

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

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

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

Duly Advertised Public Hearing:

1. Vacating of Walnut Street and Mountain Street

- Solicitor Sean Logsdon and Brian Rebarchak explained the proposed ordinance. Solicitor Logsdon also explained the legal term of “paper streets” in relation to the vacating of Walnut Street and Mountain Street. Supervisor Rohrbach shared that Brian Rebarchak is paying for the cost of this ordinance.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Minutes:

A *motion* by, Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to approve the minutes of the February 2nd general meeting.

All in favor.

(Copies are available on the front table, for public review)

Financial Report: February 1 to February 28, 2023

BB&T/Truist General Fund: \$232,494.36 (Includes Low Vol. Pk. St. Grant \$31,988.00)

Fire Escrow Account: \$14,000.00

PLGIT Prime Savings: \$29,574.76

PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels: \$7.35

Fed Shared Revenue Entitle-ARPA: \$195,039.20

Total Checking/Savings: \$471,115.67

PLGIT Alumni Assoc.: \$5,548.44

Total: \$476,664.11

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. Major Permit Modification for Hazleton Area Water Co. (HAWC)**
- 2. Friends of the Nescopeck Earth Day Clean-Up**
- 3. Sugarloaf Ambulance Subscription Update**

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 Tombasco, 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. Ordinance for the vacating of Walnut Street and Mountain Street**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho to approve, vacating Walnut Street and Mountain Street.

All in Favor.

- 2. New Monkey Bars for Rock Glen Park**

- **\$500 Donation from the Twin County Lions Club**

- 3. Park Street Box Culvert Update**

- Supervisor Rohrbach explained that the box culvert has arrived and that the installation will start soon.

4. Western Star Truck in Production

- Supervisor Rohrbach gave an update that the truck is in transit to the body shop.

5. 2023 Chevrolet 2500 Silverado Work Truck

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to approve, ratifying the adjusted price for the 2023 Chevrolet 2500 Silverado Work Truck from \$54,933.00 to \$54,739.00.

All in Favor.

6. Hiring of a Temporary Part-time Secretary for Record Retention

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve ratifying the hiring of Jennifer Hall at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.

All in Favor.

7. Liquid Fuels/Turnback Maintenance

- Liquid Fuels Payment - \$118,744.81
- Turnback Maintenance - \$20,680.00

8. Changing the Depository Bank for the Township General Fund from Truist (Formerly BB&T) to Mid Penn Bank

A *motion* by: Supervisor Lupcho, seconded by: Supervisor Rohrbach, to approve changing the depository bank for the Township General Fund from Truist (formerly BB&T) to Mid Penn Bank.

All in Favor.

9. Place 2007 Chevy 2500 on Municibid to sell.

A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by, Supervisor Tombasco, to approve, placing the truck on Municibid.

All in favor.

10. Knelly v. Black Creek Township Zoning Hearing Board

- No. 2022-02387 Order and Decision by the Honorable Fred A. Pierantoni. Judge Pierantoni affirmed the decision of the Black Creek Township Zoning Hearing Board and denied and dismissed the appeal of Wayne and Judy Knelly. The decision and order is available to the public to view, on the meeting table.

Review Public Comment from last meeting: None.

Supervisor Comment:

- Supervisor Rohrbach shared that the Nuremberg Fire Company is selling house numbers for fundraising. Carl Rittenhouse shared that the fire company also has a breakfast on the first Sunday of the month as well as a hoagie sell.

Public Comment:

- Sharon Rohrbach wanted to thank Supervisor Lupcho for the hard work and effort that she put into running for supervisor to better the Township.
- Denise Davis wanted to thank Supervisor Rohrbach for all of the hours that she puts into the Township. She also thanked John Ross and the road crew for the good work that they are doing on Chicks Lane.
- Carl Rittenhouse shared that if any resident needed food assistance, to come to the Black Creek United Methodist Church for the food pantry.
- Supervisor Rohrbach shared that the old office building, 1330 Park Street, is available for rent.
- Andy Harabin Sr. asked if the Supervisors would change the ordinance regarding shipping containers. Supervisor Rohrbach told him that there were people that were complaining about shipping containers which is why the ordinance was made. Andy Harabin was told that he should have come to the office to see if he needed a permit like everyone else in the Township.

Next Regular Meeting

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

Final Announcement(s)

- Supervisor Rohrbach shared that the fact that she and the other supervisors do not take any pay for their work is rare and saving money for the Township. She said that it is hard to find people to run who do not have their own agenda.

Adjournment:

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Lupcho, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

All in favor.