

July 1, 2013

Vice Chairman Dave Bird called the regular meeting of the board of supervisors to order on July 1, 2013 at 7pm on Hickory Lane. Also present was supervisor William (Bud) Brown and solicitor Ed Scacchitti. Twenty – one individuals signed the sign in sheet.

Bud Brown made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous months meeting as read. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Officer Kreidler presented the police report for the month of June. The police provided 133.9 hours of service. Noting 7 violations. A resident from Ransom Road advised that starting last October there has been several vehicles racing up the road at a high rate of speed and has seen another vehicle sideways in the road around 7am on several occasions. Connie Flesch advised that hers and several other mailboxes have been vandalized. Bud Brown questioned the officer if the vandals were caught if they could be made to replace the mailboxes. Officer Kreidler advised that yes they can be made to replace the mailboxes but it is not a federal offense. It is only a federal offense if the mail is damaged. Residents questioned the officer if they were still sitting in the cemetery. Officer Kreidler advised that they were asked to no longer sit there due to a complaint. Residents expressed that they didn't feel that that was a good idea because the racing vehicles are coming up the road from Keyser Avenue. Bud Brown advised that allowing the police to sit in the cemetery again will have to be something they discuss.

Jeff Laco presented the fire report for the month of June. Noting 32 calls for the month. EMS had 21 total calls. Jeff advised the residents and board about a yellow dot program where a sticker is placed on the window of a vehicle and a pamphlet is placed in the vehicle with a list of medical conditions and medication. It is to help medical personnel responding to emergencies. Jeff stated that if anything suspicious is seen in the township he can also be reached and will get a hold of police if needed.

Rick Notari presented the Lackawanna County Event Calendar for the month. Kathy Rowinski questioned Rick if he would be notifying us when Ransom Road will be closed in August for the race. Rick advised he would.

Under public comment: Bill Auriemma questioned the board about the broker fee for Cowley Real Estate on the monthly expenditures print out. Bud Brown advised that it is broker fee for the rental of the Greenspace property. Bill Auriemma questioned the board of a drainage problem he has been having in front of his residence. Dave Bird advised that the project would have to be put into next years budget. Bill Auriemma questioned if PPL will be repairing Snake Road. Dave Bird advised that it is a PennDot road but he spoke to T&D Power about the condition of the road. Kathy Rowinski added that she had been in contact with Sid Michaels Kavulichs office regarding the condition of the road. She advised residents that his office phone number is 562-2350 if anyone else would like to contact his office regarding the issue. Bud Brown advised that the township is doing their best in regards to Snake Road but the township is over stepping their bounds in regards to the road because it is a PennDot road. Ed Scacchitti added that from a liability stand point PennDot is responsible.

Joe Moleski advised the board that he is having a water problem at his residence. The drain near the old West Mt. Sanitarium is overflowing and flooding his garage and washing his driveway away. Joe advised that he had spoken to Hobby Davies about the situation and Hobby had done a good job of cleaning the drain out. But the drain is on private property. Joe presented the board with a map of the area. Bud Brown advised that Hobby Davies and himself had visited the site earlier that day and took pictures. Discussion was made between Joe and the board of the area in question. Bud Brown advised that the owner of the private property needs to be contacted about the drain on their property. Dave Bird advised that the township will do what they can in the area of the road and the townships catch basins. Bud Brown advised that Joe would need to meet with Mr. Sabia to discuss the matter due to it being private property

the township can't meet with him on the matter. Ed Scacchitti advised that Joe may have a private legal action due to run off but would need to contact a lawyer to discuss it with him.

Lenay Blackwell questioned if when the township audit was done were they paid to audit her books. Dave Bird advised that they were not paid to audit her books.

Being there no further comment Dave Bird readdressed the agenda. Advising that the township received an email from PPL advising they will be using a new type of wire connector on the Susquehanna – Roseland power line. Implosive splicing will be used to crimp the metal sleeves that hold sections of the new wire together. It involves using small implosive charges to provide the force needed to make the connection. The method is safe but loud, is like a large clap of thunder or a commercial firework. This work will only be done during daytime hours.

The township received the inspection report for alliance landfill with no violations noted.

Bud Brown made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Bud Brown made a motion to approve the Horace Davies Subdivision. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Dave Bird read the treasury report for the month. The general fund balance was \$971,262.58 and the liquid fuels fund balance was \$1,269,805.07. Junes recycling totaled 5.8 tons. Julys recycling dates were July 18 and 19.

Dave Bird presented the road report. He advised residence that the grass along the roads has been growing very fast and if they see a problem area to let the township know. Dave advised that they would be awarding the bids for the road work. Bud Brown made a motion to award the crack sealing contract to Midland Asphalt for \$70,680.00. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no. Bud Brown made a motion to award the nova chip contract to Midland Asphalt for \$97, 547.040. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no. Bud Brown made a motion to award the seal coating contract to Midland Asphalt for \$32,260.32. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no. Bud Brown made a motion to award the micro surfacing contract to Suit – Kote for \$53,967.73. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Dave Bird advised that the township is accepting bids for workmans comp insurance and liability insurance. Dave advised that the next regular township meeting would be August 5.

Being there no further business Bud Brown made a motion to adjourn. Dave Bird seconded the motion. All yes 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted

Sarah Griggs