

Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Thursday, July 1, 2021 will now come to order.

Attendance: Roll Call: Davis; Yes, Rohrbach; Present, Adams; Absent._

Public Comment on Agenda Items: NONE

Minutes:

Chairperson Rohrbach asked if there are any additions or corrections to the June Meeting Minutes.

A ***motion*** by: Supervisor Davis, seconded by: Supervisor Rohrbach, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, as presented.

All in favor.

Financial Report: June 1st to June 30, 2021

BB&T General Fund:	\$307,285.34
PLGIT Prime Savings:	82,731.83
<u>PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:</u>	<u>99,092.56</u>
Total Checking/Savings:	\$489,109.73
<u>PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:</u>	<u>\$ 5,449.88</u>
Total:	\$494,559.61

A ***motion*** by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, to approve the financial report.
All in favor.

Bills:

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: Supervisor Davis, Yes; Supervisor Rohrbach, Yes.

Correspondence:

Supervisor Davis advised residents to be careful and considerate of each other this 4th of July, and gave the www.511pa.com website address for those who plan to travel for the holiday.

The Supervisors discussed a Bill in the House presently, regarding Supervisors and their attendance at meetings. Should the Law pass, Supervisors would be required to attend meetings in order to be paid.

Reports:

Zoning Report: Zoning/Codes Officer, Sonny Kelchner reviewed the zoning report, as he is present.

Fire Company: No report provided by Fire Chief Joe Lescowitch, as he is absent.

Emergency Management: Supervisor Rohrbach read Steve Motil's emergency management report, as Steve is absent.

Engineer Report: Will be discussed under “New Business,” and Jason Snyder is absent.

Roadmaster Report: Supervisor Rohrbach read the roadmaster’s report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Updates by Supervisor Rohrbach:

-complaints received by the township, regarding the pool’s closure, were addressed. The pool wasn’t properly repaired or maintained for many years, causing its’ current state of disrepair. It is not compliant with filtration systems, pool decks, and much more. In order to fix the pool correctly, it needs to be completely redone, which is not affordable, at this time. It was reiterated that the pool was not winterize properly in 2019, under the care of Supervisor Adams, which caused extensive damage. Supervisor Rohrbach did have the pool winterized in the fall of 2020, to prevent any further damage.

-The roads were swept – Conyngham was unable to help the Township sweep the streets, due to circumstances beyond anyone’s control. Instead, a street sweeper was rented. The street sweeper company allowed the Township to keep the sweeper for an additional week, due to the fact that it arrived to the Township late, and had many mechanical problems, of which some were repaired by that company. The Township is in the process of trying to get the bill, which runs about \$4,000.00, reduced.

-Sugarloaf Ambulance Company said that they sent the subscriptions out in March, but that many were returned for no apparent reason. Therefore, the Township was given a bunch of subscriptions, which are here, for the asking.

-The township applied for the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Grant

- The township was **awarded a grant for \$120,000.00** for the Trout Unlimited-Park Street Box Culvert replacement. This will be done next year, after all of the paperwork, the DEP permit, etc. has been completed.

A ***motion*** by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Davis, to cancel the next **Work Session**, scheduled for Wednesday (the 3rd Wednesday of the month), July 21, 2021, at 10:00 am.
All in favor.

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

-Robert Harker from 646 Hazle St., Weston; discussed Raccoon Creek which floods all of the time, because there is no overflow. A discussion ensued.

-Kim Huff and Linda Yurish asked for an update on the Red Rock Lodge complaint, and Sonny (Zoning/Codes Officer) explained that the Township’s solicitor, Attorney Turowski, would be meeting with Larry Frace (Zoning/Codes Officer) tomorrow, Friday, July 2, to discuss this issue further.

-Janet Kudrick from Winfield Village by Five Points, spoke regarding the lack of reporting by fire Chief Lescowitch, each month. It was explained that the Township actually pays a lot of money (\$5,735.00) for the firehouse’s workers compensation, as well as the insurance for their fleet of vehicles, each year. And that although the Township could choose not to pay these expenses, or choose to use another fire company which would cause a longer response time for its’ residents, Black Creek Township has decided to do what is in the best interest of the residents, and continue to use the Nuremberg-Weston Volunteer Co.

-Donna Lupcho of Weston asked about the number of people residing in Black Creek Township. Supervisor Rohrbach stated that according to the 2010 census, approximately 2000 people reside here, and about 800 are registered to vote.

-Robert Harker of 646 Hazle St., Weston, asked if the Township's 911 agency, and its emergency services would be going to higher quality standards, as most others are? Supervisor Rohrbach stated that, that would be a question for Schuylkill and Luzerne Counties 911, as the Township has no control over that.

Adjournment:

A ***motion*** by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.
All in favor.