Black Creek Township Supervisors General Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 1st, 2022 The Pledge of Allegiance

The General Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Thursday, August 4th, 2022, was brought to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Duly Advertised Public Hearings:

- 1. Short Term Rental/Solar Energy Systems
 - Solicitor Sean Logsdon reviewed the short-term rentals and solar energy systems.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Minutes:

Chairperson Rohrbach asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 4th General Supervisor Meeting Minutes.

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

All in favor.

Financial Report: August 1 to August 31, 2022

BB&T/Truist General Fund: \$507,818.76 (Includes Low Vol. Pk. St. Grant \$59,600.00)

(Includes \$46,244.31 in Hilltop and Chicks Lane Grant funds)

Fire Escrow Account: \$55,360.00

PLGIT Prime Savings: \$83,047.72
PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels: \$46,061.48
Fed Shared Revenue Entitle-ARPA: \$109,248.02
Total Checking/Savings: \$801,535.98
PLGIT Alumni Assoc.: \$5,462.83
Total: \$806,998.81

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:

- 1. DEP Declares Drought Watch for 36 Counties, Asks for Voluntary Water Conservation.
- 2. Luzerne County Recycling Department Free Used Tire Events

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 but sent a report which was reviewed by Carl Rittenhouse.
- -Emergency Management: Steve Motil was absent and did not send a report.
- -Engineer's Report: Supervisor Rohrbach reviewed the recent activity of Barry Isett & Associates.
- -Roadmaster Report: Chairwoman Rohrbach reviewed the report.

Old Business:

Update Penalty Provisions for Zoning and Code Violations

A motion by, Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by, Supervisor Tombasco, to table updating the Zoning and Code Penalty.

All in favor.

New Business:

1. Land Parcel Sealed Bids

A *motion* by, Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by, Supervisor Lupcho, to accept bid from Timothy & Denise Johnson in the amount of \$3,120.00, for the purchase of the property located at Nuremburg Mountain Rd., Nuremburg Pa. Pin# 03U4S400103A000. All in favor.

2. Rescind Flood Plains Manager

A *motion* by, Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by, Supervisor Tombasco, to approve rescinding Barry Isett as Flood Plains Manager.

All in favor.

3. Harvest Moon Run

A *motion* by, Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Lupcho to approve the annual Harvest Moon Run to be held October 8th 2022.

All in favor.

4. Ordinance for Short Term Rental/Solar Energy Systems

A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by, Supervisor Tombasco, to approve passing an ordinance amending Code of Ordinance Short Term Rental/Solar Energy Systems.

All in favor.

5. Barnes Run Box Culvert

A *motion* by, Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Lupcho, to approve passing a resolution for the Barnes Run Box Culvert LSA Grant in the amount of \$300,680.00. All in favor.

6. Berkheimer

A *motion* by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by, Supervisor Tombasco, to approve a resolution to appoint Black Creek Township secretaries as liaison between it and Berkheimer for the purpose of sharing confidential tax information.

All in favor.

7. Fire Escrow Account

A *motion* by, Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by, Supervisor Lupcho, to approve to ratify opening the new fire escrow checking account and transferring \$70,939.00 to the fire escrow checking account.

All in favor.

8. USDA Excavator Grant

A *motion* by, Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by, Supervisor Tombasco, to approve a resolution of grant funds received from the USDA totaling \$26,800 for an excavator totaling \$77,339.11.

All in favor.

9. Redistributed ARPA funds transferred to PLGIT - ARPA account.

A *motion* by, Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by, Supervisor Lupcho, to approve to ratify the transfer of redistributed funds of \$343.51 to the ARPA account.

All in favor.

10. Vandalism at the park/cost.

- Supervisor Rohrbach reviewed the recently chopped down trees at the park nature trail and how this costs the township money and time.
- 11. The Black Creek Food Pantry will no longer be operating out of 1330 Park St. Rock Glen, Pa.
- 12. Edward Chiola made a donation of \$727.00 towards the seesaw for the playground.
- 13. ARPA funds are delayed, they are hoping for the funds to be released in September.
- 14. There will be a Planning Commission meeting Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 6:00 p. m. to vote to accept the subdivision plan for formal review.

15. Purchase of a Western Star Truck.

A *motion* by, Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by, Supervisor Tombasco, to purchase a new Western Star truck, up to \$225,000.00, contingent on the township acquired adequate financing.

All in favor.

Review Public Comment from last meeting:

• None.

Supervisor Comment:

- Supervisor Rohrbach discussed recent social media posts from residents that have been insulting to the Township's road crew; she stated that the Township has hardworking employees.
- Midland Asphalt is supposed to be working on Hilltop Drive, spreading and grinding on September 7th and September 9th. A portion of Boulevard Road will be laid and ground on September 8th.

Public Comment:

- Vincent Chiacchio from Black Creek Estates discussed the width of his driveway in comparison to other houses in the neighborhood. He was told to discuss this situation with Township zoning officer, Ed Wenger, and set up a time for Ed to come look at his property.
- Tim Johnson discussed setting up closing on his property with Solicitor Sean Logsdon.
- Angela Ciucci from Danville asked the supervisors about the Township's policy about hiring previous employees that left on good terms. She was told that previous employees could apply.

Next Regular Meeting

- The next regular meeting will take place on Thursday October 6th, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Final Announcement(s)

- None.

Adjournment:

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Tombasco, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. All in favor.