

# Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting

## Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 6:00 pm

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 will now come to order

An **Executive Session** of the Black Creek Township Supervisors was held on Friday, 08/27/2021 at 9:45 a.m., regarding personnel.

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

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None.

#### Minutes:

Chairperson Rohrbach asked if there are any additions or corrections to the August Meeting Minutes (which stands corrected, as the Agenda has a typo stating "July Meeting Minutes," instead of "August Meeting Minutes).

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

All in favor.

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

#### Financial Report: August 1, to August 31, 2021

BB&T General Fund:	\$368,703.59	(which includes Park St. Low Vol. Rd. Grant, \$59,600.00)
PLGIT Prime Savings:	82,737.43	
<u>PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:</u>	<u>73,420.31</u>	
Total Checking/Savings:	\$524,861.33	
ARPA Funds CD:	108,646.64	
<u>PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:</u>	<u>5,449.98</u>	
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$638,957.95</u>	

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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:** Davis, Yes; Rohrbach, Yes; Adams, Absent.

#### Correspondence:

##### From: Tarah Toohil

-Representative Toohil is having this year's Senior Expo on Thursday, 09/16/2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., at the mall.

-First District Republicans are holding their Fall Picnic/Covered Dish on Sunday, 09/19/21, and is open to the public at no charge from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, or bring a covered dish, please go to the Luzerne County First District GOP site to pre-register, or to volunteer taking a covered dish.

### **Reports:**

-Zoning Report: read by Chairperson Rohrbach, as the Zoning/Codes Officers Larry Frace and Sonny Kelchner are absent.

-Fire Company: Fire Chief Joe Lescowitch is absent, and did not submit a report this month.

-Emergency Management: read by Chairperson Rohrbach, as Steve Motil is absent.

-Engineer Report: Engineer Jason Snyder is absent, and there is nothing to report at this time.

-Roadmaster Report: reviewed by Chairperson/Roadmaster, Supervisor Rohrbach.

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

#### \*Township Fleet:

-Supervisor Rohrbach stated that the 2007 Chevy pick-up may be able to pass inspection a couple of more times; it has been poorly maintained, the undercarriage was never cleaned after storms, causing the frame to deteriorate. The Supervisors have implemented protocol by which each vehicle will be washed with a salt neutralizing solution and warm water, using the high-pressured hose to clean thoroughly after each storm.

-The Township's trailer has a large crack in the frame, is no longer useable, and unable to pass inspection.

-The Township's roads are in a state of disrepair, and are falling apart; they have never been fixed properly in the past.

-The undersized pipe on Park Street that accepts the stream water which is piped under, and runs under the pool, floods with every large storm. A very expensive concrete box culvert is necessary and Supervisor Rohrbach stated that she has acquired a grant for it.

-There is an undersized concrete box culvert on Golf Course Road, and Derringer Street, in Weston. Supervisor Rohrbach stated that she has also acquired grants to replace both of these culverts.

-The water drainage system in Weston is far undersized; super expensive to replace, but we've managed to replace 300 feet of it this year alone, and will continue to replace more each year.

-Even with all the money that Supervisors Davis and Rohrbach have saved the Township in the time that they have been in command, still the Township is unable to repair every single road in the Township. In time, they will all be repaired, and those roads posing the most danger will be priority.

-Road crew member Chris Lutsky will oversee the fleet's maintenance schedule; making sure that pre-trip inspections and that preventative maintenance (PM's) are being performed, and that the fleet and equipment are being inspected, greased, and thoroughly cared for.

A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Davis to raise Chris Lutsky's hourly rate to \$23.50 per hour, to compensate him for this added responsibility.

All in favor.

\*The Township's *Zoning Hearing Board Fees* are approximately \$350.00, when other Townships are up around \$900.00, and charge extra for things like stenographer fees, advertising, etc. This being adopted by

Zoning Ordinances, requires a review by the Planning Commission, and advertising, in order to change it. The Solicitor says it's not a simple fix, but in order for us not to lose money, we will have to remedy this.

\*The Township has successfully opted out of the *Winter Maintenance Agreement* this year, giving the responsibility of caring for the State roads which run through the Township, back to PennDOT.

Appointment of a *secondary zoning and codes officer* is discussed.

\*A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis to appoint Jake Dohmen as Black Creek Township's secondary zoning and codes officer.

All in favor.

\*A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis to *approve* this year's 5k, organized by the non-profit, *Weston Harvest Moon Run/Walk*, and benefitting the Nuremberg Community Players.

All in favor.

Revisions to the Personnel Policy have been made, and can be seen upon request.

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

All in favor.

\*A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis to cancel the next **Work Session**, scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, September, 15, at 10:00 am.

All in favor.

#### **Updates from Supervisor Rohrbach:**

-The 15-year-old garage roof is rusted and rotted so severely, that it is leaking. The gutter system is also rotted, and has fell off of the building. The warranty under Pioneer Pole Buildings will only cover and supply the materials. We must pay the labor.

-Rumor has it that Black Creek Township has denied the Black Creek Cruiser Car Club permission to use the park for their car show. The Township was never asked. Had the Township been asked, it would have been added it to the Agenda and voted on at a meeting; same as we just did with the Harvest Moon Run/Walk 5k.

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

-Supervisor Rohrbach and Mr. Planutis reviewed the Liquid Fuels map at the end of the last meeting, and discovered that only .04 miles of the roadway that he is concerned about, belongs to Black Creek Township; he owns the rest. So, that is something that the Township does not have to address.

-Supervisor Rohrbach went over to Wayne Brugger's, looked for the complaints, and to tried to talk to him, but he wasn't home.

-A discussion ensued regarding Chicks Lane's scratch coat which is already beginning to get holes. The Supervisors discussed how it was paved in November with scratch coat.

#### **Public Comment:**

-Lines being painted, large pot holes in Nuremberg, drainage issues, and the road that washes out on the other side of Hazle Street behind Mumaw's, were all discussed at length.

(Everyone talking at once).

#### **Adjournment:**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, to adjourn the meeting at: 6:34 p.m.

All in favor.