

## SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING – July 20, 2015

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

**I. Called to Order 7:00 P.M. 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 15, 2015 Anthony motions to accept minutes as written. Tom seconds and Motion carried.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

1. Revenues-\$87,739.39 Expenditures-\$231,242.09
2. Bank Balances – General Fund - \$197,594.30 Payroll - \$32,393.55. Tim motions to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills. Anthony seconds and Motion carried.

**C. Zoning Officer's Report: Bill Tohey – No Report**

**D. Police Report: Chief LaRue**

1. 2nd. Quarterly Report – 293 calls received and answered, 0 court hearing, 10 magistrate hearings, 3 arrests, 16 accidents, 78 traffic violations, and 18 non-traffic violations.

**E. Fire Department Report:**

1. Shaun Felton, June 15<sup>th</sup> – July 20<sup>th</sup>; 4 Motor vehicle accident, 10 fires, 11 medical & 22 misc.(a lot of trees & wires down because of storms) Total calls 47.
2. Activities:
  - 1 Monthly Meeting
  - 2 In-house trainings
  - Members to part in a Narcan class in Midway VFD July 16<sup>th</sup>. Narcan is a lifesaving drug that you can give to heroin overdose victims. SVFD now has the drug on all fire apparatus.
  - SVFD Sportsman Bash is Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Pepsi Cola Roadhouse. Tickets are now available.
  - Slovan VFD would like to thank the Township for all their hard work they have put in down the Cherry Valley Park in the last few weeks.

**F. Supervisor's Report:**

1. PA Dept. of Transportation – 35 mph speed limit signs on state routes 4006 (Francis Mine State Road) & 4015 (Joffre Cherry Valley Road) are the Townships responsibility.
2. PA American Water Waterline Replacement on S.R. 0018. Bill Tohey filled out land use application from Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. for PA American.
3. Subdivision/Brad Acklin – 18 Split Drive, Langeloth Approved by Planning Commission on July 14, 2015 with several changes needed on the mylar. Jamie Harshman said all of the

stipulations were met but waiting for mylar to come back from Mounts Engineering. Anthony motioned to accept subdivision, Tim 2<sup>nd</sup> and Approved.

#### **IV. Correspondence:**

1. Tetra Tech –notification for the Harmon Creek A,B,C & D well pads.
2. Gateway Engineers – Muskovitch Well Pad, Jefferson & Smith Twp., right-of-way goes into Smith Twp. on Bertha Road.

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

1. Ordinance needs advertised for increase in Life Insurance
2. Workman’s Comp charging extra fee to the Township being looked in to.
3. Gary said he is still working on the zoning amendment. At the last Smith Twp. Planning Commission he has taken all the input from the Planning Commission, the residents, Supervisors, Mark West, Range Resources, and information from other communities. He will have it together soon.
4. Floodplain Ordinance needs looked at for updates by September for the residents flood insurance.

#### **VI. Unfinished Business:**

1. Blight Ordinance– Supervisors need to look into a couple of changes.

#### **VII. Public Comments:**

Carol Long & Eldon Winchester wanted to know whatever happened with the k-9, there are too many drugs around the area. Anthony said you needed to have a full time officer willing to take care and dedicated to train with the K-9. We had no full time officer interested at this time. Chief LaRue stated that the problem that this area has with drugs is prescription drugs not heroin or cocaine. Another resident asked if there is a phone number for a drug problem through the county to notify them of action going on maybe a number could be put on the website or on the side of the patrol cars.

Micky & Peggy LaRocka from Bulger Block wanted to know why the police do not patrol their area; feels there are drugs being exchanged. Tom asked Officer Okavitch who was present, when on duty is it true that the Chief instructs all police officers to patrol all of Township when on duty. Do you patrol Bulger Block? Officer Okavitch said they most definitely patrol all areas of Smith Twp. Micky said he will be watching.

Micky said he also has an issue with the 3 houses just starting on Bugler Block on the right high grass/garbage. He was told that 3 violations notices went out this week but 2 of the 3 are delinquent on taxes so will be going up for sheriff’s sale. He also wants the Supervisors to check with MAX Environmental to make sure they are doing what they are supposed to be doing because they have been getting an odor in Bulger. Supervisors will look into.

Tim motions to adjourn meeting, Anthony seconds, and meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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Timothy J. Green, Secretary