

**Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 11th, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on
Thursday, July 11th, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 13th regular meeting.

A Motion by: Supervisor Feerrar

Seconded by: Supervisor Cheesman

All in favor: Yes.

*Supervisor Feerrar reviewed financial report.

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Correspondence: Supervisor Feerrar reviewed the email from external auditor regarding 2023 Audit.

Financial Report: June 1st to June 30th		Interest Rates
Mid Penn General Fund:	\$203,117.89	1.00%
Fire Escrow Account:	\$381.07	1.00%
PLGIT Prime Savings:	\$105.73	PLGIT Yields
PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:	\$118,629.34	Can Change On A Daily Basis
Total Checking/Savings:	\$323,631.51	
PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:	\$5,087.06	
Total:	\$328,718.57	

A motion to approve the financial report.

A motion by: Supervisor Feerrar

Seconded by: Supervisor Cheesman.

All in favor: Yes.

Bills:

A motion to approve the bills as presented, and pay any, and all bills in all funds that become due before the next regular meeting.

A motion by: Supervisor Feerrar

Seconded by: Supervisor Yacowatz

All in favor: Yes.

Reports:

Zoning Report: Supervisor Yacowatz reviewed the zoning report.

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

Emergency Management: Nothing significant to report.

Roadmaster Report: Supervisor Cheesman reviewed the Roadmaster Report and gave an update on the condition and partial closure of Line St. in Weston.

Recreation Committee Report: Cinnamon Hill gave a report.

Recycling Report: Supervisor Feerrar reviewed the report.

6 Month Financial Report: Supervisor Ferrar reviewed 6-month financial report.

Food Pantry report: Carl Rittenhouse gave a review to everyone for the Food Pantry.

Old Business:

1. Swilp Subdivision

A motion to approve the Swilp Subdivision as recommended by the Black Creek Township Planning Committee.

A motion by: Supervisor Feerrar

Seconded by: Supervisor Cheesman

All in favor: Yes.

New Business:

1. Hiring of Part-time Worker

A motion to approve hiring Part-time worker, Adam Olivieri, at a rate of \$10.00 an hour.

A Motion by: Supervisor Feerrar.

Seconded by: Supervisor Cheesman.

All in favor: Yes.

2. Appoint Alternate Engineer

A motion to appoint RJD Engineering as alternate Engineer.

A motion by Supervisor Feerrar.

Seconded by Supervisor Cheesman.

All in favor: Yes.

3. Solicitor to Advertise the Repeal of the ATV Ordinance

A motion to have the solicitor advertise to repeal the ATV Ordinance.

A motion by Supervisor Feerrar.

Seconded by Supervisor Cheesman.

All in favor: Yes.

4. Twin County Lions Club Donation

Supervisor Yacowatz gave thanks to the Twin County Lions Club for their annual donation of \$500.00 to the Rock Glen Park.

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

Ms. Rhonda from Siewell Lane had a comment about the bridge on Chick's Lane wondering what is going to happen to it. Supervisor Cheesman answered her question by informing everyone that the Supervisors had a phone call with Christian Goetz from PennDOT and inquired about the bridge. Chris Goetz informed them that the bridge could belong to the county and that is why Chicks Lane was done in that way. Ms. Saura Rohrbach confirmed that it does belong to the county and gave information behind the situation with the bridge on Chicks Lane. The Supervisors and Solicitor Karpowich discussed it and then concluded that they will follow up with the county. Ms. Rhonda also pointed out the rain runoff off the mountain and the drainage on Siewell Lane.

Mrs. Cathy Tombasco had a comment to clarify the pay scale that the Auditors assigned to the Supervisors. She informed the Supervisors that the pay scale and job titles were given to the Auditors by them, the Supervisors, and the Auditors addressed it accordingly. She read the minutes from the meeting on January 11th to prove so. Supervisor Feerrar responded that after he was appointed, the auditors did not have a meeting to set his wage as Secretary/Treasurer. To which he followed up with the agenda item from the Auditor's meeting in May. Solicitor Karpowich interjected to resolve the situation that the Auditors did have the understanding that Supervisor Feerrar's wage was set with both titles Secretary and Treasurer in mind.

Mr. Wayne Brugger from Hazle Street in Nuremburg had a comment about the lines being painted on the Nuremburg Mtn Road. He had a concern about the white lines to know where the edge of the road is. Supervisor Feerrar informed him about him working with PennDOT on an agility contract where we, the township, would plow the main roads in the winter and PennDOT would paint the lines on the roads for us. Mr. Brugger asked Supervisor Cheesman about Weston's roads. Supervisor Cheesman let him know that we are focusing more on Weston at this point in time.

Mrs. Vicki Harman had a comment about Hilltop Rd getting patched because it is a newly done road. She felt it as a waste of taxpayer money to do what was done to it last year because it is not a safe road. She also pointed out about the Black Creek Concerned Citizens page on Facebook being a propaganda page.

The owner of Diamond Convenient store announced that they will donate the \$400.00 to the Recreation Committee for what they need.

Ms. Saura Rohrbach had a comment stating that she left a list when she left office about what still needs to be done, and stated that the money for the Barnes Run culvert was not enough

when they originally applied for the grant, so they reapplied. Supervisor Feerrar explained that they could not have reapplied because the grant funding was set to expire and dropped this past June if he did not request an extension on it.

She, then, went on to state numerous details of how it is impossible that the township was left in poor financial condition when she left office in December. Ms. Rohrbach also informed Supervisor Cheesman that he cannot expect grants to cover all the costs to fix a road. She explained how Chicks Lane was done correctly in the proper steps you need to take in doing so, by lining ditches with rip rap and so on. To which the Supervisors disagreed and they explained that the drainage is failing. Ms. Rohrbach further discussed everything that was done by her crew last year by this point, and Supervisor Yacowatz informed her that the road mower was left in poor condition and the brakes needed to be fixed.

Mr. Andy Harabin from Weston had a comment explaining that he had proof that they had to do Chicks Lane ditches more than just one time because it was not prepared properly the first time.

Supervisor Feerrar moved things to a more positive direction explaining about the Gypsy moths and spraying for them next year.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on Thursday August 8th at 6:00PM

Adjournment: *A motion* to adjourn the meeting at 7:05P.M.

A motion by: Supervisor Chairman Yacowatz

Seconded by: Supervisor Feerrar.

All in favor: Yes.