



SHOHOLA TOWNSHIP

Board of Supervisors

George C. Fluhr, Gregory P. Hoepfer, Keith W. Raser
Municipal Building
159 Twin Lakes Road
Shohola PA 18458

September 10, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

- Supervisors; Chairman George C. Fluhr, Vice-Chair Gregory Hoepfer, Supervisor, Keith Raser, Secretary, Diana Blume and Solicitor, Jason Ohliger .

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Motion** to approve minutes of the regular meeting of the Board on August 13, 2015, made by, **Vice-Chair Hoepfer, second by Supervisor Raser motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

- **Motion** to approve expenditures as listed for August 2015, made by, **by, Vice-Chair Hoepfer, second by Supervisor Raser motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:

- **Motion** to approve Treasurer's Report for August 2015, made by **Supervisor Raser, second by Vice-Chair Hoepfer, motion carried.**

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- **Peter Wulfhorst** reported to the Board that they have nothing before the Board this month, but they are still working on the Zoning Ordinance. They have just received the review comments from Pike County Planning and the Upper Delaware Council that they will be reviewing at their next meeting.

SOLICITORS REPORT

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Shohola Twp. Vol. Fire & Rescue and the Shohola Railroad and Historical Society are jointly sponsoring a Car Show, Chicken BBQ and Flea Market on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Car Show begins at 11am - 4pm. The Chicken BBQ starts at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$12.00 per person and will not be sold at the door. Flea Market tables are available for \$15.00 per table.
- Pumpkins in the Park will be held on October 17, 2015 along with the Shohola/Barryville 5K Run. The race starts at 9:30 and the Pumpkins event will begin at 11:30. Come join us for pumpkin picking, face painting, a costume contest and more. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact the Township Building at 570-559-7394.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Salt Shed is complete final payment is included in month's bills. No formal action taken. Supervisor Raser publicly commended the Township Secretary for her efforts on obtaining the grant to build the shed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Employee for Road Department: **Motion** to advertise for full time personnel for the Road Department, **made by Vice-Chair Hoepfer, second by Supervisor Raser, motion carried.**
- **Budget: Motion** to advertise Budget Workshop for 6:30pm on October 8, 2015, prior to the regular meeting of the Board, made by

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Joann Scoca - Noise complaint sent a letter in accordance to the Nuisance Ordinance. Secretary was asked to provide a copy of this letter to each member of the Board and the Chief of Police. No formal action was taken.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- Sewage/Zoning – 15 Sewage, 3 Zoning Permit,
- Building Permits - 6 Residential permits
- Police – Report - Report Attached
- Road Department - Road projects are done for the season. The Salt Shed is built and filled with Cinders and the salt is on order.
- Park Committee – Diana reported that the Committee is preparing for Pumpkins in the Park.
- Fire Department – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Carrie Thomas** - Asked the Board if the Budget Workshop would be in October, again this year. Chairman Fluhr confirmed that it would be held one hour before the regular meeting of the Board on October 8th, 2015. She also asked if the Board could provide a copy of the Budget Worksheet that gives the details of the line items for the budget.

Mrs. Thomas further asked who the liaison of the Administration was. Chairman Fluhr confirmed he was the liaison. She further went on to comment that through an open records request she has ascertained that there are 104 open Zoning Permits. She had mentioned that this seems to be a problem with management. Chairman Fluhr stated he would not comment. Supervisor Raser advised Mrs. Thomas that there are other issues going on and that he will make himself available to go over her concerns if she wanted to make an appointment to meet next week. Mrs. Thomas expressed that if this problem is an oversight than why it has been such a long-term problem.

- **Marianne Yeaw:** Asked if the current list of Zoning and Sewage Permits were from Trails End? Secretary Blume advised her that there was no way to tell if any of the Zoning Permits were for Trail End since the list is only by address not subdivision. Mrs. Yeaw also asked why the full time employee's salaries are not on the list of expenditures. She also asked if it was an oversight on the company that paved Little Walker Road that the ditches were not cleaned out before paving.
- **Shirley Masuo:** Started by thanking Supervisor Keith for being pro-active in his position. She further stated that it was disturbing that the Chairman did not answer the questions that were asked of the Chairman regarding the open zoning permits. She further stated that he is obligated to answer all questions that do not relate to personnel. She stressed that she is disappointed that she cannot get a straight answer from Chairman Fluhr.
- **Cheri Graber** - asked if the Board has heard anything about what is going on with the issues she had brought up during previous meetings. Chairman Fluhr stated that there is nothing new to report. Supervisor Raser advised her that the DEP has stepped in and are doing an investigation, he further stated that the Board did not institute the investigation. Solicitor Ohliger confirmed Supervisor Raser's statement by saying that he too was in touch with the DEP, it is an on-going investigation, and there is nothing new to report. Mrs. Graber further asked the Chairman that since he wrote a letter that his opponent was going to raise taxes, she asked if the Chairman intended on raising taxes this year. Chairman Fluhr stated that unless he has a good reason to raise taxes he will but if there is no need, then the Board would not raise taxes.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

- **Chairman Fluhr** - stated that the form letter Shirley Masuo handed out to the residents who lived on German Hill Road was not appropriate since it states in the form letter that it is being sent from people who live on Lackawaxen Road.

Motion to adjourn at 8:17pm made by Supervisor Raser, second by Chairman Fluhr, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Diana Blume
Township Secretary