

PORTER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

September 9th, 2024 7:00PM

Attendance was Supervisors Phil Courter, Keith Yearick, Ryan Gates, secretary / treasurer Carol Colucci, Zoning Officer Rich Brungard and 6 members of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phil Courter at 7:00PM. The August meeting minutes were reviewed and on a 1st motion by Keith Yearick and 2nd by Ryan Gates motion passed to approve the minutes as presented.

Public comment was from MaryAnn Clark. She reported there is a problem on Stone House Road with the goats. Brungard will look into it. And it was asked if any more stones will be added to the sides of Fox Hollow Road? Brungard reported it needed to settle out. It will be taken care of.

Nittany Valley Volunteer Fire Company, Ben Stoltzfus reported the County is converting over to a new radio system. He explained the existing is out dated and explained the new working system. They no longer have the two older trucks. It was stated that it will be an adjustment in insurance. Gates reported the fuel from the fire company fuel tank needs to be transferred to the community building fuel tank. We need to follow up with Ingrams.

The Recreation Board held a meeting tonight. The Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday Oct 5th 12:00 – 5:00PM. The next meeting is Oct 2nd at the park. It was verified the Recreation Board is given petty cash of \$500. for the event and will return the balance not spent.

The Heritage Committee meeting was held September 11th at 6:00PM. There was a follow up about the storage building at the Community building. Brungard reported a man size door is to be installed. A wood frame with a 36" steel door. The library committee will be selling old books at the fall festival to make room for new books in the future. They are planning adult programs.

There was damage at the Park to the Pickle ball net and pieces were removed. There was a discussion on purchasing better quality nets. Sue proposed to purchase a net from Amazon for \$199.00. All agreed to send a thank you to Harry Rupert for all his volunteer time rebuilding the sign planter box at the park.

Old business was the traffic light grant update from Kuharchick. Approval is needed to order the additional parts to use the balance left from the grant money not used. The total grant was for \$86,307.00 and the total project will be an additional \$203.00 The township will need to pay the total and submit a reimbursement to Penn Dot for the total of the grant. On a 1st motion by Courter and a 2nd by Yearick motion passed to approve ordering the additional parts and labor from Kuharchick to complete the project.

New business was the truck radio quote for four new installed radios a quote of \$5,229.00. After discussing, the final decision was to go with 4 radios and no base. On a 1st motion by Courter and a 2nd by Yearick motion passed to purchase new radios.

A Resolution was presented for a policy for the disposal of electronic tape recordings of public meetings after being approved. On a 1st motion by and a 2nd motion by motion passed to approve Resolution #09-09-2024.

A letter of interested was submitted by Kevin Frank for a position on the Porter Township Water Authority board. At this time the Water Authority Board is waiting on a resignation letter to be final for the vacant position. The Supervisors on a 1st motion by Gates and 2nd by Courter motion passed to appoint Kevin Frank as an alternate effective immediately and to fill the position when there is a vacancy.

Brungard reported the Community building HVAC system needs repaired. Silvertip provided a quote of \$7,700. to replace the wireless thermostats. (9) programable thermostats, (1) Lot thermostat wire, (1) Lot Seal tite conduit, on a 1st motion by Courter and a 2nd by Yearick motion passed to replace all items an agreement was signed and returned.

The Nittany Valley Little League submitted a proposal to schedule the baseball field for the spring season 2025. The Supervisors all agreed they took good care of the property and on a 1st motion by Gates and a 2nd by Yearick motion passed to approve the use of the field.

The Howard Fire Company is requesting the Nittany Valley Volunteer Fire company to assist with fire police at the annual event Pumpkin Chunkin Oct 19th. On a 1st motion by Gates and a 2nd by Yearick motion passed.

Property Management report was Brungard got quotes for tree removal of bad or dead trees in the park. Quote were Saars Tree service was \$7,500. Cutting Edge \$12,000. And Patriot Tree Service \$19,500. On a 1st motion by Courter and a 2nd by Yearick motion passed to approve the lowest quote Saars for \$7,7500.

Brungard proposed looking into a Truck sweeper for the future. A broom on the front of the vehicle is roughly \$12,000. Brungard is proposing improvements to the building. Refacing the tin and a bay addition to the existing garage. He will be working on projected quotes for the budget meetings. The Playground equipment is in need of improvements. The child's dirt digger needs replaced and is roughly \$2,000. for a new one at Playworld. No decision was made to purchase.

There was a Planning Board meeting in August. Zoning Officer Brungard stated the Nittany Valley subdivision needs revisions and will need an extension soon but there has not been any action on the project at this time. There is a subdivision coming up for the Grieb property. Permits for August was \$446.00. There was one storage shed, one garage, an addition and one subdivision.

There was an inquiry about Silver Ave paving. When will it be finished? Brungard clarified it will be paved before winter months. Follow up on the violation for the burning odor and chickens was Brungard reported he sent a letter out to the resident and spoke with DEP and is taking care of it.

The secretary report was the Clinton County Conservation Dirt & Gravel grant applications are open. After a discussion it was decided to not apply for anything. The Uniform Construction Code building inspectors, Keystone Inspection Agency Rick Hampton accepted the appointed position.

SEO, sewer enforcement officer Stan Wallace is going to retire. He provided a list of SEO's available which we will need to appoint at the re-organization meeting in January. We received the PA Game Commission annual allocation of \$15,880.20. This is doubled from last year. It was suggested to inquire what is the acreage they are using for a total.

The 8 fire hydrants with PA American Water throughout the township have increased. There is a difference of \$28.10. It was suggested to request from PA American Water a flow chart to review. Carol is requesting approval to attend the PSATS Fall Forum Sept 19th in Williamsport. The fee is \$99.00. The office would be closed that day.

Total revenue for the month of August was \$61,447.46, total expenses was \$86,607.76 a net income -\$25,160.30. On a 1st motion by Yearick and a 2nd by Courter motion passed to approve all finances and to pay bills.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 23rd at 6:00PM. to work on the 2025 budget. On a 1st motion by Gates and a 2nd by Yearick motion passed to adjourn 8:05PM.

Porter Township Supervisor Chairman
Philip Courter



Porter Township Secretary / Treasurer
Carol Colucci


