

**Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 6:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Thursday, October 7, 2021 will now come to order

**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 September 7<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis to approve the minutes of the September 7<sup>th</sup> Special meeting, as presented.

All in favor.

Chairperson Rohrbach asked if there are any additions or corrections to the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes.

A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis to approve the minutes of the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting, as presented.

All in favor.

**Financial Report:** September 1 to September 30, 2021

BB&T General Fund:	\$360,172.22	(which includes Park St. Low Vol. Rd. Grant, \$59,600.00)
PLGIT Prime Savings:	82,743.02	
<u>PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:</u>	<u>53,034.60</u>	
Total Checking/Savings:	\$495,949.84	
<u>PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:</u>	<u>5,450.08</u>	
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$501,399.92</u>	

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

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, to amend last month's Meeting Minutes to reflect that the financial figures that were provided were actually for the time period of August 1 to August 30, 2021.

Supervisor Rohrbach explained that the new law states that the Agenda needs to be posted on the website prior to the meeting, and that the financial numbers for the last day of the month are not always available at the time of that posting of the Agenda, especially when the meeting falls so early in the month, as it did in September.

**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 reported by Supervisor Davis:**

**From: Senator John Gordner:** 1 in 8 U.S. women will develop invasive breast cancer in her lifetime. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and a good time to learn about it; the risks and how those reduce those risks. Even though it is rare, men are also vulnerable to breast cancer.

**Also, from Senator Gordner's office;** The Senate State Government Committee held a public meeting regarding Public Hearing Election Integrity & Reform. But, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in 2 weeks, the acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Veronica Degraffenreid and other officials in the governor's department failed to attend. People need to get involved and get in touch with our representatives. Bills 878, 573, and 1800 are all on the floor.

We have also learned that all of the school districts in Pennsylvania have mandated the children to wear masks all day at school, and people are being told that in order for the schools to get their funding, the masks must be worn. We found out from Senator Doug Mastriano that, that is not true. The schools receive their funding, no matter what. So, if you feel that parents should have the right to "opt-out" from having their children wear masks all day, again contact your representatives.

**Reports:**

Zoning Report: read by Sonny, one of our Zoning Officers from Larry Frace Inspections. Multiple discussions ensued, including, but not limited to a complaint about the Sawmill (taxes paid to N. Union Township as the owners' front door address is in N. Union Township, and the rest of the Sawmill is in Black Creek Township). The Sawmill does have approval to operate, but Black Creek Township is investigating the vetting process further. Red Rock Lodge: as soon as they received the Township's violation letters, their lawyer sent paperwork proving that the interim zoning officer (after Paul was let go) okayed the application in 2018, and the Township cashed the check (which stated "use change" in the memo field). Black Creek Township's Solicitor is looking into how much it would cost, should the Township decide to fight this. Zoning for therapeutic horse riding business, the Gans' trap shoots zoning, 646 Hazle St.'s violations regarding stuff outside of the home, the large, red school building on Warren St. in Weston, owned by Karchner, which is not secure, as the door is now ajar, were all also discussed.

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

Emergency Management: read by Chairperson Rohrbach regarding storm damage, as Steve Motil is absent.

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

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

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**The Volunteer Fire Relief Allocation for the Foreign Fire State Aid for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania** has been awarded to the Nuremberg-Weston Fire Company, in the amount of \$12,671.10. The way that this works, is that this money is sent to the Township, and then we send it to our fire company.

\*A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis to cancel the next **Work Session**, scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, October 20, 2021, at 10:00 am.  
All in favor.

**Updates from Supervisor Rohrbach:**

-This past Saturday, the Township was finally able to find and purchase a 20-ton trailer. The Township paid \$6,800.00 for a trailer in very good condition, and perfect for us.

-Hurricane Ida downed numerous trees and branches on phone lines, roads, powerlines; as Roadmaster, Supervisor Rohrbach reminded the gathering that it is her job to call out the roadcrew and coordinate between them, the fire company, and 911, who actually calls her during these storm events. She also reminded the residents attending the meeting that these storms take several hours of work, for which she volunteers her time. Between the research and purchase of the trailer, and the storm, Supervisor Rohrbach stated that she donated at least 12 hours in addition to her regular duties, all done on a volunteer basis. Past Supervisors would have received an additional \$18.25 per hour to do the same.

-We also purchased a tar kettle for \$9,400.00. We received an estimate to crack-seal Nuremberg Mountain Rd., and that would have cost \$9,000.00. With our own tar kettle, we can now afford to crack seal our own roads, when we have the time and the money to purchase the tar; the first two crack seal projects on the list are Nuremberg Mountain Rd. and Hazle St. After these projects are completed by our roadcrew, DeAngelo Contract Services will then be able to paint double yellow lines on both of these roads; the tar kettle costs the Township \$4,257.48, which is the least expensive quote received. Supervisor Rohrbach stated that all of this is due to the fact that she and Supervisor Davis volunteer their time as Township Supervisors; making it possible for the Township to be able to afford to purchase this equipment, and to have this work done.

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

-Supervisor Rohrbach stated that the roadcrew went out and look at Stauffer Ave., and stated that it will be fixed sometime in the future.

**Public Comment:**

-A discussion ensued regarding write-in ballots.

**Adjournment:**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, to adjourn the meeting at: 6:31 p.m.  
All in favor.