

Branch Communicator

April 2010

Supervisors Meeting Notes

Telephone Numbers

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Sewage
Tina Williams 544-1764
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Police Report

The Police officers traveled 2610 miles in patrolling the townships using 4 police vehicles. 61 Incidents, Assists or Complaints were handled by 3 officers. They attended 7 hearings at District Judges offices. 8 traffic citations were issued.

The report covered the period 3/1/10– 3/31/10

Wings and things

The Good Intent Hose company of Llewellyn is serving Wings every Tuesday from 6PM until all are gone. They will also serve clams and peel and eat shrimp. Come out and support the Hose company while enjoying a tasty dinner.

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Garbage Restrictions

The garbage collector will pick up a maximum of 6 bags of garbage and 1 large household or appliance item per pick up. Residents are encouraged to recycle items such as newspapers, plastics, cardboard, glass and aluminum at the Brickly Road recycling center. Yard waste should be taken to the compost site. Also, residents are reminded that it is illegal to bring or allow non residents to bring garbage into the township for pick-up. This will hold down the number of bags to be picked up by the hauler.

Burning Complaint

The Supervisors heard a complaint from a New Minersville resident against a neighboring contractor. It was pointed out that burning is permitted between the hours of dawn and dusk so long as certain conditions are met. The burning must be done in a container such as a drum or masonry enclosure with a top to prevent fly ash from escaping into the atmosphere. Burning of garbage, vegetable waste, rubber, plastics or other materials that produce noxious fumes, smoke or fly ash is prohibited. Burning to clear brush or grass to clear land is permitted so long as the Comm Center and the township fire chief are notified 24 hours in advance of the location of the burn.

Township Building Damages

Ice back-up on the roof of the township building caused damages to the interior office area that required repairs. Most of the repairs were covered by insurance. The Supervisors will be seeking a grant to update the heating and air conditioning of the building.

Garbage Delinquencies

Information on the total amounts due from individuals who have failed to pay their garbage bills is lacking, preventing the township from demanding payment. Gail Bedford, the tax collector will be invited to the next Supervisors meeting to assist in determining who owes what so that collection of unpaid bills can begin.

Co-operative Police Agreement

An agreement with the Minersville Police Department will be enacted to allow Minersville and The Branch-Reilly Police departments to act within each jurisdiction during emergencies. Individual officers will be sworn in as members of each force. As several of our part-time officers are already members of the Minersville Police Department this will be a pro forma agreement.

The Supervisors acted to increase the police officers equipment allowance from \$200.00 to \$300.00 annually.

Road Masters Report

Supervisor Wank reported on work done by the Township workers. Clean up of debris accumulated over the winter and three burns at the compost site were the main activities. The Phoenix Park play ground equipment is scheduled for sanding and painting in the coming month. Complaints concerning the condition of Brickly Road approaching the recycling site will be addressed. Also road work on Church Road is scheduled. There was a complaint about the lack of a Road Program. It was pointed out that money was being used to repair pot holes and that no formal Road Program has been used over the past few years. Repairs and resurfacing of most of the township roads occurred after the sewage project but is not yet paid for. As a formal Road Program must include reports from the township engineer that would cost \$6000.00 and up it is felt that paying for piecemeal black top rather than paper was the most effective use of township revenues for the time being.

Township Web Page

A proposal for a web page was presented to the Supervisors at the meeting. This and several other proposals received will be reviewed and acted up at a later date.

Primary Election Day

Primary Election day will be Tuesday May 18th. As the two former precincts have been merged be prepared for longer lines. Polls open at 7AM and close at 8PM.

Sewage Authority

Financial Data

Income		
General Receipts	1,592.47	
Tax Income	<u>37,511.83</u>	
Total Income		<u>39,104.30</u>
Expense		
advertising	30.12	
Auditors	1,550.43	
Building Inspector	126.71	
Contractors	3,098.60	
dues	425.00	
Electric	3,157.65	
Insurance		
Health Insurance	4,657.67	
Insurance - Other	2,749.08	
Total Insurance	7,406.75	
Misc	74.09	
Office Expense	215.53	
Payroll Expenses	10,531.86	
Payroll Taxes	161.49	
Police	4,476.36	
postage	42.00	
Road Work	661.32	
Sewage	174.00	
Solicitor	180.00	
Supervisors	147.14	
Tax Collections	1,569.46	
Telephones	303.54	
Truck & Equipment	3,424.93	
truck Loan	360.12	
Utilities	<u>2,083.21</u>	
Total Expense		<u>40,200.31</u>
net loss		-1,096.01

Spring fever apparently affected several members of the Authority so there were not enough members for a quorum. As no business could be conducted, solicitor Dave Rattigan briefed those in attendance on the status of the documentation transfer necessary to effect the transfer of assets and liabilities from BCRSA to SCMA.

Tina Williams discussed the financial condition of the Authority. There is sufficient funds and revenue to meet all necessary expenses through the end of May. Hopefully the transfer to SCMA will take effect by then.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission received the Barnhart sub-division plan back from the County. After reviewing the plan with the developer, a motion to forward the plan to the Township Supervisors with a recommendation for approved was accepted.

The plan was presented to the Supervisors and accepted by them.

Republican County Committee

On primary election day I will be asking your vote to become a member of the County Republican Committee. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Phoenix Park Happenings

The Phoenix Park fire company will be sponsoring weekly bingo games. The games will be held on **Mondays starting at 6:30PM at the Fire Company.** All are invited to play.

Up Coming Events : The next supervisors meeting will be *May17th*. Planning Commission May 4th . Public meetings start at 7PM . Sewage Authority meeting will be Thursday May 20th 4:30 PM. Primary Election Day May 18th

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