

**Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 5th, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Thursday, October 5th,
2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Roll Call; Lupcho, Rohrbach, Present; Tombasco; Absent.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Minutes:

The chairwoman will ask if there are any additions or corrections to the September 7th, general meeting.

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve the minutes of the September 7th, general meeting.

All in favor.

- **Correction:** Date was incorrect on the agenda, previously, it stated August 3rd, it has been corrected to reflect the correct date of September 7th.

<u>Financial Report: September 1st to September 30th</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>
Mid Penn General Fund:	\$108,180.54 1.00%
Fire Escrow Account:	\$14,064.96 1.00%
PLGIT Prime Savings:	\$30,862.71 PLGIT Yields
PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:	\$1,933.33 Can Change
Fed Shared Revenue Entitle-ARPA:	\$27.72 On A Daily Basis
Total Checking/Savings:	\$155,069.26
PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:	<u>\$5,061.03</u>
Total:	<u>\$160,130.29</u>

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve the financial report.

All in favor.

Bills: Payment of bills, as presented.

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, 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: Lupcho, Yes; Rohrbach, Yes; Tombasco, Absent.

Correspondence:None.

Reports:

Zoning Report: Zoning/Codes Officer, Henry Mlecynski sent his report which was reviewed by Chairwoman Rohrbach.

Fire Company: Fire Chief Joe Lescowitch was absent and submitted a report with Sandra Rittenhouse who reviewed the report.

Emergency Management: William Singley Jr. submitted a report which was reviewed by Chairwoman Rohrbach.

Roadmaster Report: Reviewed by Chairwoman Rohrbach.

- Supervisor Rohrbach and Supervisor Lupcho discussed Supervisor Lupcho going out in the future during a storm to see where the excess water is coming from on Line Street in Weston. Foreman John Ross did fix the ditch on the property; however, the resident is holding up old fence with the supports directly in the ditch in the Township's right of way. This is causing the ditch to flood but there does seem to be extra water coming from a different source.
- Supervisor Rohrbach shared an update on the paving of Chicks Lane which has now been completed except the bridge, per the County, and berms need to be placed.
- The Derringer Street Bridge Project is complete but the bridge will remain closed until the cement cures.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Ratification of Resolutions for County and Statewide LSA Grants for a Dump Truck in the amount of \$266,967.00.

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve the ratification of a resolutions for County and Statewide LSA Grants for a dump truck in the amount of \$266, 967.00.

All in favor.

- **Correction:** The agenda had stated this grant was for a box truck, the minutes are reflecting the change to a dump truck.

2. Disposing of Old Files

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve disposing of old files that exceeded their retention time.

All in favor.

3. Fireworks Ordinance Amendment

- **Solicitor Sean Logsdon explained the proposed amendment.**
- **Public Comment on Amendment:**
 - Denise Davis shared that she felt that the distance allowance for fireworks from structures and vehicles was not far enough. However, the Township cannot make an ordinance that is stricter than the State law.
 - Sharon Rohrbach asked if the time allowance to 1:00 am on July 4th could be shortened, but this time is set by the State. Solicitor Logsdon said that the State Police said that they will honor the time allowance to 1:00 am on the allowed days.

4. Hiring of Full -Time Road Crew Worker

A motion by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve the hiring of Joshua Searfoss at a rate of \$20.00.

All in favor.

5. PennDot – Milling and Paving Sections of SR3018 Beaver Valley Road and Rock Glen Road

- Supervisor Rohrbach read the work advisory notice from Pennsy Supply.

6. PennDot – Tank Road Slope Repair – Tentative Date for Construction will be in 2026

- Supervisor Rohrbach shared that she filled out the questionnaire for PennDot regarding repairs to Tank Road.

Review Public Comment from last meeting:

- Supervisor Rohrbach revisited Kevin Johnson’s question from last meeting regarding where the Township line falls. She and Foreman John Ross went to check it out and have determined that is impossible to figure out exactly where it is. The State is maintaining the road exactly to where the Township sign is. She further shared that a few years ago, Schuylkill County redid the county line. The line was moved so that North Union Township gained some homes and it is wondered if that is why the sign was moved as well.

Public Comment:

- Tom Yencho of Weston, asked when Center Street in Weston will be repaired. Supervisor Rohrbach responded that the Township hopes to repair it next year with a grant. She said that all the roads in the Township are bad and the Township had to see what roads qualified first for grants. Supervisor Rohrbach and Foreman John Ross agreed to put in a temporary fix to hold it over until permanent repairs can be completed.

- Supervisor Rohrbach shared further details on the requalification process for Weston to be considered a low-income area for grants from the County.

The next Regular Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

All in favor.