

**Meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors March 5th 2019**

**ALL MEETINGS ARE BEING TAPE RECORDED**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Present at tonight's meeting are:

Francine Ligda Michael Schettini Terry Stafford Solicitor Alex Svirsko Secretary Kathy Semelsberger  
Manager Sam Taranto

**Executive Session:** None needed

**Visitors:** MaryBeth Katchmer/Julie Katchmer.....Rob Desokey

**Secretary's Reports:**

Motion to accept the Minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting 2/5/19  
Motion by: Fran with changes 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mike Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Motion Passed

Motion to approve payroll for the month  
Motion by: Fran 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mike Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Motion Passed

**Police Report:** Total calls 273 Susquehanna Twp had 85 of the calls. Total citations were 20 and out of those 20 only 13 were Susquehanna Twp. No officer present.

**Code Enforcement:** 1 permit issued for the month of February

**CCBCEA Property Maintenance** updates on previous property maintenance on file.

**Reports:**

Hastings Borough Police Report:

Cambria County Bureau of Codes Enforcement Agency (CBCEA), Mike Schettini Representative: Supervisor Ligda asked Mr. Schettini if any new issues. Nothing new and that he turns in all minutes to Twp secretary to file.

West Branch Sewer Authority, Gene Zanella, Representative

Emergency Management, Brad Kleman, Representative. Supervisor Ligda asked if anything new. Nothing to report.

Hope Fire Company:

Hastings Fire Company

**Treasurer's Reports:** As of 3/5/2019

<b>Account</b>	<b>Beg Balance</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General Fund .....	97,312.68 .....	\$49,962.08 .....	\$29,346.96 .....	\$117,927.80
State Fund .....	\$33,696.49 .....	\$16.42 .....	\$11,381.63 .....	\$22,331.28
Bridge Fund .....	\$7,409.28 .....	\$44.28 .....	\$0 .....	\$ 7,453.56

February bills paid		March bills to be paid	
American Rock Salt	\$10,239.50	Comcast	\$93.76
Comcast	\$218.45	NCMA	\$69.19
Stephenson Equipment	\$307.01	Lowes Garage	\$118.70
NC Park & Recreation Board	\$1,000.00	Total	\$281.65
NCMA	\$67.33		
West Branch Sewer	\$74.00		
Christoff Mitchell	\$2,758.73		

NAPA	\$140.71		
Precision Business	\$53.00		
Penelec	\$1,615.07		
Gittings Security	\$664.37		
Penelec	\$1,615.07		
Cindy Kowalski "auditor"	\$20.00		
Chad Stiffey "auditor"	\$20.00		
Janet Dobransky "auditor"	\$20.00		
Bank of America	\$232.97		
Cambria County Treasurer	\$29.00		
Evergreen Insurance	\$7,063.00		
Kirsch Heating	\$58.50		
PA One Call	\$4.44		
Payroll	\$4,109.43		
Cambria County HR 2 months	\$8,879.04		
Supervisor Payroll	\$128.01		
Total	37,038.19		

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion by: Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Fran Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Motion 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.)

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

**REPORTS OF OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES**

- Cambria County Dept of Emergency Services (new address)
- PennDot detour of bridge
- Concern letter from Heather Sowallo
- Permit letter for conventional chapter 73 septic system
- Cambria County Sewage Enforcement Agency application for sewage disposal of new home
- West Branch Sewer Authority January minutes
- Comcast channel lineup updates
- unique paving materials pamphlet
- Moore Equipment Company pamphlet of parts to order
- PA State Police reminder of mandatory reporting requirements
- PennDot Transportation outreach training
- Concern letter from Marybeth Katchmer
- PSATS News Bulletin February
- Cambria County Conservation District a year in review



**Road Master Report:**

- 2/1 Plowed and salted all roads
- 2/4 Salted (ice spots) cleaned trucks
- 2/5 Salted (ice spots) replace sign on Coal Ln
- 2/6 Worked on grates in front of shop replacing steel and welding. fixed sign on Shepherd rd
- 2/7 Maintenance on plows. welding replace pins. washed trucks. Took dodge to lowes plow lights not working.

2/8 High winds. lots of trees and limbs down. Backhoe work- Joyce Rd clean ditches. Took 2012 Int to Scotts to get plow welded.  
 2/11 Plowed and salted all roads  
 2/12 Plowed and salted all roads (ice)  
 2/13 Plowed and salted all roads  
 2/14 Push back roads. Salted as needed and worked on ford plow  
 2/15 Salted as needed. Maintenance on dodge and ford  
 2/18 Salted all roads and put anti skid down on all roads  
 2/19 Salted as needed and worked on dodge lights and hydraulic lines  
 2/20 Plowed and salted all roads  
 2/21 Plowed and salted all roads  
 2/22 Replaced hydraulic line on backhoe. replaced spreader box motor on dodge  
 2/25 Lots of trees down from high winds  
 2/26 Had a tree down on Old Miller Rd. fixed signs replaced signs and trimmed tree limbs  
 2/27 Put new lights in shop and fixed snow fence and cleaned trucks.

**Equipment Report:**

1993 International Dump (big blue)  
 2006 F550 dump (small Blue)  
 2011 Dodge White dump  
 2013 International dump (orange)  
 2011 Tandem Roller  
 2007 flat bed trailer  
 2012 flat bed trailer  
 2017 Skidsteer  
 2014 Backhoe  
 Powhan Wacker (1985)

Discussion was to repair the 1985 Tiger mower. Sending out to Moonlighters to repair/fix to make it operable to use. quote was for \$6,148.00  
 Motion to accept quote by: Mike 2nd by: Fran Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No  
 Motion Passed. Sam will call to have them come and pick it up. Supervisor Ligda asked Sam if any equipment was in operable and his reply was no.

**Street Superintendent report for the month of February on file.**

Supervisor Stafford had asked Sam if there is anything to report or any new issues with the signs that keep going missing. Secretary reported that officer Owens has sighted them for removal of signs on Shepherd Rd.

**OLD and UNFINISHED BUSINESS :** . .

- 1. Subdivision for Richard Sheredy..... has not been finalized by resident
- 2 Old Miller Rd water issue

**New Business:**

Motion to approve secretary to work minimum 35 plus hours a week . And to be able to receive a pension plan.  
 Motion by: Fran 2nd by: Terry Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Motion Passed.

Motion to approve Eugene Zanella to represent Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors as the spokesperson for the West Branch Sewer Authority.  
 Motion by: Fran 2nd by: Mike Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Motion Passed.

Motion to approve Chad Stiffey to use Municipal Building April 18th For a voter registration drive.  
 Motion by: Mike 2nd by: Fran Question on the Motion? No All in Faovr? Yes Opposed? No Motion Passed.

Spring clean up is on hold at this time to see if we can come up with a plan being we do not have a contract with Hugill.

**Engineers report:**

**Park and Rec committee:** At the last park/rec meeting it was discussed that there would not be a concert this year. Supervisors Stafford and Ligda attended a meeting that was held March 3rd at the NC Borough office for questions and fact finding . Next meeting is March 14th at 7pm and NC middle school.

**Community Announcements. .**

Planning Commission Development:

**NEW BUSINESS :** PennDot bridge replacement on SR 4016 Municipal Rd in 2020 meeting for the public scheduled for May 14th time to be announced at next meeting.

**Pay Bills:** Motion to pay bills as presented.

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

**Solicitor's Report:** .Storm Water consistency letter.

Motion to forward to PennDot the storm water consistency document for Dollar General.

Motion by: Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Fran Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Motion Passed.

Blind Pedestrian sign. Solicitor looking into what we have to do to install. Secretary said we already have a sign that we can put up but would need to order another one so that we have one coming from both directions. Motion made to install. Motion by: Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Fran Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Motion Passed.

Motion to accept and 1. execute ownership certification 2. provide sewage facilities planning module or proof of an exemption. Motion by: Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Fran Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Motion Passed.

Dollar General final inspection: 701. Performance Guarantee (11) financial guarantee. Solicitor explained that the twp needs to pick if we want 110% of the estimated cost. and that the bond money will be put in escrow account. Motion was made by: Fran 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mike for 110% bond. Question on the Motion? No All in Favor? Yes Opposed? No Motion passed.

Planning Commission was discussed at the meeting. Supervisor Ligda would like to see what it would take to develop a committee. Svirsko explained that a committee shall have nor less than 3 or no more than 9 members. However there are restrictions and all members shall be residents or the twp. At least 2 members must be citizens and the 3<sup>rd</sup> can be an employee. An ordinance must be drafted. All members are appointed by the supervisors. Term is 4 years and they must pre-pair a comprehensive plan for the twp.

**Visitors:** Robert Deoskey Lives on Morris St and brought to the supervisors attention to ask if we could close Garden Run Rd. the Township does not maintain that road. He just wanted to see if it could be closed due to if someone puts in their GPS Morris St it takes them down this road that is not maintained. Road Superintendent is going to take a look at tomorrow and see where exactly he is talking about.

Marybeth and Julie Katchmer. Has a complaint on a chicken coop that neighbor Chad Stiffy has to close to the property line. Marybeth says that it is 31 feet from her home. Last summer she went thru a complex time, she claims that Mr. Stiffy had 15 chickens at that time. She claims it is a nuisance and that there is not a room in her home that she can go to that she is still able to hear the chickens. Svirsko aksed her if there was any stench? Ms. Katchmer explained yes there is, she says that he burns the feces in the wood burner located outside. Her elderly mother lives next door also and has to deal with the issue. Ms. Katchmer has seen a black fly in her yard and said that the fly carries maggots and has not been able to go out in her yard due to the unsanitary issue. Supervisor Ligda said she understands the nuisance and would like to see a zoning planning committee. Ligda said the burning is an issue and that we will look into it. Julie Katchmer would like to speak. She said once the warmer weather starts the smell of the feces is toxic. She explained you cannot set outside and enjoy the day due to the smell. Says there is nothing clean and natural about that. She claims that depending on which way the wind blows it hits one of there homes..Ms Katchmer says she has a dog and carries a bag along to pick up the waste. She doesn't expect anyone to step in dog crap, so why is chicken poop any different. Svirsko asked if it burns all year round? Marybeth answered yes it does. We have no nuisance on the noise of the chickens it is private between Mr. Stiffy and yourself.However the twp can do something on the odor. We would have to do something with solid waste ordinance. Svirsko said he handed all supervisors an ordinance a while back to take a look at and never heard anything back from them to enforce. Marybeth said when she talked to Chad in June she thought that things were resolved. Marybeth claims that Chad found out that a complaint was being filed and got rid of most of them. But now found out that Mr. Stiffy is installing a chain fence. She said that there is no curtsey. Supervisor Ligda asked can we turn this over to the Code Enforcement. Svirsko said code will enforce solid waste. Bottom line is that we are turning it over.

**Next Regular Monthly Meeting:** The next meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Supervisors will be held April 2nd at 7pm at the Susquehanna Township Building.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Susquehanna Township Supervisors at 8:40p.m.

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

*Minutes approved by Motion by :* \_\_\_\_\_

*2<sup>nd</sup> by :* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signed by:* \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary