

Meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors February 6th 2018

ALL MEETINGS ARE BEING TAPE RECORDED

Call to Order: Let this meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors be called to order at 7:02 by Fran.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present at tonight's meeting are:

Francine Ligda Michael Schettini Absent Terry Stafford 7:14 Solicitor Alex Svirsko Secretary Kathy Semelsberger Engineer Greg Abrams Manager Sam Taranto

Executive Session: None needed

Visitors: Richard Anselmi, Emeigh Resident with concerns on Try Street/Frances St -Bridges Loretta Dumm - with concerns of Troy St and Frances St Bridges. Hastings Volunteer Fire Co, report of calls for 2017 Hope Volunteer Fire Co - report of calls for 2017

Secretary's Reports:

Motion to accept the Minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting 1/2/18
 Motion by: Mike 2nd by: Fran Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Passed? Passed

Secretary and Road master will be attending a Dirt and Gravel road program in Ebensburg on March 29th.

Police Report: On file 172 calls for the month of January 17 were in Susq Twp

Code Enforcement: 4 Permits issued for the month of January.
 2 new complaints are being filed with code enforcement in the Emeigh area for garbage.. Supervisor Fran wanted to remind all residents that everyone is to have a garbage provider.

Treasurer's Reports: As of 2/6/2018

| <u>Account</u> | <u>Beg Balance</u> | <u>Deposits</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| General Fund | \$167,531.36 | \$21,874.15 | \$29,909.38 | \$159,496.13 |
| State Fund | \$20,031.21 | \$6.18 | \$2,814.63 | \$17,222.76 |
| Bridge Fund | \$7,382.12 | \$2.34 | \$0 | \$ 7,384.46 |

| January bills paid | | February bills to be paid | |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Comcast | \$214.81 | West Branch Sewer | \$74.00 |
| NCMA | \$67.33 | NCMA | \$68.26 |
| Payroll | \$8,883.07 | Evergreen Insurance | \$6,796.00 |
| Cindy Mazurak | \$221.21 | Gittings Security | \$29.99 |
| Hope Fire Co | \$899.48 | Bobik's | \$351.89 |
| Supervisor Payroll | \$128.01 | Total | \$7,320.14 |
| Hastings Fire Co | \$899.48 | | |
| Postmaster | \$49.00 | | |
| Abrams Automotive | \$56.00 | | |
| Al's Tire | \$59.00 | | |
| Bank of America | \$184.42 | | |
| Cambria County Assoc Twp | \$75.00 | | |
| Christoff Mitchell | \$788.55 | | |
| Walsh Equipment | \$1,023.27 | | |
| Dearborn National Life Insurance | \$185.50 | | |

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| Mainline Newspaper | \$21.39 | | |
| Feighner Trucking (state) | \$2,636.31 | | |
| Cargill (state) salt | \$2,814.83 | | |
| Roaring Spring Water | \$61.40 | | |
| Ryan and Tony's Upholstery | \$45.00 | | |
| West Branch Sewer | \$74.00 | | |
| Tribune Democrat | \$80.00 | | |
| Strollo's | \$2.44 | | |
| Precision Business | \$95.00 | | |
| Penelec | \$1,632.30 | | |
| PA One call | \$.82 | | |
| Northwest Mutual | \$1,831.84 | | |
| NCMA | \$67.33 | | |
| Gittings Security | \$29.99 | | |
| Northern Cambria Auto | \$37.99 | | |
| Total | \$23,164.77 | | |
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Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion by: Mike 2nd by: Fran Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Passed? Passed

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Three Minute Limit. (if a resident wishes to comment **on any issue listed** on tonight's agenda, please provide first and last name by signing the Public Comment Sheet. This will ensure that your comments will be properly registered in the minutes.)

Pete Barzrk wanted to present the Hope Fire Co report.
Bob Peles Jr reported Hastings Fire Co report.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS: Complete list on file in the office.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

- West Branch Sewer Authority December minutes
- PSATS winter 2018 pamphlet
- PennDot LOcal Tech program training dates.
- PennDot LTAP information sheet #184
- PennDot LTAP information sheet #170
- Dep oving forward pamphlet
- DCNR grant info
- Fire Co reports on file for Hope and Hastings
- Police report on file for the month of January



Road Master Report:

- 1/2 Plowed and salted all roads
- 1/3 Pushed back all roads. put new plow blades on Dodge
- 1/4 Plowed and salted all roads/ put new plow blades on Ford
- 1/5 Plowed and salted all roads
- 1/8 Plowed and salted all roads
- 1/9 Plowed and salted all roads
- 1/10 Salted as needed/ weld on 2012 plow
- 1/11 Took seat to Altoona to get upholstered . took 06 to Justin for wiring on spreader light. wash trucks
- 1/12 Put new belt on Ford plow. Wax 2012 Int and worked on Dodge lights. Pretreated roads
- 1/13 Push back all roads and salted as needed

1/16 Plowed and salted all roads
1/17 Plowed and salted all roads
1/18 Push back roads and salted as needed
1/19 Push back roads had a hyd leak on Ford
1/22 Clean trucks and worked on hyd leaks. got 2 loads of stone and worked on plow lights
1/24 Salted all roads and maintenance
1/25 Salted as needed/ welded on 93 Int plow and put a new sign up on old Miller Rd
1/26 Fixed signs. did shop work- replaced hydraulic fitting on dodge.
1/29 Patch pot holes on Mine Rd/Griffith Rd and Lloyds Rd.
1/30 Plowed and salted all roads.
1/31 Salted as needed and pushed back roads.

Repairs to vehicles for the month. \$178.68

Managers report for the month of January on file. Sam added that we are getting new tools as needed. sam said we are still having a problem with the parking on the roads in the Emeigh area. Comment was made by Loretta Dumm that it is an issue pulling out onto the main road from Francis St. Manager will address with the road crew to salt and cinder Francis St.

OLD and UNFINISHED BUSINESS : Francis St Troy St updates....Tree house project updates....ALL SUSQUEHANNA TWP RESIDENTS MUSTHAVE A GARBAGE COLLECTOR. Snow plow update. Paving seminar. Tree House Project: Supervisor Ligda has an update on John Dubnansky is working on the sewage for the project.

Engineers report:

Frances St. Bridge Update:

1. Surveying Complete,
2. Test Pits Complete,
3. Property information incomplete, we need the "Cherrytree Coal Company Plan of Lots for Emeigh" to resolve properties and Right-of-Way in the area of the bridge o. We have checked at the courthouse and they have no record of it. We were hoping that either the Township or one of the residents may have a copy in the archives somewhere. We can go by the tax maps if we know the appropriate Right-of-Way widths (Alex may know these widths).
4. We may need temporary construction easements, depending on those widths.
5. We are preparing to send information to Lane Enterprises to choose correct size and end wall treatments.
6. Anna from the Conservation District has instructed us that the pipe needs to be a minimum of 17 feet in width per the Grant.

Greg from Earthtech commented on the updates. Greg said they still need the plan of lots to move forward. Solicitor's comment was to check with the courthouse they have some maps or to check the tax maps. Secretary meet with contractor and he gave me possible starting in April. The question was posed is it more feasible to repair the iron bridge? No it is not due to the cost of the construction it would take to rebuild. Different permits and headwalls and end walls. Looking around \$200,000.00 to replace the Francis St bridge. We are looking into options of grants as they become available, but tight now the soonest anything would be available for grants is in 2019 to apply and money will be available in 2020 that is if the grant is granted to the Township.

Park and Rec committee: Joe Lowe would like to thank all who was part in the Emeigh light up night. Donations totaled \$3,625.00 as was given to the following charities: Cambria County Animal Shelter- Abused Women's Help Center- Christmas Joy Program at Northern Cambria and Cambria Heights School Districts - Carrolltown Food Pantry - Northern Cambria Food Pantry and 2 local families. A special thanks to Resta Home Health and Al's Tire and Starfire for the amazing fireworks display. And thanks to Hope Fire Co. Mr. & Mrs. Claus and all the helpers.

Supervisor Ligda posed the question to the solicitor about anyone wanting to use the field in Emeigh. We have 2 leagues wanting to use the field and are they covered under our insurance? The solicitor said the league would have to provide their own liability insurance. Supervisor Ligda asked if we need to have them sign any waivers and Solicitor said when you get into waivers with kids their actions stay until they are 18 and 2 years after that. they can't waive liability.

Community Announcements.

NEW BUSINESS : Susquehanna Township follows the PA State Dog Law code for roaming and uncontrolled dogs. Violations will be investigated by the police. Confinement and control.--It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to fail to keep at all times the dog in any of the following manners:

- (1) confined within the premises of the owner;
- (2) firmly secured by means of a collar and chain or other device so that it cannot stray beyond the premises on which it is secured; or
- (3) under the reasonable control of some person, or when engaged in lawful hunting, exhibition, performance events or field training.

3 P.S. § 459-305

Solicitor said that the local police have as much power as the dog enforcement officer. Supervisor Fran did reach out to officer Owens and he did reply. Supervisor Ligda just wants to add that make sure your dog is licensed and up to date with shots and under control. Solicitor said that with the power of the 2nd class Township code we can have an ordinance which means to keep them in control.

Pay Bills: Motion to pay bills as presented.
 Motion by: Mike 2nd by: Fran Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Passed? Passed

Solicitor's Report: .Reviewed information of the Michigan State website about dog issues. It says that the owners should have their dogs under control at all times.

Visitors: Mr. Dumm expressed concerns about the Troy St bridge and asked if the bridge would be shut down similar to the bridge near Giant Eagle in Northern Cambria. Questions were presented as to what type of temporary bridge it would be. Supervisor Schettini said that would not be in the plan. It will first reopen with a temporary bridge as the question was directed to the engineering company. Greg Abrams indicated it would be an approved bridge. most likely a metal bridge over top the bridge that is currently in place. Mrs. Dumm and Mr. Anselmi posed questions as to why the bridge cannot be repaired. Supervisor Ligda stated that the process will be done correctly and legally. Mr. Anselmi presented a concern that the traffic on Cherry St is now bad because of the bridge closure. Ligda suggested he call the police as concern is occurring, but will also have secretary contact officer Owens to attend to the area. Mr. Curry expressed a concern about the stop sign at Cherry St and drivers are not obeying it. This too will be passed on to the police department.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: The next meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors will be held March 6th at 7pm at the Susquehanna Township Building. Rec meeting prior to regular meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Susquehanna Township Supervisors at 7:42p.m.

Motion by: Mike 2nd by: Fran Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Passed? Passed

Minutes approved by Motion by : _____

2nd by : _____

Date: _____

Signed by: _____

Secretary