



SHOHOLA TOWNSHIP

Board of Supervisors

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

May 11, 2023

ATTENDANCE:

- **Supervisors; Chairman, Gregory P. Hoyer, Vice-Chair, Keith Raser, Supervisor, George C. Fluhr and Solicitor, Jason Ohliger, Secretary, Diana Blume and all others on the attached list.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board April 13, 2023, made by Supervisor Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Raser, motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

- **Motion to approve the list of expenditures for April 2023, made by Vice-Chair Raser, second by Supervisor Fluhr, motion carried.**
- **Vice-Chair Raser** advised the Board that the line item for Gary Hoyer in the expenditures was for the rebuilding of the sign down at the Caboose in which only materials were refunded and Mr. Hoyer donated his time to rebuild the sign.

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:

- **Motion to approve Treasurers' Report for April 2023, made by Vice-Chair Raser, second by Supervisor Fluhr, motion carried.**

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- **Fuhse Subdivision: Motion to table Subdivision until June 15, 2023, made by Supervisor Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Raser, motion carried.**
- **Cottage Gift Shop:** Conditional Use Hearing began at 7:34, Solicitor Ohliger provided the following Exhibits:

- Exhibit 1:** Advertisement of public hearing;
- Exhibit 2:** Application fee (copy of check);
- Exhibit 3:** Application for Condition Use dated 4/20/2023;
- Exhibit 4:** Satellite Map of subject property;
- Exhibit 5:** GIS Map locating all structures;
- Exhibit 6:** Synopsis of the retail store; and
- Exhibit 7:** Letter from Shohola Township Planning Committee.

The applicant Karena Ciarelli provided the Board a brief overview of what is planned for the Cottage Gift Shop with hours of operation to start from 10am to 5pm currently being running. Solicitor further asked the public if there were any questions or comments. No questions or comments were made.

Applicant has waived the formal written decision and has agreed to accept a letter instead.

Motion to approve the Conditional Use of a Gift Shop with the following conditions:

1. Bathrooms and water supply cannot be constructed in the cabin; and
2. No expansion of the cabin without further approval.

made by **Supervisor Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Raser, motion carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Shohola Park and Recreation will be hosting their annual Clean Up Day on May 20th at the Township Building from 9:00am to 3:00pm. See the Township Website for details on prices.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Walker Lake Station 2 Update:** Deed was received signed and recorded from Shohola Township Volunteer Fire & Rescue. Following are motions to complete the transfer:
 1. **Motion** to sign the HUD to complete the transfer made by **Supervisor Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Raser, motion carried.**
 2. **Motion** to sign Purchasers Affidavit, made by **Supervisor Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Raser, motion carried.**
 3. **Motion** to approve and execute Lease Agreement for a single bay in Station #2 to Shohola Township Volunteer Fire & Rescue for storage, made by **Vice-Chair Raser, second by Chairman Hoeper, motion carried.**
- **Emergency Management Coordinator:** **Motion** to appoint Daniel Buttero as Emergency Management Coordinator, made by **Vice-Chair Raser, second by Chairman Hoeper, motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Road Master:** Chairman Hoeper mentioned that the current Road Master Robert Myers will be retiring after 30 plus years of Service to Shohola Township on June 30, 2023. **Motion** to appoint John Knapp as new Road Master, made by **Chairman Hoeper, second by Vice-Chair Raser, motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from Kyle Mihalik

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- Building Permits 10 residential permits in April, 2023.
- Zoning and Sewage 15 Zoning Permits, 10 Sewage and 2 Well permits in April.
- Road Department - Dirt & Gravel and Grading will begin the 1st week in June.
- Park Committee - Clean Up day is quickly approaching. See website for details.
- Fire Department - 12 calls for the month of April 2023.
- Ambulance - 23 Total calls for April, 2023. Shohola Ambulance did 12 calls with 7 transports; 11 calls in Shohola and 2 in Lackawaxen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Keith Decker asked the Board about a \$49,000.00 deposit made in the EMS account; And also questioned what we are doing to control talking while driving for the ambulance staff as well as being out of town with the ambulance.

Diana Blume, advised that the deposit was from the County Commissioners for a matching grant for ambulance service and the Township was looking into interior cameras for the ambulance as well as a tracking device.

- Janice Damayo question who to contact when there are contractors blasting next to a house. Board asked the Secretary, Diana Blume to look into the process of reporting blasting without warnings to the neighbors.
- Lorraine Spinnard – Asked the Board about zoning on how many travel trailers can be put on the lot at the Shohola Camp. Solicitor Ohliger advised that it is zoned for a Camp not a camp ground, however, there is no preemptive enforcement.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

- Chairman Hoepfer commented on the work that it takes to pull off the February Thaw. He thanked the Fire Department members and the residents for helping and coming together to make this event work well.
- Supervisor Fluhr discussed the legislation of OSHA. Motion to write a letter in opposition to HB299 made by Supervisor Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Raser, motion carried.
- **Motion to adjourn at 8:31pm made by Vice-Chair Raser, second by Supervisor Fluhr, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diana Blume
Township Secretary