

Pike Township Trustees**Regular****Monday, June 1st****09****Regular Meeting**

President Doug Baum called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Trustees Lee Strad 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, Bob Anstine, 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

Chief Arnie Adams discussed the large fire at Slats & Nails. It looks like possible arson. 9 departments had to be called in to help put out the fire.

Baum discussed that Slats and Nails was one of the pieces that was talked about being annexed by the Village, but there is some confusion on if the annexation was completed or not.

Bob Anstine said that he was here for the

John Miller brought up the \$200 that the Township usually gives to the Post 440 for flags. Baum stated that the Trustees will give \$200 if the Post can't get them for free.

He then discussed Zoning and how it should be run, versus how it currently is being done and who is running this thing? You can't bring a group of people in that is for or against an issue just to try and push it through.

Charnetzky made a motion that we give the Veterans Post 440 \$200 for flags. Seconded by Strad.

Nancy Snyder wanted to say that you just can't allow people to do what they want to with their land. People used to be able to do that, but we live in a different society. Mr. Miller said he totally agrees that we need zoning, but when the Zoning Boards opinions are reversed by the Trustees, that is wrong.

She agreed, and explained that you should enforce the rules and not everyone. We are all on the same tract, but what happens in the courts is out of our hands, but she wanted to defend the BZA and the Commission for the jobs that they do.

Louis Groom said that the BZA operates out of the book. He doesn't agree with some of the things in the book, but they still have to abide by the book.

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Grooms said that last year at this time, they mowed Maplehurst Avenue and it looked great, but this year, it looks terrible. Knepper stated they've only made one pass thus why it looks like that. Grooms added that it is a safety hazard.

New Business

Joel Bender from Whitaker Myers Insurance Agency presented our liability insurance coverage and stated that it went from \$14,242 last year, to \$13,688 in 2009.

Strad made a motion to enter into a 2 year agreement with Whitaker Myers. Seconded by Charnetzky.

Baum stated that he got a couple complaints of 3 wheeler's on private property.

Old Business

Strad stated that there is a new 3 year agreement between the Union and the Township. He should have something to review and sign for the next meeting.

Strad and Charlie Hall will meet with the landowner on Riceford on site to discuss plans on cleanup on the property.

Sherriff's Report

Nothing at this time.

Financial Report

Nothing at this time.

Road Report

Pahanish read the road report.

Picking up a lot of trash.

Culvert at the golf course on Breezehill is starting to creep out to the road. The Trustees told him to put rock in to see if it will stop.

Installed culverts.

Charnetzky asked Perrine if Knox went to the bank yet for the potential loans. She wasn't sure.

Baum stated that we received a nasty letter asking where their tax money is going as dead deer just lay on Route 800. Baum wanted to make it clear that if there is a dead deer on ANY Township roads, we will pick it up and take it to the landfill, but if it's on a State or County road, we do not do those as taxpayers monies go to those entities to take care of those roads, which include the disposal of dead deer. We do a little help on these roads, but we should not do it all of the time. Our insurance advisor stated that if there is a dangerous situation on a State Road, then you can get involved and help on those roads, but if it's just normal everyday maintenance, the Township should allow the State or County to do this.

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Zoning Report

Perrine read the zoning report.

Court cases coming up.

They are also keeping track of high grass at houses, but unfortunately there are quite a few houses in foreclosure and for sale.

Second Public Speaks

Bob Anstine asked if we were planning any patching? Pahanish stated that we were.