



SHOHOLA TOWNSHIP

Board of Supervisors

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

September 8, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; Chairman George C. Fluhr, Vice-Chair Gregory Hoeper, Supervisor, Keith Raser, Secretary, Diana Blume and Solicitor, Jason Ohliger and all other on the attached list.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Motion** to approve Minutes of the Public Hearing and the regular meeting of the Board on August 11, 2016, made by, **Vice-Chair Hoeper, second by Supervisor Raser, motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

- **Motion** to approve Treasurer's Report for August 2016, made by **Supervisor Raser, second by Vice-Chair Hoeper, motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:

- **Motion** to approve Treasurer's Report for August 2016, **made by Vice-Chair Hoeper, second by Supervisor Raser, motion carried.**

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:32pm, made by Keith Raser, second by Chairman Fluhr, motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 7:58pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Conditional Use – Doherty – hearing was held and proof of advertisement was approved. **Motion** to approval application with the following conditions:

- 1 Specific designation of 4 parking spaces for tenants;
- 2 No outdoor storage of parts or tires visible from the boundary line or roadway;
- 3 Display of sales vehicles only in the area designated on the map provided by the applicant.
Display vehicles shall be no more than two rows deep;
- 4 No storage of disabled or unregistered vehicles except in the gravel lot designated on the map provided by the applicant;
- 5 No more than 4 repair vehicles in the front existing asphalt parking lot at one time. All other repair vehicles, in excess of 4 cars, must be parked on the east side of the garage or the gravel lot designated on the map provided by the applicant; and
- 6 No expansion of the gravel lot without further approval from the Zoning Officer.

Made by Supervisor Raser, second by Vice-Chair Hoeper, motion carried.

SOLICITORS REPORT

- Discussion with Welsh Granite regarding the damage done on the road from the bridge reconstruction is ongoing. Walsh Granite proposed a solution to repair the cracks along the road. Robert Myers said that this will not fix the problem since road surface has been destroyed and the repair must be to the profile of the road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Shohola Township Fire & Rescue** in conjunction with the Historical Society will be hosting their annual Chicken BBQ, Flea Market and Car Show on Saturday, September 10th from 9am to 4pm.
- **Shohola Park & Recreation Committee** will be hosting their first Movie in the Park on Friday, September 16, 2016 starting at 6:30pm, this is a FREE event; the feature is Inside Out, and the movie will start promptly at 7:30pm. Rain location will be at the Township Building.
- **Shohola Park & Recreation** is hosting their 11th Annual Pumpkins in the Park Event which is to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **UDC Position Paper on Solar Farms – Motion** to send a letter to the UDC regarding the township position on this issue, made by Supervisor Raser, second by Chairman Fluhr, motion carried.
- **Motion** to advertise Budget Workshop for October 13, 2016 at 6:30pm made by Chairman Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Hoeper, motion carried.
- **Pike County Association of Township Officials Convention on October 7, 2016. Motion** to approve attendance, made by Chairman Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Hoeper, motion carried.
- **Weight limit for Lackawaxen Road. Motion** to send a letter to PennDOT requesting that a bond policy and weight restriction be set to Lackawaxen Road now that it has been paved, made by Chairman Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Hoeper, motion carried.
- **Sign Injury Prevention and Claims Management - Tabled**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter Federal Highway Administration regarding a detour through Shohola while repairing the Roebling Bridge.
- Letter from Jozef Kouchiniske regarding trash on his neighbor's property. Chief Carney reported that he is already handling this matter.
- Letter from Paul Eilbacher and his neighbors regarding the heavy bus traffic on McKean Valley Road. Supervisors discussed that they will talk with the owners to discuss a solution to the heavy traffic.

Paul Eilbacher told the supervisors that there are hundreds of vehicles a day traveling past his house at all hours of the day and night and it seems that the business has expanded and he doesn't see this expansion ending.

Rachel Amodeo stated that the oil leaking from the buses appears to be causing a hazard to Shohola Creek. She also stated that the buses are speeding and the drivers are littering the area.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- Police - Report – Report attached.
- Zoning/Sewage 17 Zoning permit, 5 sewage permit and 2 well permits issued in August.
- Building Permits 2 Residential Building permit issued in August.
- Road Department – Grading Roads and replacing culvert pipes.
- Park Committee – Diana reiterated the Movie in the Park announcement.
- Fire Department – reported that it was a very peaceful summer for the Fire Department. A lot of the guys are going through training with the Pike County training center, as well as the Swan Lake facility. They are always looking for volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **George J. Fluhr**, commended Aaron Robinson on his representation of the Township with the UDC.
- **Shirley Macuso** asked why the Township didn't take pictures of the road before the bridge work began. The Road master responded by saying that the company provided a professional company to video tape the condition of the road before and after construction. However, the angle of the video did not show the profile of the road. She also mentioned that if the buses on McKean Valley Road are speeding than maybe we should get the police out there to give tickets.
- **Rachel Amodeo** asked the Board if she will get a response in the mail about the problem on McKean Valley Road. Solicitor Ohliger stated that they will go through the steps to get this issued resolved.
- **Henry Jones** told the Board that the school buses are being used for more than just servicing the schools and the use of those buses have gotten out of hand. He also stated that if they changed route it would help.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

- **Chairman Fluhr** addressed the public with the following comment: "Last month in an attempt to keep our meetings under control as Chairman, I said the Board wouldn't take questions during public comment, though legal, it is not the right course. I cannot deny good people with legitimate concerns to ask questions during the comment period. Therefore, if the Board agrees, a citizen may ask a question of the Board as a whole and possibly a follow up on the subject during their three (3) minute comment. All questions must be directed to the entire Board. Any member of the Board can respond or not, stating their opinion or the Board may ask a member of the staff to respond to a question related to their expertise. Answers will not be debated."

Motion to adjourn at 8:50pm made by Supervisor Raser, second by Chairman Fluhr, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Diana Blume
Township Secretary**