

Black Creek Township Supervisors General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 6th, 2023
The Pledge of Allegiance

The General Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Thursday, April 6th, 2023, was brought to order at 6:00 PM.

Attendance: Roll Call; Lupcho, Rohrbach, Tombasco; Present

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Duly Advertised Public Hearing:

1. Agricultural Security Area – LDF Holdings

- Solicitor Sean Logsdon reviewed the Agricultural Security Area for LDF Holdings.

Public Comment on Duly Advertised Public Hearing: None.

Minutes:

The chairwoman will ask if there are any additions or corrections to the March 2nd, 2023 general meeting.

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Lupcho, to approve the minutes of the March 2nd, general meeting.

All in favor.

Financial Report: March 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

BB&T/Truist General Fund:	\$241,037.75
Fire Escrow Account:	\$14,000.00
PLGIT Prime Savings:	\$30,061.76
PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:	\$141,371.61
Fed Shared Revenue Entitle-ARPA:	\$88,289.76
Total Checking/Savings:	\$514,760.88
PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:	\$5,588.17
Total:	\$520,349.05

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to approve the financial report.

All in favor.

Bills: Payment of bills, as presented.

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve the bills as presented, and to pay any and all bills in all funds that become due before the next general meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Lupcho; Yes, Rohrbach; Yes, Tombasco; Yes.

Correspondence:

Supervisor Lupcho reviewed the following correspondence:

- 1. Friends of the Nescopeck Earth Day Clean-Up**
- 2. Friends of the Nescopeck Annual Water Testing Report**

Reports:

-Zoning Report: Zoning/Codes Officer, Ed Wenger, was absent and sent a zoning report which was reviewed by Supervisor Rohrbach.

-Fire Company: Fire Chief Joe Lescowitch was absent and a report was reviewed by Carl Rittenhouse.

-Emergency Management: William Singley Jr. was absent and sent a report which was reviewed by Supervisor Rohrbach.

-Engineer's Report: Supervisor Rohrbach shared the recent work the engineers have been doing.

-Roadmaster Report: Chairwoman Rohrbach reviewed the report.

Old Business:

- 1. Amending the Black Creek Township Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 15, in relation to supplemental regulations for specific uses.**

- This ordinance has been sent to Luzerne County Planning and once they approve it, the supervisors will tentatively vote on it at the May meeting.

New Business:

- 1. Promote Ron Young II from part-time road crew to full-time road crew.**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to approve, to promote Ron Young II from part-time road crew to full-time road crew, promotion from within.

All in favor.

- 2. Raise for Ron Young II**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve, a raise for Ron Young II to a rate of \$20 per hour.

All in favor.

- 3. Ratify the hiring of Bernadette Taylor as a part-time secretary at a rate of \$___ per hour.**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to approve ratifying the hiring of Bernadette Taylor as a part-time secretary at a rate of \$14 per hour.

All in favor.

4. Tolotti Minor Subdivision

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho to approve the Tolotti Minor Subdivision as recommended by the Black Creek Township Planning Commission.
All in favor.

5. Black Creek Township Planning Commission Annual Report

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to accept the Black Creek Township Planning Commission Annual Report.
All in favor.

6. Great American Cleanup – Black Creek Township Volunteers

- Supervisor Rohrbach announced that anyone that wants to volunteer to clean up litter on Township roads, to please notify the office for supplies and when filled bags need to be picked up.

7. Resolution for the registration of LDF Holdings parcel (03S3-00A-010-000) as an Agricultural Security Area

- Solicitor Sean Logsdon reviewed what ASAs are and where the proposed ASA is located.
- Sandra Rittenhouse asked where the parcel is located, a map was passed around.

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve a resolution for the registration of LDF Holdings parcel (03S3-00A-010-000) as an Agricultural Security Area.
All in favor.

8. Nuremberg Weston Fire Company Fundraisers for 2023

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to approve the Nuremberg Weston Fire Company's fundraisers for the 2023 year.
All in favor.

9. Ratify the Resolution to Change the Depository Bank from Truist (Formerly BB&T) to Mid-Penn Bank.

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve ratifying the resolution to change the depository bank from Truist (Formerly BB&T) to Mid-Penn Bank.
All in favor.

10. Disposing of Old Files

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Tombasco, to approve disposing of old files that exceeded their retention time.
All in favor.

11. Placing the International Dump Truck on Municibid for Auction

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve placing the International Dump Truck on Municibid for auction.

All in favor.

12. Residents are to call 911 if a tree is obstructing the road outside of Township office hours.

- Supervisor Rohrbach explained that it is important that 911 be called if something is wrong with the roads after Township hours.

13. Installation of Park Street Box Culvert

- Park Street Closure will begin on April 10th.
- Park Street will be closed to through traffic at this location for approximately one month.

14. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Resolution

- Solicitor Sean Logsdon explained the purpose of this resolution is to declare that the Township supports the lobbyists that are seeking legislation to exempt Pennsylvania Agriculture from MS4 requirements.

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve the resolution regarding the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

All in favor.

Supervisor Comment:

- **Supervisor Rohrbach gave an update on the new Western Star truck. It will be arriving in a few weeks.**
- **Supervisor Rohrbach explained that she will not be running again for Township Supervisor.**
- **Supervisor Tombasco explained that she will not be running for Township Supervisor.**

Review Public Comment from last meeting: None.

Public Comment:

- Eric Hower asked if he would be given a copy of the Tolotti subdivision tonight, but it has to be signed first. Two more Planning Commission members still need to sign the rest of the copies.
- Denise Davis, thanked Supervisor Rohrbach for her time as supervisor.

Next Regular Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting will take place on **Thursday, May 4th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

Final Announcement(s)

- None.

Adjournment:

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Tombasco, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

All in favor.