

**Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 13th, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on
Thursday, February 13th, 2025 @ 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 January 6th Reorganization meeting, the January 9th Regular monthly meeting and the January 29th Special meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Feerrar.

Seconded by Supervisor Cheesman.

All in favor: Yes.

***Supervisor Feerrar reviewed the financial report**

Financial Report: January 1 st to January 31 st	Interest Rates
Mid Penn General Fund: \$132,148.95	1.00%
Fire Escrow Account: \$14,352.29	1.00%
PLGIT Class/Prime Savings: \$108.94	PLGIT Yields
PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels: \$75,418.83	Can Change On A Daily Basis
Total Checking/Savings: \$222,029.01	
PLGIT Alumni Assoc.: \$5,233.80	
Total: \$227,262.81	

Do I have a motion to approve the financial report.

Motion by Supervisor Cheesman.

Seconded by Supervisor Yacowatz.

All in favor: Yes.

Bills: Payment of bills, as presented.

Do I have a motion to approve the bills as presented and to pay all bills in all funds that become due before the next regular meeting.

All in favor: Cheesman: Yes; Yacowatz: Yes; Feerrar: Yes.

Correspondence: NONE

Reports:

Zoning Report: Supervisor Yacowatz reviewed the zoning report.

Fire Company: Bob Schoppe reviewed the activity report.

Emergency Management: Supervisor Yacowatz reviewed the EMC report. Nothing to report.

Roadmaster Report: Supervisor Cheesman reviewed the Roadmaster Report.

Recycling Report: Supervisor Feerrar gave a report.

Grant Status: Supervisor Feerrar reviewed the status of the Derringer Street Reclamation Grant. Phase 2 was awarded.

Food Pantry: Gary Houseknecht gave a report.

Old Business:**1. Secondary Code Enforcement Officer**

A motion to appoint Brad Kowalski as Secondary Codes Officer.

A motion by Supervisor Cheesman.

Seconded by Supervisor Feerrar.

All in favor: Yes.

*Solicitor Karpowich interjected inquiring about the situation and verified their motion on their appointment of Brad.

2. Secondary Zoning Officer

A motion to appoint Brad Kowalski as Secondary Zoning Officer.

A motion by Supervisor Cheesman.

Seconded by Supervisor Feerrar.

All in favor: Yes.

3. Flood Plain Manager

A motion to table the appointment of a new Flood Plain Manager.

A motion by Supervisor Feerrar.

Seconded by Supervisor Cheesman.

All in favor: Yes.

*Solicitor Karpowich made a point that the Engineer for the Township should be the Flood Plain Manager.

New Business:

1. 911 Calls and Dispatching to switch over to Luzerne County

A motion to approve the switch over of 911 calls and dispatching to Luzerne County from Schuylkill County.

A motion by Supervisor Cheesman.

Seconded by Supervisor Yacowatz.

All in favor: Yes.

2. Survey and Vacate portion of Mtn. Laurel Trail

A motion to approve the survey of and vacating of a portion of Mtn Laurel Trail.

A motion by Supervisor Feerrar.

Seconded by Supervisor Cheesman.

All in favor: Yes.

3. A Resolution Amending Chapter 8 of the Employee Handbook Dated May of 2009

A motion to approve a resolution amending Chapter 8 of the employee handbook dated May of 2009.

A motion by Supervisor Cheesman.

Seconded by Supervisor Yacowatz.

All in favor: Yes.

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

Mr. Clint Jastrzebski had a question about the status on the proposed Zoning ordinance. Supervisor Feerrar informed him and the other residents here at the meeting that due to the extreme concern and questions from residents, it has been sent back to County to be reviewed. Mr. Jastrzebski followed up with a concern about a motor vehicle accident in Fern Glen that took out a guardrail asking if the Supervisors could get that addressed. The Supervisors took information and location and notified him that they will contact the state about it.

Dr. Saura Rohrbach from Hilltop Drive inquired to the Supervisors if they would be putting in a cul-de-sac on Mtn Laurel Trail after they vacate the portion of the road they will be vacating. The Supervisors let her know that they will be, however, since it is in the beginning stages nothing has been done yet. She asked how big, Supervisor Yacowatz let her know that it will be big enough for a vehicle to turn around. Solicitor Karpowich stated that it will most likely be the minimum required by liquid fuels. Supervisor Cheesman stated that it is the bottom half mile of the road, where the concrete barriers are right now. Dr. Rohrbach asked how much liquid fuel money we would be losing, to which Supervisor Feerrar stated that it would be \$187.31 a month. Supervisor Yacowatz stated that multiple people had gotten stuck on the road, to which one resident was stuck all night long on the road. Supervisor Cheesman concluded that they are aware that they have to put a turn-around in there.

A resident from Siewell Lane brought up an inquiry about filling in pot holes. Supervisor Yacowatz said that right now, they are not working on pot holes on the road right now, however, as soon as the weather breaks and we stop getting snow, we will continue pot hole patching. Supervisor Cheesman said that he keeps track of roads that do need attention, however, until they start making material in the spring they need to just stick to cold patching for now.

An inquiry was brought up about the Chicks Lane bridge. The Supervisors informed the residents that since it is a county bridge, that they are at their mercy to wait to get it done. A resident, then said that the Supervisors should just put out a bid, pave it and send the bill to County and followed up by saying when the road was done last year, the bridge should have been done. Dr. Saura Rohrbach commented that the county told them that they could not do it and that the county would do it the next year. It was concluded that the Supervisors will be following up with County to get something in motion to pave the Chicks Lane bridge.

The next regular monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, March 13th at 6:00PM

Adjournment: Do I have a *motion* to adjourn the meeting at 6:40p.m.?

A motion by Supervisor Cheesman.

Seconded by Supervisor Yacowatz.

All in favor: Yes.