

**Black Creek Township Supervisors General Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 2, 2023**  
**The Pledge of Allegiance**

The General Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Thursday, February 2, 2023, was brought to order at 6:00 PM.

**Attendance:** Roll Call; Lupcho, Rohrbach, Tombasco; Present

**Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.**

**Special Session: Rock Glen Pool**

- Questions were raised about the pool but no one had ideas about how to restore the pool and keep it open.
- Supervisor Tombasco shared her idea about making it an asset to the Township such as a gazebo and a sitting area. She also is looking into grants.
- Lori Webster shared that she thought a pond installed in its place would be a good idea.
- Supervisor Rohrbach shared that it is possible to reclaim the stream that is underneath the pool, however, the pool would not be able to remain there.
- Solicitor Sean Logsdon shared that he sees a lot of municipalities have to shut down their community pools, including Scranton. He also shared that he thinks that if the pool would open, there would have to be a municipal authority specifically for the pool.
- Andrew Harabin Sr. suggested to fill it in, plant a garden, and use the pond water to water the plants.
- Supervisor Tombasco mentioned that she is going to call DCNR to run some of the ideas past them.

**Duly Advertised Public Hearing:**

**1. Amending the Code of Ordinances as it relates to licenses in Chapter 6**

- Solicitor Sean Logsdon reviewed the proposed amendment.

**Public Comment on Duly Advertised Public Hearing:**

- Denise Davis asked about those who pave driveways and then ask the neighbors if they would like to have their driveway paved as well. Solicitor Logsdon said they would need to register to do so.
- Andy Harabin Sr. asked if someone wanted to have a weekly yard sale or a lemonade stand, would they be required to have a permit. Solicitor Sean Logsdon and Supervisor Rohrbach stated that these amendments do not apply to those situations.

**Minutes:**

The chairwoman will ask if there are any additions or corrections to the January 3<sup>rd</sup> general meeting.

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Tombasco, to approve the minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup> general meeting.

All in favor.

The chairwoman will ask if there are any additions or corrections to the January 3<sup>rd</sup> reorganization meeting.

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Tombasco to approve the minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup> reorganization meeting.

All in favor.

**Financial Report:** January 1 to January 31, 2023

BB&T/Truist General Fund: \$239,068.24 (Includes Low Vol. Pk. St. Grant \$59,600.00)

Fire Escrow Account:	\$14,000.00
PLGIT Prime Savings:	\$84,183.22
PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:	\$221.03
Fed Shared Revenue Entitle-ARPA:	<u>\$194,290.13</u>
Total Checking/Savings:	\$531,762.62
PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:	<u>\$5,528.92</u>
Total:	<u>\$537,291.54</u>

A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Lupcho to approve the financial report.

All in favor.

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

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, to approve the bills as presented, and to pay any and all bills in all funds that become due before the next general meeting.

**Roll Call Vote:** Lupcho; Yes, Rohrbach; Yes, Tombasco; Yes.

**Correspondence:**

Supervisor Rohrbach and Supervisor Lupcho reviewed the following correspondence:

1. **A thank you card from a resident in regards to the municipal staff helping to get PennDOT out on Tomhicken Road to clean up garbage and question about what can be done about garbage dumping on the road.**
2. **Notice from Hazleton Generation about a cleaned-up oil spill.**

## **Reports:**

-Zoning Report: Zoning/Codes Officer, Ed Wenger, was absent and sent a zoning report which was reviewed by Supervisor Rohrbach.

-Fire Company: Fire Chief Joe Lescowitch was absent and a report was reviewed by Carl Rittenhouse.

-Emergency Management: William Singley Jr. was absent and sent a report which was reviewed by Supervisor Rohrbach.

-Engineer's Report: Supervisor Rohrbach shared the recent work the engineers have been doing.

-Roadmaster Report: Chairwoman Rohrbach reviewed the report.

## **Old Business:**

### **1. Amending the Black Creek Township Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 15, in relation to supplemental regulations for specific uses.**

*A motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to table amending the Black Creek Township Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 15, in relation to supplemental regulations for specific uses.

All in favor.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Full-Time Road Crew**

*A motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to approve ratifying the hiring of David Moses as a full-time road crew member at \$22 an hour.

All in favor.

### **2. Part – Time Secretary**

*A motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho to approve, ratifying the hiring of Amorette Barr as part-time secretary at \$15.00 per hour.

All in favor.

### **3. Raise for Part-Time Secretary**

*A motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to approve raising Rachel Lipski's pay per hour to \$16.50.

All in favor.

### **4. Current Grants**

- Golf Course Road DCED MTF Grant
  - The Township is trying to make this road safe overall and to make it safer for the Sugarloaf Golf Course's patrons.
- Barnes Run Box Culvert LSA Grant for Golf Course Road
  - The Township applied for additional funding for this project since it needs much more money to be completed than initially thought.

- These grants have not been awarded yet due to both agencies canceling their meetings that they have every other month. The earliest that the Township will know the results of these grant applications is March.

**5. Update on Old Office Building at 1330 Park Street**

- Supervisor Rohrbach shared that once the food pantry had relocated, the Township has been repairing the building. They laid new flooring, painted the walls, updated the lighting, cleaned the building, got the roof repaired. She also shared that one of the fixtures had melted wires with dripping oil and that it could have caught on fire at any time. She stressed that it is important to check on things and to not let them fall into disrepair.

**6. Stormwater Management Plan for 414 North Huron Circle**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve the stormwater management plan for 414 North Huron Circle as reviewed and approved by Lehigh Engineering.

All in favor.

**7. Resolution for 2023 tax millage.**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to approve ratifying Resolution No. 3 of 2023 as approved by motion at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Reorganization Meeting to keep the tax mills at the rate of .72000.

All in favor.

**8. Amending the Black Creek Township Code of Ordinances as it relates to licenses in Chapter 6**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho to approve amending the Black Creek Township Code of Ordinances as it relates to licenses in Chapter 6.

All in favor.

**9. Invitation for Quotes/Bids for Chevrolet Work Truck**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to approve, ratifying the advertisement for quotes/bids for a 2022 or 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD, regular cab (bench seat), 6-speed automatic, 4WD, with plow mount, work truck.

All in favor.

**10. Chevrolet Work Truck Quotes/Bids**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho to accept the price from Bonner Chevrolet, in the amount of \$45,289.00 for the 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD, regular cab (bench seat), 6-speed automatic, 4WD, with plow mount, work truck.

All in favor.

### **11. Derringer Bridge Rehabilitation Project: The Resurfacing of the Derringer Bridge**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to accept advertising to put the Derringer Bridge Rehabilitation Project out for bid.

All in favor.

**Review Public Comment from last meeting: None.**

#### **Supervisor Comment:**

- Supervisor Rohrbach shared that there are two furnaces in the building even though there is not a need for two furnaces. She shared that the building will need to have two new thermostats installed to regulate the heat better than before. She said that it will cost the Township almost \$1,300.00.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Bonnie Supon from Weston asked about the delay in Sugarloaf Ambulance renewals. Supervisor Rohrbach shared that the Township is not affiliated with the Sugarloaf Ambulance and Loni Supon should call them.
- Bob Schoppe from Mountain Grove, involved with the Sugarloaf Ambulance shared that they have not sent the bills out yet.
- Andrew Harabin Sr. from Weston shared that he would like to make an appeal to the zoning hearing board for a permit to keep his shipping container on his property. Supervisor Rohrbach shared that he should file a formal appeal at the office. Solicitor Logsdon told him that he should file within the appeal period given to him on his notice that he received from the zoning and codes officer.
- Joyce Knies from Sugarloaf shared her appreciation for Supervisor Rohrbach and all of the work that she has put into the Township.
- Andrew Harabin Sr. questioned why his son, Andrew Harabin Jr., was being charged with a violation in regards to the shipping container. Supervisor Rohrbach told him that he should have come to the office when he realized that his case was filed wrong. Solicitor Logsdon explained that the zoning officer has to enforce the zoning ordinance, he operates separately from the supervisors. He also told Andrew Harabin Sr., that he needs to go through the permitting and appeals process and this is out of the supervisors' hands.
- Carolyn Morgan from Sugarloaf asked why there is an ordinance for prevention of shipping containers. Supervisor Rohrbach shared that there were many complaints about shipping containers. Sharon Rohrbach was on the planning commission at the time that the ordinance was instituted. She said that shipping containers have to be certified that they do not have any chemicals or invasive species.

- Nick Chipolet asked about Gerald Gruver not being grandfathered into the shipping container ordinance, when he believes that he should be. Supervisor Rohrbach stated that Gerald Gruver had to move it and he did.
- Josh Winters from Black Creek asked if there are any ordinances that are going to be looked at in the future. Supervisor Rohrbach shared that it is just the animal ordinance right now and that it is taking time.
- Mary Catherine Bachman from Bloomsburg shared that she would appreciate if the Township would lessen the acreage to raise chickens, possibly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre.

**Next Regular Meeting**

- The next Regular Meeting will take place on **Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Final Announcement(s)**

- None.

**Adjournment:**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Tombasco, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

All in favor.