

The Township meeting held on Sept 5, 2017 at 7:00 PM was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers

All members were present; Sec-Treasurer Beverly Henderson, Solicitor Matthew Gieg, Twp. Engineer Thomas Levine were present.

Minutes

A motion was made by James Grove and 2nd by Kenneth Wertz to accept the meeting minutes of Aug 1, 2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by James Grove and 2nd by Kenneth Wertz to accept the Treasurer report as presented for the month of August. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements None

General Comments

Sergeant Jendrzejewski PSP was present and provided the following:

In the last 5 months the following events occurred: 4 assaults, 6 domestic, 1 overdose, 48 motor vehicle crashes and speeding enforcements.

With the concerns on Brush Mt., Scotch Valley Rd, and Sylvan Heights the following was the crash on those roads, 1 Brush Mt., 4 Scotch Valley Rd, and 2 on Sylvan Heights.

August was a good month for the Department with vacation being canceled as well as training the Sergeant focus on Frankstown Township and placed Troopers on the above roads, yes there was some citation and warnings issued.

The Governor is not hiring new recruits he is only replacing the vacant position of those individual that retired.

The Sergeant had made some suggestion for Brush Mt., he stated that some of the speed limit signs are covered with over growth, there is a gap after Elm St. going towards Hollidaysburg, and signs should be every ½ mile this gap is approx.... 7/10. Turkey Valley and Scotch Valley should be settling down with the new intersection opening.

Noise Complaints concerning The Party Barn with the parties, Mr. Calvert stated that he is now getting threats, and his property was vandalized over the weekend. Sergeant Jendrzejewski gave Mr. Calvert some advice and that was to install camera around his property.

Stormwater issues

With the recent rain event that the Township had experience 4" in 2 hours, the following residence spoke.

Lynn Granville stated that the work that was done on Elm Street won't help the water issues it will help but won't stop the water from crossing the roadway. The ditch on the neighbor property across the road, an easement needs to be obtained for us to finish the project.

Paul Carnell located at Brush Mountain and Kara Dr. received the copy of the report, and he noticed that the quote to help with the water problem is approx. 1.3 million dollars. Engineer Levine stated that this won't fix the water problems but might help. Engineer Levine also stated that why the pond was the 1st project and why the others wasn't complete is unknown, they could have thought that it could make a bad problem better or make the bad problem worst. The residence in this area expect the water issue to be fixed. Mr. Carnell feels that a ditch on the other side of the road would work or increase the size of the pipe coming down alongside of Brush Mt. Rd.

Thomas Jenkins located off Godfrey Lane feels that the water issues need to be addressed, Mr. Jenkins stated with all the new development up stream, has made more water problems downstream, Engineer Levine stated that Stormwater Ordinance in the 90' wasn't as tight has it is now.

William Weikert knows and understand what Mr. Carnell and Mr. Jenkins is saying, however you can't change Mother Nature, but this last event is the 4th time this year, and it all starts at the top, Stonehedge is where they have to start at. Mr. Weikert just wanted to say his peace.

Supervisor Henry stated that if we put bigger pipes in what would happen on downstream it would end up at the Golf Course or the Cottage at Blairmont.

Other General Comments.

Roxine Copp stated that she had sent several emails to the Secretary and the Zoning officer concern the ditch located across the road from her residence, she stated it needs cleaned out. As well as the trees that are over hanging at the corner of Allegheny Dr. /Brush Mountain Rd.

William Calvert 1412 Locke Mountain Rd. is request a noise and lighting ordinance.

William Van Atta was present to give the Fire Hall report for the month of August.

Mr. Carnell stated that a check valve was installed by the Township and now is it broken, they have reached out to Dennis Walls to see what can be done.

Mrs. Copp was wondering if property owners are a loud to put their downspouts in and let their water run onto their neighbors, Engineer Levine stated that you are as long as it is in neighborly fashion, such as daylighting your downspouts in a stormwater ditch, than that ditch runs through the neighbor property, that is consider a neighborly fashion.

Mrs. Kathy Chamberlain was present concerning a playhouse that Leann Drass had installed at her residence (497 Linds Crossing) which is in the floodway. She stated that she reach out to FEMA however they are all in Texas dealing with Hurricane Harvey. Supervisor Henry stated that if she gets the letter for FEMA stating it can stay then we will honor that letter.

Ken Cook 4760 East Loop Rd submit a building permit plans for a deck which was submitted in August, once the lot merger is approved and finalized will he be able to get his permit, Kevin stated that he still doesn't have the approved plans as to date.

Old Business:

Michael Kuhn Side lot addition, a motion was made by Kenneth Wertz and 2nd by James Grove to approve the Michael Kuhn side lot addition located off Juniata Valley Rd., and prepared by Young & Associates and reviewed by Engineer Levine, Blair County Planning Commission and Luke Helsel. The motion passed unanimously.

Kenneth Cook Lot Merger, a motion was made by James Grove and 2nd by Kenneth Wertz to approve the Kenneth Cook Lot Merger located off East Loop Rd, and prepared by Keller Engineers and reviewed by Engineer Levine, Blair County Planning Commission, and Luke Helsel. The motion passed unanimously.

Stoudnour/Wilt Side lot addition a motion was made by James Grove and 2nd by Kenneth Wertz to table this subdivision due to the lack of signature by the owners. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Sewer Authority Ordinance a motion was made by Kenneth Wertz and 2nd by George Henry adopt Ordinance No. 2017-0905 known as the continuous of the Frankstown Township Sewer Authority as an advisor board. The motion passed unanimously.

Salt Bids, a motion was made by James Grove and 2nd by Kenneth Wertz to grant the Secretary authorization to advertise for Salt Bids to be opened in the October meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by James Grove and 2nd by Kenneth Wertz to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Beverly Henderson
Secretary Treasurer