

Black Creek Township Supervisors General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 7, 2022
The Pledge of Allegiance

The General Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Thursday, July 7, 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 June 2nd General Supervisor Meeting Minutes

A *motion* by: Supervisor Tombasco, seconded by Supervisor Lupcho, to approve the aforementioned meetings' minutes.

All in favor.

Financial Report: June 1 to June 30, 2022

BB&T/Truist General Fund:	\$477,545.75 (Includes Low Vol. Pk. St. Grant \$59,600.00) (Includes Fire Withholding \$41,360.00)
PLGIT Prime Savings:	\$82,934.12
PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:	\$79,768.32
Fed Shared Revenue Entitle-ARPA:	<u>\$108,754.59</u>
Total Checking/Savings:	\$749,002.78
PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:	<u>\$5,457.02</u>
Total:	<u>\$754,459.80</u>

Supervisor Lupcho mentioned that the Truist checking account that ARPA money was transferred from has a remaining balance of .92 cents. This needs to be transferred to the PLGIT ARPA Savings account and the Truist account that originally held the ARPA funds needs to be closed. That makes the total checking/savings: \$ 749,003.70.

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 read the following correspondence:

Free concert series Rockin' the River, at the Wilkes Barre River Commons. It will run three consecutive Fridays; July 15, 22, and 29 from 5:00 - 9:00pm.

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 did not send a 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, and did send a report which was reviewed by Supervisor Rohrbach.

-Roadmaster Report: Chairwoman Rohrbach reviewed the report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. 2022 Fund Raising Events

A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Tombasco, to approve the 2022 Nuremburg/Weston Fire Company Fund Raising Events.

All in favor.

2. Pass Resolution for Operational Support Activities

A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Lupcho, to approve passing a resolution for operational support activities for participating members of Nuremburg/Weston Fire Company.

All in favor.

3. Donations for the Merry Go Round

Donations are being made to the township for the merry-go-round. Donations totaled \$2,200 the donations are listed below:

- Twin County Lions Club – \$500.00
- Eddie Chiola - \$500.00
- Supervisor Rohrbach - \$500.00
- Supervisor Lupcho - \$500.00
- Supervisor Tombasco - \$200.00

4. Dirt, Gravel, & Low Volume Road Grants

\$38,511.63 in grant money has been awarded to the Township for Chicks Lane; in-kind funds will be \$86,162.45. The total cost of the project will be \$124,674.08. This is phase one of these projects and next year, Supervisor Rohrbach will apply for phase two. Phase one is for drainage improvements and the projects will be started in the fall after the township's paving projects are complete. Old pipes will be removed and then new pipes

will be installed. Chicks Lane will be trimmed, the ditches will be moved back, berms will be placed to make the road slightly wider. The project will take approximately two months.

\$82,164.42 in grant money has been awarded to the Township for Hilltop Drive; in-kind funds will be \$5,912.20. The total cost of the project will be \$88,076.62. The grant for Hilltop Drive was obtained for the deplorable sections of the failed pavement to be converted to a road with a solid stone base, from the mailboxes to where the two association roads and driveway come on to Hilltop Drive. This is going to be created by using a full depth reclamation machine to grind up the existing road surface with hundreds of tons of 2A stone, covered with six inches of modified, and then topped with DSA (Driving Surface Aggregate). Supervisor Rohrbach explained what DSA is and how it functions. The section of Hilltop with newer pavement will not be ground up.

Supervisor Rohrbach gave a history of Hilltop Drive

The former supervisors used slate from the Gowan for decades. The slate would disintegrate and turn into glop. The road was narrow throughout the entire road. Sharon and Gary Rohrbach paid for a dozer to be used for the Township for three days to widen the road. The road was then paved a couple years later with a low-income grant over the top of the black glop. Two layers of pavement were supposed to be used for Hilltop Drive; one was laid but the other was taken over to Windfield Village approximately 20-25 years ago. The Township did not replace the galvanized or metal pipes before they began paving. The Township failed to repair anything in the past ten years. Sharon and Gary Rohrbach paid \$7,000, five years ago, for a contractor to repair a section of Hilltop Drive. The Township cannot afford to repave the road because it was let go for far too long.

Sharon Rohrbach explained that the previous administration was given money from Liquid Fuels, thousands a year, but it was not being disbursed to Hilltop Drive. When asked about where the money went, the previous administrators could not give an answer.

- 5. Stops signs stolen from Chicks Lane and a street sign/stop sign stolen from Hilltop Drive.** Supervisor Rohrbach explained that it costs taxpayers' money when things like this happen. It costs money to purchase the signs and to install them. The Hilltop Drive sign was stolen about eight times. It is about a couple hundred dollars in expenses each time someone steals a sign.

- 6. Pass Resolution for Golf Course Road Multi-Use Safety Improvements in the amount of, \$1,616,325.75.**

A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Tombasco, to approve passing a resolution for Golf Course Road Multi-Use Safety Improvements Grant.
All in favor.

7. Work Session

A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Lupcho, to approve changing the time for work sessions to the first Thursday of every month at 5:30, to be held as needed.

All in favor.

8. IPMC appeals board

A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Tombasco, to approve appointing members to the IMPC appeals board (with terms of 1 to 3 years) with a fee of \$750 for appeals.

The members are (with staggered terms to begin with, eventually to be made a three-year term):

- William Aubuchon – Three-year term
- Mary Catherine Bachman – Two-year term
- Sarah Fontaine – One-year term

All in favor.

Review Public Comment from last meeting: None.

Public Comment:

- Carolyn Morgan asked for clarification on what IPMC (International Property Maintenance Code) means. Township solicitor, Sean Logsdon, explained that it is a code that states standards for property maintenance that the Township adopts. This sets the code for how property within the Township should be maintained. Copies are available online.
- Liza Kline, was reviewing previous meeting minutes. She was concerned about something that was stated in a previous meeting's minutes from February. Personnel files were going missing. Supervisor Rohrbach explained that the previous administration did not keep accurate records and items went missing due to their poor organization. There is nothing that could be done, since there is not video of it. She emphasized that better record keeping, personnel privacy, and surveillance is being utilized.
- Natasha Keyser, of the Nuremberg Community Players, stated that it is a nonprofit organization, with volunteered times. They make money through fundraisers and ticket sales. They are asking to apply for the LSA grant. Natasha Keyser does not think that their application will take away from the Township's grants since there are officials in government who set aside money for the arts. They would like to use the LSA grant for the following:
 - Building Integrity:
 - Roof
 - Siding
 - Bell Tower and Chimney
 - Access and Safety
 - Handicap access to the basement

- Emergency exit from the women's dressing room
- Experience Enhancement
 - Curtains
 - Rigging
 - Lights
 - Carpeting
 - Interior Paint
 - Outdoor Signage
 - Website
 - On-line Ticketing
 - Remodel of the bandstand
 - Basement Floor

The Nuremberg Players are seeking support from the Black Creek Township Board of Supervisors for the application of the grant. Supervisor Rohrbach stated that the Township wanted to help but due to the state of the Township, is not sure if Black Creek would be able to help with the grant. Supervisor Tombasco shared suggestions for other possible grant associations. Sean Logsdon will look into if the Nuremberg Players' application would create competition between the Township and the Players for the LSA grant.

- Denise Davis, announced that on May 11th, groups that she is associated with, such as Unite PA, along with others, went to Harrisburg to present a declaration of voter integrity to PA legislators. She read the statement that was brought to the state capital. Denise asked if anyone else would be interested in returning to in person voting with voter ID and to get rid of the ballot box, regardless of political party, to go websites such as Unite PA, to fill out a petition that will go directly to legislators. August 27th, there will be a rally, To Call to Action, at the Keystone Horse Center in Columbia County.

Next Regular Meeting

- The next regular meeting will take place on Thursday August 4th, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment:

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Lupcho, to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

All in favor.