Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 6:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 was brought to order.

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

An Executive Session of the Black Creek Township Board of Supervisors occurred on November 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., regarding a personnel issue.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Minutes:

Chairperson Rohrbach asked if there are any additions or corrections to the November 4th Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes.

*A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis to approve the Minutes of the November 4th Meeting, as presented. All in favor.

Financial Report: November 1 to November 30, 2021

BB&T General Fund: \$312,540.99 (which includes Park St. Low Vol. Rd. Grant, \$59,600.00)

 PLGIT Prime Savings:
 82,748.69

 PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:
 3,391.55

 Total Checking/Savings:
 \$398,681.23

 PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:
 5,450.14

 Total:
 \$404,131.37

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 Gordner's Office: Support local small businesses this holiday season.

-From: Tarah Toohil: The Purple Paint Law has been passed; use purple lines to post "no hunting" or "no trespassing," in lieu of signs. Hunt safely.

Reports:

- -Zoning Report: read by Sonny, one of our Zoning Officers from Larry Frace Inspections.
- -Fire Company: Fire Chief Joe Lescowitch is absent, and did not submit a report this month.
- -Emergency Management: Read by Chairperson Rohrbach
- -Engineer, Jason Snyder's Report: No report this month.
- *Supervisor Rohrbach reported that the Township did not receive Golf Course Rd. Grant due to too many entities requesting money from the same source.
- -Roadmaster Report: reviewed by Chairperson/Roadmaster, Supervisor Rohrbach.

Old Business: None

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

New Business: Chairperson Rohrbach explained that the Township is proposing to raise taxes from .66 to .72 mills (9% increase). The Township has been hit with an exponential increase for asphalt, tar, emulsion, plastic pipe, fuel, stone, and anything else produced using oil. Due to circumstances beyond the Township's control, Liquid Fuels (the money from the State) monies have drastically dropped over the past several years; raising taxes is inevitable because as living costs have and continue to increase, so will the cost of running the Township. This tax increase should bring in approximately \$15,000.00 more a year, considering we have about 2,000 residents it will not increase taxes a whole lot for households.

*2022 Budget which has been posted here at the Township, and has been advertised in the newspaper. A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis to adopt the 2022 budget. Roll Call Vote: Davis, Yes; Rohrbach, Yes; Adams, Absent.

- *Ordinance regarding the compensation of Township Supervisors, which has been posted in the office, and advertised in the newspaper.
- A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Davis to adopt an **Ordinance** to establish the compensation of Township Supervisors. All in favor.
- *Black Creek Township is seeking a full-time road crew worker. Ads have been placed in both the Standard Speaker, and Press Enterprise papers.
- *The lighting of the Christmas tree/office building were announced. Discussions of other types of trees ensued.
- *Philip J. Carroll & Son/Skyhook Inc.: No one spoke up at the time allotted on the agenda, for this matter.
- *A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis to cancel the next **Work Session**, scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month, December 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. All in favor.

*Announcements by Chairperson Rohrbach

- -The Reorganizational Meeting will take place on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. All townships across the state must hold their reorganizational meeting on this date.
- -The Township's Elected Auditors' Reorganizational Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- -The Zoning Hearing Board should be meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., regarding a shipping container on Chicks Lane.

Public Comment:

- -Mr. Philip Carroll, of Skyhook, Inc., 550 Zenith Rd., Nescopeck spoke regarding the certified letter/invoice (\$1,537.28, dated 11/24/21) that he received for destroying the berm on Hilltop Rd., on October 12, 2021 at approximately 10:00 a.m. He said that the Township did a great repair to the road, but that the repair should have been made well before he drove on that road. He stated that, "all of the other bad spots are done, and there was no berm there." Supervisor Rohrbach stated that we have pictures, and that other trucks, even much larger than his use Hilltop Rd. all of the time. Supervisor Rohrbach also stated that there was no damage to the road until Mr. Carroll left his truck teetering off of the edge of the road that morning. Mr. Carroll stated that he will not be paying the invoice, and that the Township will have to contact his lawyer should it want reparation. To which Supervisor Rohrbach explained that the Township will enforce the payment from Mr. Carroll if necessary.
- -Mr. & Mrs. Lombard, Eagle Rock talked about the logging going on at Weston Rd. and how it creates such extreme noise in their development, at all hours. Sonny explained that it is a legitimate operation, and that their permit is good until February of 2022. He also stated that the noise and nuisance ordinance(s) will need to be looked at, for future reference.

Adjournment: A <i>motion</i> by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, to adjourn the meeting at: 6:29 p.m. All in favor.