

TOWANDA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 9th, 2018

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The Regular Monthly meeting was held on July 9th, 2018 at 10:00am at the Towanda Township Building located at 44 Chapel Street, Towanda PA 18848. The meeting was called to order by President Charlotte Sullivan. Supervisors Present were: Charlotte Sullivan, and Gary Scranton. Francis Lindsey was not present. Others present were Lori Kepner, secretary, Ray Green Road Master, and Jonathan P. Foster Sr., Esquire. There were no visitors present.

Minutes of the June Regular meeting were approved. Motioned by Gary Scranton, seconded by Charlotte Sullivan and all agreed.

Treasurer's Reports and bills to be paid were approved. The motion was made by Gary Scranton to accept the treasurer's Report and bills to be paid, which was seconded by Charlotte Sullivan, and all agreed.

TMA/CBPA REPORT: Charlotte provided all reports for TMA, BCTCC and CBPA from the previous meetings which include meeting minutes and agendas. There was nothing new to report from the TMA, CBPA. Charlotte had received an email from Brenda Ferguson with the BCTCC regarding HR291, which directs the PA Dept. of Revenue along with DCED to conduct a study; to see if they should replace the current Local Tax collection system, and roll up the Local Earned Income Tax to be collected by the Dept. of Revenue at the State Level. Brenda needed all the Townships, Boroughs, and School districts to voice their concerns so she could send them to John DeRemer @ Berkheimer for our Counties response to this issue. We as a Township are against the State collecting the Earned Income so we feel it is not in our best interest to have the State collect our Local Earned Income Taxes.

Gary Scranton's Reports: Nothing new with the Fire Board, EMA or the BC Airport. Gary will continue to attend all meetings necessary.

Road Report by Ray Green: Ray gave the road report. They have finished the tar and chipping on Mahoney, Johnston, and Manahan roads. He has mowed all the roads and repaired several shoulders. They will continue to fix pot holes and start work on Bennett Road sometime soon. Ray will have to replace a pipe on Hettich Road at which time he will have to close the road for the day. He will notify the proper people. Ray is still working on the street lighting with Penelec; Lori did receive a contact for the street light poles she will forward this information to Ray. All of our salt and cinders are in and put away. Stiffler, McGraw did come and look at the Garage building extension again and also the Township office building for the use of air conditioners in the Board area. They gave a few suggestions to Ray and he addressed them with the Supervisors. The board discussed Crandall Road and at this time is not considering vacating that road.

Miscellaneous Business. Jonathan provided the written report to the board. There is nothing new on the ordinance for Wireless Communications Facilities. Jonathan is still working on the codification and employee manual. Jonathan is done with the pension plan paperwork and he had advertised it for the Board on July 7th, 2018 for the consideration at the next Township meeting set for August 6th, 2018. Lori will have a copy of the RFP for anyone who wishes to obtain one for the August meeting. The County came to a Settlement agreement with Sample Media for their assessed value of the property. Gary Scranton made a motion to also accept the Settlement agreement with Sample Media. Charlotte Sullivan seconded and all agreed. The Township sent out the letter to Marcella Benjamin Estate regarding the condemning of their property located along Railroad Street in Towanda Township. The Township will have to post Condemned signs and tape along the property so no one can enter the property legally. The board discussed a few other properties that are in violation of the Property Maintenance Ordinance. The board will direct all situations through their solicitor for proper enforcement. The Board discussed the Fire Works ordinance, because of Act 43 of 2017 the Township cannot require permits any longer for Consumer grade fireworks. Permits are however required for professional display fireworks, and can only be used by professionals with a municipal permit, this professional must be registered with the state. There are also other requirements under this new Act 43.

Correspondence. All correspondence had been forwarded to supervisors before the meeting.

Gas Wells: There were no NOI for the Township. The board had reviewed the Russell/Hollenback, and King subdivisions and had no adverse comments.

Gary Scranton made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 Next Township Meeting is scheduled for August 6th, 2018 at 10:00am at the Township Building.

Lori Kepner, Secretary