

**Moore Township Board of Supervisors
2491 Community Drive
Bath, Pa. 10814
February 2, 2016**

The Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 by Chairman David Tashner at 7:00 PM.

Members present were Chairman David Tashner, Vice Chairman Daniel Piorkowski, Sec/Treasurer Richard Gable, Solicitor David Backenstoe and Engineer Kevin Horvath from Keystone Engineers.

SUB-DIVISIONS:

None

**REGULAR BUSINESS:
MINUTES**

Mr. Tashner stated that we have one set of minutes from the January 4, 2016 re-organization meeting.

**Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to accept the minutes as presented.
Mr. Gable seconded the motion
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

**Mr. Gable made a motion to approve the Financial Report
Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion
Public Comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.**

PAY BILLS

**Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to pay the bills
Mr. Gable noted that the bills for the month from the General Checking Acct. \$107,000.00, the Liquid Fuels Acct. \$20,855.29.
Mr. Gable seconded the motion
Public Comment
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye**

APPROVE PAYROLL

**Mr. Gable made a motion to approve the payroll
Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion
Public Comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye.**

Chairman David Tashner stated that if you need copies of any reports, please see Mr. Gable after the meeting and he will make them available to you.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief West was not present, so not report given.

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Jason Harhart, fire recorder was present and gave his report for the year end 2015 & month of January, 2016.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tashner said that from the FRCA the only comparison of items to compare, we handled an additional 100 cubic yards of material than the year before. The other thing is the snow storm we just had, the public works department is a little tired of setting records. We have had 3 years in a row where we set records. In 2013 and 2014 we set records. In 2013 we set a record for the most snow in one year, and in 2014 we set a record for the coldest February on record. This year we set the record for the heaviest snowfall in a 24 hour period. The last amount according to the LVIA was 31.9 inches. In addition to that we had 3 ambulance calls and one fire call.

FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY

We did our re-organization meeting and we are starting our winter hours.

NAZARETH COG

Mr. Piorkowski said that they had their re-organization meeting in January and also talked about the Multi-municipal plan. We will be presenting it to the Planning Commission this month for their input and comments. They sent out a letter asking for their membership dues from each municipality. Mr. Gable reported that we did get the letter and would take of it.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Mr. Bealer, at the last Board of Supervisors meeting the Rec. Board was seeking approval to the new rules and regulations. Mr. Tashner said that we have not had a chance to go over them as of yet, we should have something for the next meeting. Mr. Bealer asked about the park signs, Mr. Gable said that you cannot post no weapons on the sign. We had a gentleman here from the gun owners association, and he wanted to see if we had any reference to no weapons on any signs. You can post no hunting or trapping, that is the only thing that I saw on the sign. The next thing was to give the information to Atty. Backenstoe and have him turn it into an Ordinance. Sterling had given the dates for the softball tournament for the spring.

Mr. Gable made a motion to approve June 25th & 26th - July 9th & 10th and July 30th & 31 for the softball tournaments

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

The next item LeRoy had noticed that Eckroth Equipment had a roto-tiller for \$450.00 less than anyone else for your info. We are preparing a proposal for the Disc Golf which should be ready for the next meeting. We had our re-organization meeting and all the officers stayed the same.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Gable said that no one was here, however we need to appoint the chair for the commission.

Mr. Gable made a motion to appoint Charmaine Bartholomew as Chair of the Commission

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Mr. Romano gave a report from Maria Bentzoni as to all of the farms that are getting ready to go into farmland preservation. Mr. Tashner asked how many acres were going to go in with all the farms, Mr. Romano did not know for sure, but, Mr. Gable said approximately 250 acres or so. Mr. Gable reported that the check for the Sunny Slope Farms is ready and we are just waiting for closing.

EAC

Peter Loche reported that the January meeting was canceled, but we did submit the grant application for the park. We spent about 3 hours at the park pointed out several things about the park and some of the things that Wildlands would do with their plan. The recycling issue is cost, and we are going to bring that up at the next meeting to see if there is anything we can or cannot do.

ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER

Jason Harhart reported that we have his report and everything else is on the agenda.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Mr. Horvath said that he had only one item which was the legal descriptions for the remaining undedicated roads for Pheasant Ridge. I will be forwarding them to Atty. Backenstoe if they are okay.

SOLICITOR

The discussion that the Board had about the pipeline, and if there is any way to establish building setbacks.

I think that the thought was that if there was building setbacks, the pipeline could not go close to occupied structures. The problem with that is the preemption issue, if the FERC allows that pipeline to come in, and they take property by eminent domain, they do not have abide with you zoning. In other words, you may not allow pipelines in one area, but allow them in another. The pipeline would not have to abide by that. I will be happy to revisit that and try to come up with something. Let me talk to the engineer and see what makes sense in that regard. Mr. Tashner said that we never thought that we would have to deal with pipelines. Mr. Backenstoe will try to find a rational basis to set distances and setbacks from occupied structures. Mr. Gable asked if our property line setbacks come into play. But Mr. Horvath said that they have to say pipelines in the description. Mr. Tashner said that with energy prices down the way they are now, the project may stall.

Mr. Gable made a motion to have Atty. Backenstoe investigate the possibility of establishing setbacks from occupied structures.

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gable said that under new business, we have been approached by our Workers Comp. carrier about putting together a safety manual and a safety program. If we do not do this, we would be in jeopardy of losing our Workers Comp. They sent us a template of a program, and between Dave and I we put together the safety program. Everything is in place and we need to approve it tonight so we can send it out. Mr. Tashner said that he looked at Lehigh Township's program and this is almost exactly the same.

Mr. Piorkowski said that on page 3, where it says Richard Gable, it should say Sec/treasurer so we do not have to change that in the future. Mr. Tashner explained that we will need to put together a safety committee and told everyone what that consisted of.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to adopt the Safety Manual

Mr. Gable seconded the motion

Public Comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMOS

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Mr. Jeff Ayers asked if they could get an updated township phone list. Mr. Gable said that as soon as all the committees re-organize, he will get a new one out to everyone.

Mario Pasquarillo said that he and his brother were here last year, and had a tenant that was taking care of his place, and when I came home, there was \$11,000.00 worth of tools taken. The same people stole from Emmanuelsville Church. We brought up about my report, which bring me up to my problem with Officer James Cavallo. Mr. Pasquarillo went on to explain many different things that happened and complained about the Police Department and what he called an ongoing investigation.

Mr. Tashner said that if this is a pending case, this is not something we can discuss in a public meeting. If you need to talk to the Police Chief, he has his way of dealing with this. Mr. Pasquarillo said that he called the Chief 6 times, and he did not return his calls. Mr. Tashner again said that it is an open case, but the point it is a Police matter. It is not something that this Board can handle. Atty. Backenstoe asked what the issue is here as I want to try to help you. The proper action would be to go to the Police and have them investigate this. You said that you could have gone down and got your tools, what does that mean. Mr. Tashner again said that this is an open case and should not be discussed. Atty. Backenstoe said that you want the Chief to call you. Mr. Tashner said that the only part of this we are hearing is your side. I can assure you that the Chief will call you about this. Atty. Backenstoe said that you should call the DA if you have a problem with the Police Department. Mr. Tashner again broke in and said that this discussion is closed and your time is up. We will have the Police Chief call you and that is the extent that this board can go. Mr. Pasquarillo said that he has one more item, my property was built before zoning. I had an appraisal done and apparently they called here and zoning said that my house was a multi family dwelling. The previous appraisals were for a single family dwelling with a mother-in-law suite. The County has no record of any apartments above my garage, Mr. Tashner said that this should go before our Zoning Officer and Jason Harhart was introduced to him.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm
Mr. Gable seconded the motion
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Respectfully submitted

Richard K. Gable

Richard K. Gable, Secretary

Meeting adjourned at approx. 7:45 pm. Not intended to be word for word, but just a synopsis of the meeting.

