favor.

All reports and correspondence covered during this regular meeting are available for review at the front table. If you would like a copy, one can be provided after the conclusion of the meeting.