



# SHOHOLA TOWNSHIP

## Board of Supervisors

George C. Fluhr, Gregory P. Hoyer, Keith W. Raser  
Municipal Building  
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### Regular Meeting February 14, 2013

#### ATTENDANCE:

- **Supervisors; Chairman George C. Fluhr, Vice-Chair Gregory Hoyer, Keith Raser and others on the attached list.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:29pm

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Motion to approve minutes of the Reorganization Meeting on January 7, 2013, made by Supervisor Raser, second by Vice-Chair Hoyer, motion carried.**
- **Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board on January 7, 2013, made by Vice-Chair Hoyer, second by Chairman Fluhr, motion carried.**
- **Motion to approve minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board on January 7, 2013, made by Chairman Fluhr, second by Supervisor Raser, motion carried.**

#### APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

- **Motion to approve expenditures as listed for January, 2013, made by Vice-Chair Hoyer, second by Supervisor Raser, motion carried.**

#### APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:

- **Motion to approve Treasurer's Report for December 2012, made by Vice Chair Hoyer, second by Supervisor Raser, motion carried.**
- **Motion to approve Treasurer's Report for January 2013, made by Supervisor Raser, second by Vice-Chair Hoyer, motion carried.**

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

- **Adam Cyrek – Non-Conforming Use Application, Motion to approve application, made by Supervisor Raser, second by Chairman Fluhr, motion carried.**
- **Antonio Biafora – Minor Subdivision, Motion to approve application, made by Supervisor Raser, second by Vice-Chair Hoyer, motion carried.**

**Peter Wulfhorst** – presented the Annual Report from the Planning Committee. (Report Attached).

#### SOLICITORS REPORT

- **LERTA Tax Abatement Program** – This program has been recommended to the Board from the Planning Committee. A Draft Ordinance has been prepared. There are still discussion going on with the School Board and the Commissioners to make sure they are on board with the program. We have been invited to attend the School Board meeting next week since this item will be on their agenda.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Shohola Township Fire & Rescue will be hosting their annual February Thaw Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Tickets are available at the Township Building or contact any member of the fire department. Price is \$10.00 per person.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- **Motion** to approve the meeting dates for the Planning Committee as follows: Regular meeting of the Planning Committee on the third Thursday at 7:30 of every month as well as a workshop meeting the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 to review and update the Zoning Ordinance, made by **Chairman Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Hoeper, motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **Supervisor Raser made the announcement that the two new Township Vehicles have been purchased and are parked outside for the residents to see.**
- **Ambulance Service** - Chairman Fluhr had made the public aware that the Fire Department were having issues with our current Ambulance services that has cause to concern to have them continue with such service. **Chief Malzhan** also reiterated that the problems did not just occur overnight that it has been going on for some time. About a year ago they began to have some frustrations and concerns about the staff and the quality of service being provided by Pike ALS.

**Kyle Wright of Pike County ALS** - stated that he did not solicit service to the Township that the Township came to them. He also advised that they have provided the best service over the past years and he came to meetings when he was available to attend. He stated that he was not aware of any problems that the Township or Fire Department was having and was completely blindsided with the Township's decision to change services.

**Solicitor Ohliger** - commented that he has reviewed written statements made by various members of the Fire Department which caused him some great concerns and very troubling.

### Public Comment -

**Shirley Mascuo** - wanted to know what the issues were.

**Solicitor Ohliger** - felt that stating it in public would be an embarrassment to Pike ALS and they wanted to avoid doing that.

Motion to table this matter for one month until the Board has had an opportunity to hold a meeting with Pike County ALS to the issues, made by **Keith Raser, second by Chairman Fluhr, motion carried.**

- **Alternate Engineer** - Due to the fact that we currently have a conflict of interest with the two Engineers we currently have, we find ourselves in an unusual position where we need to appoint a second alternate. Three engineers have been contacted and only one has shown any interest in taking this appointment. **Motion** to appoint Kiley & Associates, LLC as our second alternate, made by **Supervisor Raser, second by Vice-Chairman Hoeper, motion carried.**
- **Municipal Garage repairs.** The Township Garage is currently having problems with the roof leaking. Motion to send a letter to the Township Engineer to have him put together specifications on what type of work needs to be done, made by **Chairman Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Hoeper, motion carried.**
- **Ads to sell Township Vehicles** - **Motion** to put advertisements in the local paper and the website to request bids for the purchase of the Dump Truck and the Ford Expedition, made by **Chairman Fluhr, second by Supervisor Raser, motion carried.**
- **Police Garage** - discussions were on getting prices for clearing the lot on the Township property, foundation prices and at least three bids for a 3 bay garage. **No action taken.**

## CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Letter from Westfall Township** to Senator Baker regarding Pike County Sales Tax. Discussion of a letter received by Westfall Township for Shohola's support on imposing an increase in the local sales tax. **Motion** to do a letter to Westfall Township strongly opposing this, made by **Supervisor Raser, second by Chairman Fluhr, motion carried.**

- **Letter from Pond Eddy resident Re: Train Trestle over Route 434.** The letter from this resident explains her experience with walking under the bridge when a chunk of concrete fell to the ground. The deterioration of the trestle is a major concern for public safety.
- **Public Comment – George J. Fluhr**, mentioned that this is not the first time this has happened that roughly twenty years ago a piece of concrete fell and hit a car. He recommends that the Upper Delaware Council be contacted since this trestle is situated in the Upper Delaware corridor. They may be of some help in locating that person to whom the letter of concern should go to.
- **Motion** to send a letter to the Railroad, Senator Baker, Rep. Michael Peifer, Upper Delaware Council and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regarding the poor conditions of the trestle over Route 434, made by **Chairman Fluhr, second by Supervisor Raser, motion carried.**

#### **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

- Sewage/Zoning – see attached.
- Police – Report Attached
- Road Department- we have had 28 inches of snow from approximately 10 separate events.
- Park Committee – Announced that they are putting together their 2013 Flyer. Also, that the Engineer is done with putting the bid packages together for the construction of the Pavilion and will be dropping off the final draft on Tuesday, February 19th for our review. Construction is set to start in April.
- Fire Department – responded to 15 emergency calls. The Chief advised the community to have their chimney's checked since most of their calls are chimney fires. Chief Malzhan also mentioned their fundraiser, the February Thaw being held on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm and a concern to be announced for next month called "Dead of Winter", featuring a Grateful Dead cover band.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Aaron Robinson** – brought the conditions of Route 434 to the attention of the board. It was mentioned that the road is in poor shape and there is a heavier flow of truck traffic. **Motion** to send a letter to Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to request previous weight and truck size limits that were terminated on December 30, 2009, be reinstated for that Route, made by **Chairman Fluhr, second by Supervisor Raser, motion carried.**

**George J. Fluhr** – made the comment that people traveling the roads during dangerous weather conditions should wear a seatbelt even when traveling in the back seat. He mentioned the most recent automobile accident in Shohola which resulted in the death of two people sitting in the back seat of the car.

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:36pm, made by **Supervisor Raser, second by Vice-Chair Hoper, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted

Diana Blume  
Township Secretary