

SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 18, 2014

Thomas A. Schilinski, Chairman
Anthony V. Gianfrancesco, Vice-Chairman
Timothy J. Green, Secretary
Michele Meneely, Treasurer
Gary L. Sweat, Solicitor

- I. Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer**
- II. Public comments and questions will be taken as subjects are discussed, or after the agenda is completed.**
- III. Reports:**
 - A. Secretary's Report:**
 - 1. Minutes from regular meeting 07/21/14 and special meeting on 7/30/14. Anthony motions to accept minutes as written. Tom seconds. Motion carried.**
 - B. Treasurer's Report:**
 - 1. Revenues - \$237,645.35 Expenditures - \$110,505.36**

<u>Payroll</u>		<u>General Fund</u>	
Checking	\$ 22,835.94	Checking	\$299,754.50
<u>Recreation</u>			
Checking & Savings	\$ 2,613.21	<u>Capital Reserve</u>	
<u>State Fund</u>		Checking	\$249,794.79
Checking	\$182,638.73	<u>Local Share Assessments</u>	
<u>Hydrant Account</u>		Checking	\$173,226.22
Checking	\$ 20,221.38	<u>Impact Fee Distribution</u>	
Savings	\$ 7,179.52	Checking	\$397,363.02

Tim motioned to accept treasurer's report and pay bills. Anthony second. Passed.

C. Zoning report – Bill Tohey

1. 4 permits. 3 zoning, 2 Mobile home – 1 rejected. 1 sign permit. 1 closed in front porch, 1 citation high grass and weeds.

Only complaints are on abandoned homes especially the two on Joffre-Bulger Road across From the Honor Roll.

D. Police Report-Chief LaRue

1. Last couple weeks about ½ dozen complaints about quads and dirt bikes – especially in the Slovan and Joffre Bulger areas. We have been two men down, so we haven't been having any Double shifts. I asked our officers to patrol those areas more – especially on the weekends.

2. Tom said we started in April on the ATV Ordinance. Discussions took place at our Public meetings. We changed the ordinance several times, listening to suggestions from our Residents. Ordinance has been advertised twice. Michael Cruny Esquire, sitting in for solicitor Gary Sweat, said that the supervisors can take a vote tonight on it. Anthony motions to adopt the ATV ordinance. Tim seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Fire Dept. Report. Shaun Felton

1. 30 Incidents. 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 9 fire calls, 9 medical and 10 misc. 1 Monthly Meeting, 2 in-house trainings. Whole dept. taking BVR Certification classes will be completed On Wednesday. Slovan VFD and Muse VFD held Washington County Battle of the Barrel Tournament August 16th at Langeloth Hall. Fire Dept. come from all over Washington County. It was a good fundraiser. SVFD Sportsman bash tickets are on sale now. The bash is Sept 27 at Pepsi Cola Roadhouse. We are working with Ambulance and Chair on a lease agreement for Them to rent out a bay on station 1 in Slovan. This would keep the ambulance service in our Area. Tentatively, 2 ambulances will be stationed by August 29th. SVFD talked to Supervisors

About looking into a paid firefighter through the day. Daytime calls are increasing with a lack Of Manpower. This request is for the public's safety.

F. Supervisors report

1. The township sent a letter to Penn Dot requesting a sign to be installed on Grant Street 4012 Entering Pleasant Valley Road 4019 in Bulger. Residents are complaining of vehicles traveling On 4012 entering 4019, which needs a Hidden Driveway sign for all the driveways on the right side of Road. They tell you where you have to put sign. Permission was granted.
2. Rezoning. Smith Township Planning Commission recommends rezoning Karen Garcia Property on Easton Street from Business to residential. It will have to go through Wash. Co. Planning Commission and a supervisor's meeting. Barb Roberts has a small piece of property in Business adjoining that Property, so that will be rezoned to Residential also. August 11, 2014 Smith Township Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors to rezone all Six parcels to R-V. Anthony motioned to hold public meeting on recommendation. Tim seconds Motion carried.
3. New maps from Bankson Engineers, Inc. on behalf of PA American Water Co. sent to twp. For Joe Cain Road and Dinsmore Road. Smith Twp. Has filled out Road Occupancy permits For both roads.
4. Summit Resources – Cathodic Protection Easement & Release. From Eric F. Snyder for Sunoco. Corrosion of gas pipes. Want to put in Cathodic protection facilities to maintain and Protect pipeline facilities. In Bavington Area. 59 acres. Tim makes a motion to pass. Anthony Seconds. Carried.
5. Resolution #8R, Supplement Appropriation for 2014 and 2015. Regarding Impact Fee money Received. Maintenance of roads \$364,000., Storm Sewers \$10,181.16, Police/Safety \$5000., Recreation \$6,000. Total \$385,181.16. Tim motions to pass resolution #8R. Anthony seconds. Motion carried.

1V. Correspondence

1. Range Resources – Formal Notification – Engle Bradley 12248 #1H-#3H, Mt Pleasant Twp.
2. Cable TV Franchise. Given to supervisors from Tom Niesen Firm, Thomas, Niesen & Thomas. For Hickory Greer Adamson. Bring cable down from Hickory through Atlasburg. Will meet with him.
3. Westside Expansion and Modernization Project. Insulation of natural gas pipeline. This Project will use existing and new access roads.

V. Solicitors Report, Gary Sweat. None.

VI. Unfinished Business – None.

VII. New Business – None.

Public comments:

Lisa Gregg wants to know if a citizen sends the board an email, is it private or read at public meeting? We normally don't read them at public meetings. If a letter is requested to be read at meeting, would you Read it? We would have to have our solicitor look at it first.

Shawn Mullaney complained about drug deals going on at the old Atlasburg School – right across from his house. Wants more patrol in Atlasburg. Contacted Owner. He is going to put private property and no trespassing signs. Also, is going to put fence up. Neighbor overdosed in parking lot a few weeks back. Suggested getting a K-9 Dog. Chief – We actually are in the process of applying for a grant for K-9. We have to consider the cost of liability, the cost of caring for the dog. Dog will only be with one Police Officer.

Francis Roman complained about Francis Mine State Road. Everyone is using that road as a parking lot. Road only big enough for two vehicles. Mail lady can't get to mailboxes. Can we have a no parking sign? That is a state road. Have to go through PennDot. Jesse White's office can help with that. Call 911 - it's a hazard.

**Carol Long is receiving water behind her home and garage. Ground sinking. Water coming from State Road. Penn Dot doesn't accept responsibility for this. Has cattails in her yard.
Anthony motions to adjourn meeting at 7:57 pm. Tim seconds. Meeting adjourned**

Timothy J. Green, secretary