

# Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 6:00 pm

## Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, was held, Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

- Attendance: Roll Call: Davis; Present, Rohrbach; Present, Adams; Absent
- Also in attendance is our Solicitor, Attorney Matt Turowski

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

### Minutes:

The chairwoman asked if there are any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Supervisors Meeting, held on March 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

- A motion by: Rick Davis, seconded by: Saura Rohrbach, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2021, as presented.
- All in favor.

### Financial Report:

BB&T General Fund:	\$179,625.15
PLGIT Prime Savings:	82,722.89
PLGIT Checking:	<u>\$117,235.01</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<u>\$379,583.05</u>

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PLGIT Alumni Assoc.: 5,949.68

- A motion by: Saura Rohrbach, seconded by: Rick Davis to approve the financial report.
- All in favor.

### Bills:

Payment of the bills, as presented.

- A motion by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, 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: Davis, yes; Rohrbach, yes

### Correspondence:

 read by Rick Davis

-Tarah Toohil wants to remind everyone of the statewide opening of trout season, and to tell us that there are an additional 16 state parks open.

-Senator John Gordner has formed a bipartisan Senate special committee on election integrity and reform. He invites all Americans to go to his website, take the election survey, and share their 2020 election experience.

-Income tax due date has been extended to May 17, 2021.

### Reports:

-The Zoning Report: Chairperson Rohrbach reported that since the last meeting, the Township's Zoning/Codes Officer, Carl Faust has resigned. We went to our *alternate Zoning/Codes Officer, Larry Frace* who is also our commercial and residential Building Inspector. Dr. Rohrbach proceeded to read the Zoning Report, submitted by Larry Frace.

-Fire Company Report by Joe Lescowitch: No report submitted

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- Engineer Report: Engineer Jason Snyder; No report submitted
- The Roadmasters Report, was read and reviewed by Chairperson/Roadmaster Rohrbach

#### **Old Business:**

- None

#### **New Business:**

-The Township had passed a **Resolution for the \$200,000.00 LSA Grant for the Barnes Run Box Culvert**, sometime in November, 2020. However, the secretary at the time, who is no longer with us, must have misplaced it, because it is nowhere to be found.

- A motion by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, to adopt the Resolution for the \$200,000.00 LSA Grant for the Barnes Run Box Culvert.
- All in favor.

-Supervisor Rohrbach spent several days thoroughly reviewing the Township's *personnel policy*, to revise it, and it is on the table for review

- A motion by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, to pass a **Resolution** to adopt the revised personnel policy.
- All in favor.

-Full Time Road Crew Worker

- A motion by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Davis to hire Chris Lutsky at \$21.00 per hour, as a full-time road crew laborer.
- All in favor.

-The Township will be participating in the "Keep America Beautiful" clean-up this year. It will take place on Saturday, April 24, Residents can pick up the necessary supplies for the clean-up, at the Township.

-2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary – Supervisor Davis headed the discussion, explaining about how the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment gives Americans the right to protect all of the other amendments. And the fact that here in PA, 5 of our 67 counties, 13 of our townships, and 4 of our boroughs are now 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuaries. Tarah Toohil has sent information that we asked for regarding this subject, to the Township. A Township can become a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary by Ordinance or Resolution. Solicitor Turowski was asked to help the Township to decide whether or not it would be feasible, or even a good idea, to become a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary, by reviewing an ordinance which was also reviewed by Scott Coburn (PSATS attorney), to give his recommendations, once he investigates the subject. Also, the PA Gun Owners Association is introducing a bill called the "Right to Keep and Bear Arms Act." Becoming a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary does not mean that gun owners can break any firearm laws, it only means that we stand with the right to bear arms, exactly as stated in the Constitution; that we don't want to agree to the enforcement of removing firearms from the American people. We would be able to stand with our police, if/when they refuse to enforce new laws being passed, saying that they can and will confiscate our weapons.

- A motion by Saura Rohrbach, seconded by Rick Davis, to cancel the next Work Session, scheduled for April 21, 2021, at 10:00 am.  
All in favor.

#### **Review Public Comment from last meeting:**

- Kim Huff spoke at the last meeting, regarding her concerns for the shooting occurring at Red Rock Lodge. The new Zoning Codes Officer has been helping to look into the issue, along with 2 township employees.
- Jim Slusser complained about the burning at M&J Excavation; Supervisor Davis went over to the site immediately after the meeting, and nothing was found burning. Jim Slusser never did send pictures, and

would not answer emails. Since the township cannot trespass, Mr. Slusser was asked if the Zoning/Codes Officer would be able to access Mr. Slusser's property to see the burning for ourselves. But, again, no answer. A few days later, he finally copied the Township on an email that he sent to the DEP with a couple of Facebook live video links. Supervisor Rohrbach was able to view a video of the burning, and take some screen shots so that the Township could finally have pictures. The complaint is now being processed.

\*The Township stressed how very important it is to have documentation, pictures, etc., as that is really the only way to move forward with a complaint. Proof of the wrongdoing is crucial.

- The Alumni Association came and picked up their yearbooks.

-The Township has been receiving calls about street sweeping. Conyngham Borough will hopefully be sweeping the streets, the end of the month.

**Public Comment:** There is a 5-minute limit. Please *state and spell your Name and Residence* and stand at your seat:

- Jim Bobeck introduced himself- he is running for Judge. Judge Bobeck said that he is running on his qualifications of integrity; he has worked as a Judge for 11 years, over 10,000 cases, over 1,000 opinions issued. Attorney Bobeck says that he stands for law and order. Currently a really important issue is about protection for our police.
- Donna Lupcho then introduced herself and said that she's running for Supervisor, here at Black Creek Township. She will donate her stipend to non-profits/charities. She wants to give her services to the Township, in hopes of making it a better place.
- Supervisor Davis announced that he has just been appointed as the Republic Committee Chairman for Black Creek Township. Pennsylvania is in need of members of the Republican Committee which is open to the public. It starts with us, at the Township level.

**Adjournment:**

- A motion by: Dr. Rohrbach, seconded by: Rick Davis, to adjourn the meeting at: 6:38 p.m.
- All in favor.