

**Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 13th, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on
Thursday, June 13th, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: NONE

Minutes:

The chairman will ask if there are any additions or corrections to the May 9th Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 28th Special meeting minutes.

A *motion* by Supervisor Feerrar, seconded by Supervisor Cheesman, to approve the minutes of the May 9th regular meeting and minutes from the special meeting on May 28th.

All in favor: Yes.

Supervisor Feerrar went over the financial report

Financial Report: May 1st to May 31st	Interest Rates
Mid Penn General Fund:	\$217,082.65 1.00%
Fire Escrow Account:	\$380.78 1.00%
PLGIT Prime Savings:	\$120.10 PLGIT Yields
PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:	\$121,822.00 Can Change On A Daily Basis
Total Checking/Savings:	\$339,405.53
PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:	\$5,065.81
Total:	\$344,471.34

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

All in favor: Yes.

Bills: Payment of bills, as presented.

A *motion* by Supervisor Cheesman, seconded by Supervisor Feerrar, 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; Feerrar: Yes.

Correspondence:

- Jason Snyder & Associates invoice and description of work.
*Solicitor Karpowich mentioned that he and the Supervisors had an executive session regarding Jason Snyder. He inquired to Saura Rohrbach about it and they agreed to discuss after the meeting.
- Tank road closure.
*Supervisor Cheesman reviewed all details about the Tank Road closure.

Reports:

Zoning Report: Supervisor Yacowatz reviewed the Zoning report.

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

Emergency Management: Supervisor Yacowatz reviewed the EMC report and there was nothing to report for May.

Roadmaster Report: Supervisor Cheesman reviewed the Roadmaster Report.

*Supervisor Cheesman also mentioned about the fuel costs and the savings with switching to M&J Fuel.

Recreation Committee Report: Cinnamon Hill gave a report.

Recycling Report: Supervisor Feerrar reviewed the recycling report.

Gary Houseknecht gave an update on the Food Pantry and the numbers regarding food donations and food distributions

Old Business: NONE

New Business:**1. Promoting Raymond Adams from Part-time to Full Time Road Crew**

A *motion* by Supervisor Cheesman, *seconded* by Supervisor Feerrar to approve promoting Raymond Adams from part-time road crew member to full time road crew.

All in favor: Yes.

2. Raise for Raymond Adams

A *motion* by Supervisor Cheesman, *seconded* by Supervisor Feerrar to approve a raise for Raymond Adams to a rate of \$22.00 an hour.

All in favor: Yes.

3. Bank account signatories

A *motion* by Supervisor Feerrar, *seconded* by Supervisor Cheesman to approve removal of former township members and secretary as signatories from Township's Truist credit card account; Saura Rohrbach, Donna Lupcho and Rachel Lipski.

A motion by Supervisor Cheesman, seconded by Supervisor Feerrar to give Randy Yacowatz, Chairman, the executorship of the Black Creek Township financial accounts and the authorization to access or initiate changes regarding the Truist credit card account. Supervisor Yacowatz, newly appointed Chairman, and the township Secretary Jennifer Hall, will act as additional signatories granted the ability to act on behalf of the Township as the official signatories for the Townships accounts.

All in favor: Yes.

4. Advertising revised Zoning Ordinance

A *motion* by Supervisor Cheesman, *seconded* by Supervisor Feerrar to approve the solicitor advertise the revised zoning ordinance for a public hearing and forward to Luzerne County Planning Commission and local Planning Committee for review and recommendation.

All in favor: Yes.

5. Swilp Minor Subdivision

A *motion* by Supervisor Feerrar, *seconded* by Supervisor Cheesman to approve the Swilp Minor Subdivision as recommended by the Black Creek Township Planning Committee.

All in favor: Yes.

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

Mr. Allan Roeder from Seiwel Lane had a question on agenda item#4 with revising the zoning ordinances. Solicitor Karpowich informed him that the Zoning Ordinance is just being updated. He said that there will be a public meeting before official update of ordinances for the public to discuss and review. Mr. Roeder was concerned due to rumors circulating on the Concerned Citizens Facebook page. Solicitor Karpowich reassured that nothing is changing with our Zoning map and our Zoning districts. It is only an update of the Zoning Ordinance for the Township to give it a good update and reassured that once complete, it will be up for review for residents to look at and comment. Mr. Roeder then inquired about how we go about our banking and who we use. Solicitor Karpowich brought up a point that we should probably look around at other banks for good rates. Supervisor Feerrar mentioned that we use Mid Penn.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on Thursday July 11th at 6:00PM

Adjournment: A *motion* by Supervisor Feerrar seconded by Supervisor Cheesman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35p.m. All in favor.