

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING – July 21, 2014**

**Thomas A. Schilinski, Chairman**  
**Anthony V. Gianfrancesco, Vice Chairman**  
**Timothy J. Green, Secretary**  
**Debbie Krenzela, Receptionist**  
**Gary L. Sweat, Solicitor**

- I. Called to Order.**  
**Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer**
  
- II. Public comments & questions will be taken as subjects are discussed or after the agenda is completed.**

**III. Reports:**

**A. Secretary's Report**

- 1. Minutes – Regular Township Meeting, June 16, 2014.
- 2. Minutes – Special Meeting for Road Materials; Superpave HMA Wearing Course, Mix 9.5 mm & Superpave HMA Wearing Leveling Course (fine grade), advertised in Observer-Reporter on 6/24/14 & 6/27/14, meeting held July 14, 2014.

Tim motioned to accept minutes as written, Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup> and Motion carried.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

1. Revenues-\$71,016.90    Expenditures-\$172,070.20

<u>Payroll</u>		<u>General Fund</u>	
Checking	\$8,271.46	Checking	\$242,616.40
<u>Recreation</u>		<u>Capital Reserve</u>	
Checking	\$ 2,613.21	Checking	\$191,993.12
<u>State Fund</u>		<u>Hydrant Account</u>	
Checking	\$182,637.18	Checking	\$ 6,381.13
		Savings	\$ 7,179.21
<u>Local Share Assessments</u>		<u>Impact Fee Distribution</u>	
Checking	\$148,993.90	Checking	\$29,609.60

Tim motioned to accept treasurer's report and pay bills, Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup> and Motion Passed.

**C. Zoning Officer's Report: Bill Tohey**

- 1. 2 Zoning permits (1 shed & 1 pole building), 7 Violation Letters ( 2 garbage & 5 high grass/weeds), and 3 Citations issued (2 dumping & 1 high grass)
- 2. Bill addressed the issue about the township cutting some of the grass that the people walked away from and it went back to bank and for taxes, Gary suggested liening the properties so when the next person purchases this property that it is paid to township at the time of closing.

**Police Report: George Galish**

- 1. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Quarter Report – 300 calls received and answered, 1 court hearing, 46 magistrate hearings, 9 arrests, 24 accidents, 197 traffic violations, and 41 non-traffic violations.

**E. Fire Department Report:**

1. Shaun Felton, July 16<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup>;  
1 Motor vehicle accident, 9 fires, 9 medical & 11 misc. Total calls 30.
2. Activities:
  - 1 monthly meeting
  - 3 In-house trainings
  - The whole department is taking BVR Certification classes.
  - Slovan & Muse are holding the Washington County Battle of the Barrel Tournament, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Langeloth Hall.
  - SVFD sportsman bash is Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> @ Pepsi Cola Roadhouse.
  - SVFD held a fire safety class at Gram Mary's Daycare.

**F. Supervisor's Report:**

1. Atlasburg Post Office, proposed hours cut. Meeting at Slovan V.F.W. on July 28, 2014 @ 6 P.M. - 3 out of 5 Post Office in Smith Twp. have had hours cut.
2. Washington County Tax Assessment has training for Pictometry on July 24, 2014 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Courthouse Square, doing away with all the maps everything will be scanned and on computer and log ins will be needed to assess website. Debbie, Michele and Bernie will be attending.
3. Letter received from D.E.P. over MAX Environmental Technologies, Inc. they want to put another pond in which will take 2 to 4 yrs. to get permits. Permit modification request for the Bulger facility. ID # 301359 for the job. The permit has been accepted into the review process.
4. Township was notified from the D.E.P. over noncoal surface mining and NPDES permits were issued to Board, Benchek & Associates, Inc. MAX has an agreement on how the trucks are allowed to go onto the roads.
5. Resolution 2014-7R, Impact Fee Resolution. Resolution to oppose any amendment to Act 13 of 2012 that would reduce the amount of Impact Fees paid to the Township. Tim made motion to accept resolution, Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup> and Motion Passed.
6. Letter received by Barbara Roberts to have the township hold a client to support a low cost spay/neuter clinic for cats with Animal Friends and Fix'Ur Cat. Date available is August 27, 2014, a place where cats would be in a holding area after operated on which needs running water and controlled temperatures for the cats. Supervisors will ask the VFW or either the township garage for a place for operation and if it is too hot in August there are other dates available in Sept. and Oct. The issue with the cats is there are way too many and no shelters will take them, so they have to be spayed/neutered and released back out into the wild. Joe & Stephanie Niedzialkia spoke up and said they would help with client and offer their services to Fix'Ur Cat. Tim made a motion to hold the client, Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup> and Motion passed.

**IV. Correspondence:**

1. D.E.P. to Range Resources issued letter over the Bare Tank Pad Site off of Bavington Road in game lands with Permit No. WMGR123SW015 for processing liquid waste to be used as a water supply to develop or hydraulically fracture oil & gas wells.
2. Range Resources formal notification for Kendall Unit 10H, Bottom Hole Moved, Robinson Twp.

**V. Solicitors Report, Gary Sweat:**

1. Introduction of Michael Crunny as staff who attended the MAX Environmental special meeting at the VFW. The meeting was informative and the processing on the permitting part. This process is going to take about one year to a year and a half.

2. Gary is going to check in with PSATS if they can tell them any information on how to handle the cat problem.
3. Different issues from different township which could affect our township along with others and how to handle these issues. For example; Donegal Twp. is having trouble with roads and Range Resources which the township had many meetings on refining road bonds & agreements, it is a good template to go by and update Smith Townships. The issue is who did the damage and who fixes the roads.
4. Independence has a lot of issues with dilapidated homes, if you look in your ordinance nuisance can come under many does, such as weeds & grass, rats, junk yard & abandon vehicles, and unsafe structures that are not safe for the community. It would be nice to bring this all together so you don't have to go from one section to another. Amend your ordinance to a Neighborhood Blight and Remediation Statue. Shows you how to handle and take action against dilapidated homes.
5. Need to set up a meeting on the American Zinc project that is started.
6. Terrain Vehicles will be advertised again.
7. Meeting set up with Scott Hoffman for wetlands for the Beltway Project, Thurs. 7/24/14 @3:00 pm would like Gary to be there.

**VI. Unfinished Business:**

**VII. Public Comments:**

Comments:

Fred Alexander had a comment on occupancy permit and giving to much private information on an application is an invasion of privacy.

Brad Boris wanted to know if he had the right to cut a tree limb that was hanging over his house, he was told to go talk to the neighbor and see if he would mind Brad cutting it.

Nick Pogonvich wants to know who is responsible for Vance Drive and there are no tonnage signs on road.

Mike Oriskovich was asking who is paying for the cleanup of Industrial Park he was told DEP previous & present owners and grant money. The Fire Department is looking in the near future to move the Fire Station to the Industrial Park, the one on Route 18 is dangerous pulling in & out of the station.

Lisa Gregg & Kelly Bowland wanted to know if there has been any new procedures on the policies for fatal calls, drug & alcohol use. These two women were saying that protocol wasn't followed in an accident 1 year ago so they want to make sure that this doesn't happen to other people in the future. Gary and Anthony are working on putting a new policy in place due to some incidents that happened in Smith Township. Lisa asked how the internal investigation is going between the Chief and the Supervisors. No comment can be made on that subject.

Anna Maria Cable commented on speeding on Joffre Bulger Road and lowering the speed limit sign on this road. There was a study done about a year or 2 ago and the state did change the speed on this road. 3 people from the audience spoke up and said that Grant Street and Joffre Bulger Road is patrolled heavily. They see the police sitting all the time in different spots and they pull a lot of people over. She also wants a no parking sign put on Shin Hill for the midget football so people don't block the roadway. Supervisors will look into that.

Tim motions to adjourned meeting, Anthony seconds, and meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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Timothy J. Green, Secretary