

Black Creek Township Supervisors General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 5, 2022
The Pledge of Allegiance

The General Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Thursday, May 5, 2022 was brought to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Minutes:

Chairperson Rohrbach asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 7th General Supervisor Meeting Minutes or to the Special Meeting Minutes from March 26th and April 15th. A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Lupcho, to approve the aforementioned meetings' minutes.
All in favor.

Financial Report April 1 to April 30, 2022

BB&T/Truist General Fund:	\$390,876.32 (includes Low Vol. Pk. St. Grant \$59,600.00)
PLGIT Prime Savings:	\$82,802.55
PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:	\$105,308.73
<u>Fed Shared Revenue Entitle-ARPA:</u>	<u>\$108,654.60</u>
Total Checking/Savings:	\$ 687,642.20
<u>PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:</u>	<u>\$5,451.08</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$ 693,093.28</u>

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, 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 read the following correspondence:

There will be an in-person public hearing about the I-80 Nescopeck Creek Bridge Project tolling May 12, 2022 from 3:30 – 7pm at Nescopeck Township Social Hall 510 Zenith Rd. Nescopeck.

Reports:

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

-Fire Company: Fire Chief Joe Lescowitch was absent but Carl Rittenhouse reviewed his report.

-Emergency Management: Steve Motil was absent and did send a report which was reviewed by Supervisor Rohrbach.

-Engineer's Report: Engineer Barry Issett was absent, but Supervisor Rohrbach did mention that the Township is working on a few grant applications.

-Roadmaster Report: Supervisor Rohrbach reviewed the report.

Old Business: None.**New Business:****1. Pass Resolution for Luzerne County Radiological Emergency Response Plan**

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Lupcho approve the passing of the resolution for Luzerne County Radiological Emergency Response Plan.

All in favor.

2. Pass Resolution for grant for Hilltop Dr. through the Dirt and Gravel and Low Volume Roads Program

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Tombasco, to approve the resolution for a grant for Hilltop Dr. through the Dirt and Gravel and Low Volume Roads Program.

All in favor.

3. UCC Board

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Lupcho to approve five members to be appointed to the Uniform Construction Code Board. The members would be (in order of length of term 1 year to 5 years): Brad Kowalski, Josh Winters, Brian Rebarchack, Brian Mummey, and William Lescowitch. They would be paid \$50.00 per person if there would be a hearing.

All in favor.

4. Street Sweeping will start the week of May 16th

Supervisor Rohrbach announced that we have changed street sweeping companies from Bortek to Stuart Amos.

5. **Paid \$4,967.00 to Nuremburg-Weston Volunteer Fire Company for their Vehicle Insurance.**

6. **Supervisor Donna Lupcho attended the yearly PSATS Conference in Hershey.**

Supervisor Lupcho discussed what classes and sessions she attended at the PSATS annual conference.

7. **Penn Dot will be starting a road project on Rock Glen Rd. in July.**

Supervisor Rohrbach stated that we receive many complaints about state roads that the Township does not have control over. She stated that calls have been placed into PennDOT over multiple roads and that they will be beginning a road project in July on Rock Glen Road. She also called about Tank Road and was told that it is on a list to have the side of the road fixed. Weston Road will be having a mile stretch resurfaced beginning in July.

8. Work Session

A motion by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Tombasco, to cancel the next work session.

All in favor.

Supervisor Comment:

- Supervisor Rohrbach stated that she received a complaint from a resident that she does not allow public comment at meetings which Supervisor Rohrbach stated was not true. The same resident stated that the Township has never done anything for Weston. Supervisor Rohrbach researched what has been done in the past two years for Weston.
 - o The Township:
 - Requalified the town with a group of volunteers, neither were from Weston, they were Denise Davis and Mary Catharine Bachman. They were able to secure a low income \$200,000 grant to replace the Derringer Street Bridge. The bridge is going to cost more than \$200,000, therefore the ARPA funds will be used towards the Derringer Street Bridge.
 - Stoned all the alleys in Weston that are stone.
 - Trimmed all of the alleys and Top Street.
 - Redid the ditch on Top Street.
 - Replaced a minimum 300 feet of drainage pipe on Market Street.
 - Has done general maintenance.
 - Cracked sealed and put new line paint on Hazle Street.
 - Passed an ordinance to add speed limit signs in Weston.
 - Rents the street sweeper to sweep the streets annually.
 - Redid the pipes and grades at the end of Hazle Street.
- Supervisor Rohrbach went over the past several years of expenses. The office went from spending approximately \$60,000 a year to approximately \$30,000 a year. Engineering fees

went down by \$34,000 per year which was an average of \$44,000 per year to an average of \$10,000 per year. The Township has saved approximately \$128,000. She and Supervisor Lupcho discussed how less Liquid Fuel money has come in due to COVID and previous roads not being maintained. These savings help the Township keep their head above water financially and balance out the decrease in Liquid Fuels funds.

Review Public Comment from last meeting:

- Supervisor Rohrbach reviewed Lori Webster's comment from the last meeting about the status of the Rock Glen Park. She looked up everything that the Township has spent on the park which has been approximately \$10,000 in the past two years. This includes mulch, a park survey, repainting equipment, new concrete, cut down dead trees and trees too close to equipment, a swing set and fitting. This does not include the labor from the Road Crew that was spent at the park.

Public Comment:

- Steve Bruno, a township auditor, announced an auditors work meeting next Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 at the Township building. He stated that the report needed from our CPA has been delayed due to an extension that needed to be filed so that will not be available for this meeting. He stated that if anyone would like to come, they are welcome to be in attendance.
- Carl Rittenhouse suspected that a township snow plow hit the guide wire on his property, it broke off and the road crew stuck it back in the hole. He suggested a delineator to be placed there to solve that problem of the guide wires.
- Leighann Feola from Sugarloaf, asked if it would be possible to do an event for the children in the community, IE an Easter egg hunt, trunk – or – treat, etc. Supervisor Tombasco asked Leighann Feola if she wanted to start a recreation committee. A discussion was had about possible events, how to start up a recreation committee again, and fundraisers.

Next Regular Meeting

- The next regular meeting will take place on Thursday June 2nd, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment:

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Tombasco, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

All in favor.