

Pike Township Trustees**Regular****Monday, February 17th****09****Regular Meeting**

President Doug Baum called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Trustees Lee Strad was and Don Charnetzky were present but absent was Fiscal Officer Steve Knox. Others in attendance were Nancy Cramer, Nancy Snyder, Gary Alkire, Louis Grooms, David Ross, Nancy Collier, Joe Barnes Jr., Clarence Flowers, Jackie Faverty, Phyllis Strad, John Miller, Zoning Inspector Sharon Perrine, and Road Supervisor Mark Pahanish.

A motion was made by Charnetzky accepting the minutes and financials as presented. Seconded by Strad.

1st Public Speaks Session

Joe Barnes Jr. said that he heard that the Township had not received any complaints about mining recently, but Mr. Barnes stated that he has received a lot of complaints from neighbors but they are frustrated with the lack of response by anyone. When he receives a complaint, he tells them to call their elected officials, but the residents have lost the faith in their elected officials because nothing is being done. He went out to the residents and got a lot of complaints himself which he gave copies to the Trustees. He said there are 3 copies, with one copy going to the Trustees, one to the BZA, and one to ODNR. He has about 4 dozen complaints on the forms that the Township provided.

Perrine stated that she is not throwing a wrench into this, but she said the original use of the forms was for the Trustees to take phone complaints, as well as people to come in person and sign the complaints in front of her. The Trustees agreed to take these complaints even though outside the original parameters, have them verified, and send the complaints to the correct entity.

Clarence Flowers stated that he talked to his neighbors, and none of them knew the direct number they could call to contact our Sheriff, not many of them knew that the Ambulance was free to residents of the Township either. The point is that he would like some kind of newsletter once a year going out to the residents listing what is going on in the Township. He thinks it would be helpful.

He also gave kudos to the Road Crew for the job they have done. The audience all agreed that they are doing an excellent job.

New Business

Charnetzky said he looked into the on and off ramp, but there isn't much that has been done or will be done until the 4 appeals are settled. He has requested information from a couple sources to get an update as to where we are with these appeals.

Strad thanked Joe for coming down here and bringing the complaints.
Strad also read a letter from Tri-Division Ambulance District.

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Baum would like to have a work session with the Road Crew on Monday, March 30th at 8:00 a.m. at the Township Hall.

A motion was made by Charnetzky, seconded by Strad.

Roll Call Vote: Charnetzky – Yes

Baum – Yes

Strad - Yes

Baum also stated that Bob Anstine asked about mowing the cemetery again for the same rate as last year.

A motion was made by Charnetzky to accept Anstine's offer. Seconded by Strad.

Baum also said to put the generator in at the fire station, the pad and fence would have to be enlarged as they are not big enough. The Trustees agreed to make the necessary corrections so they can put the generator in.

Stark Parks wants to use the township Hall on August 6th around 5:45 p.m. The Trustees okayed this.

Old Business

Nothing at this time.

Sherriff's Report

Nothing at this time.

Financial Report

A motion was made by Strad accepting the Permanent Appropriations as presented. Seconded by Charnetzky.

Resolution #02-2009 was passed accepting the following 2009 Permanent Appropriations:

General Fund \$820,000

Motor Vehicle \$29,900

Gasoline Tax \$111,000

Road and Bridge \$235,500

Cemetery \$148,000

Lighting Assessment \$6,900

Fire District \$111,000

Road District \$39,500

Total \$1,501,800

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Roll Call Vote: Baum – Yes
 Charnetzky – Yes
 Strad – Yes

Road Report

Pahanish read the road report.

Snow control.

Helped with funerals.

Cut down trees.

Sandy Valley Schools asked if they could purchase salt from us. The Trustees approved this.

He then discussed that he would rather have a new dump truck over a new pickup, so if it comes down to the two, the dump truck should come first. He said the total is around \$140K for a new dump truck.

Zoning Report

Perrine read the Zoning Report

She talked to the property owner on Dueber Avenue and he is working with the Township and has cleaned up some of the items.

She also went to the landfill and did the routine check, but also saw where the break is.

Also, she sent letters out to multiple owners about junk vehicles and other issues.

She wanted to also clarify the minutes from the prior meeting and stated that the BZA granted a 50' foot setback for a mining operation, the neighbors went to court because they wanted a bigger setback, but the BZA ruling was upheld by the court.

Second Public Speaks

Perrine said that as of today the siren at the Fire Station is now working.

David Ross said that he moved here from Canton and got involved in Township Government and he understands the complaints from the residents about mining and the landfill, but he would much rather live here than in Canton.