

**Tulpehocken Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting of January 3, 2017**

The Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors met on January 3, 2017 in the Township meeting room at 7 P.M. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Gary Deck, Vice Chairman Richard Kramer and Supervisor Lester Feick. Also present were Kris Kerschner, Police Chief and Christy Flaherty, Township Secretary/Treasurer.

Members of the audience included: Lori Deck, Lloyd Schneck, Dennis Royer, Linda Umbenhauer, Gary Witmer and Michelle Lynch.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Deck called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Witmer commented with regards to the weather on Thursday, December 29, 2016 and having slush and cinders splattered onto his house and several other houses; he felt that a plow truck may have been too close to the curb. The Supervisors agreed that they would advise the Township plow drivers to slow down.

Mr. Witmer requested the Township to consider reducing the speed limit in Rehrersburg to 25 mph; he reported that he has witnessed vehicles passing the school bus in the afternoon when it is stopped with its red lights on. Chief Kerschner advised that he would watch the area. The Supervisors advised that the speed limit is controlled by PennDOT.

Mr. Witmer commented on the number of chicken houses in the Township. The Supervisors advised that the Township can not regulate the number of properties constructing chicken houses. Some residents in the audience commented that they feel some of the properties that have chicken houses are not disposing of the dead chickens properly. The Board discussed how to properly dispose of the dead birds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Planning Commission

None.

Solicitor Legal Discussions

None.

Escrow Release

None.

Correspondence from Zoning Officer

December update

The Zoning Officer addressed the Zimmerman property (354A Godfrey Street). Chairman Deck commented on the numbers of vehicles on the property. The Supervisors discussed the Township's options and issuing citations on a daily basis.

Chairman Deck made a motion to authorize the Township Zoning Officer and Solicitor to take action against the Zimmerman's (354A Godfrey Street). The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

Mr. Royer inquired if the Township has an ordinance regarding junk vehicles.

Land Development

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report – Chief Kerschner read the December, 2016 Police report as follows:

ACTIVITY	TULPEHOCKEN TWP	MARION TWP
MILES PATROLLED	3354	753
GALLONS OF FUEL	280	0
HOURS WORKED	341.5	60
PATROL HOURS	242.25	40.5
TULPEHOCKEN AREA SCHOOL DIST. HOURS	19	0
TOTAL INCIDENTS	1	1
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	4	4
MISCELLANEOUS CALLS FOR SERVICE	24	5
FOLLOW-UP INVEST	0	0
TELEPHONE ASSIGNMENTS	17	9
COMM/RESIDENTIAL ALARMS	3	2
EMS/FIRE ADVISORIES	8	5
TRAFFIC STOPS	12	2
CITATIONS ISSUED	20	2
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	0	0
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	2	1
WARRANTS	0	0
PARKING TICKETS	0	0
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	5	2
DUI ARRESTS	0	0
MISDEMEANOR/FELONY	0	0
SECURITY CHECKS	67	27
POLICE ASSISTS	8	0
MOTORISTS ASSISTS	1	0
COURT APPEARANCES	2	0
SCHOOL HOURS	6	0

Chief Kerschner reported that during the month of December there were 97 calls received through Berks County 911 for police services. He reported that the Department received a \$1,000 donation from a local business man.

Mrs. Deck reported that she was contacted by Ruth Keeney advising that someone has been messing around her property. Chief Kerschner advised that he would keep an eye on it.

Road Master's Report – Supervisor Feick read the December, 2016 report. The work consisted of working in the shop, sewer work at Market Street, telephone calls, cleaning up brush, equipment maintenance, meter reading, sewer maintenance, checking sewer samples, meet with contractor re: Stouchburg Road issues, pick up supplies, sign maintenance, clean gutters on Four Points Road, work on mapping with Township Engineer, snow event, mix anti-skid, paperwork, clean up wood along roadside, check roads, fuel generator, meet with bridge inspector and work on pump stations.

Supervisor Feick advised that he will need to order salt and anti-skid.

Fire Chiefs' Report – Supervisor Feick read the monthly reports for the Keystone Fire Company and the Rescue Fire Company.

SEWER OPERATIONS

Chairman Deck commented with regards to correspondence received from DEP dated December 16, 2016

The Board discussed the comments in the letter with regards to the Teen Challenge Pumping Station.

Judgments and Delinquent Sewer Accounts

The Supervisors discussed sewer operations with regards to judgments and delinquent accounts.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-4, Increase Tapping Fee from \$3,218.09 to \$3,502.11

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-4. The motion was seconded by Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board discussed having Christmas decorations in town and what other Townships do. Supervisor Feick advised that he would research the matter. The Board discussed establishing an activities committee.

The Board discussed Mr. Royer's comments at the December, 2016 meeting regarding Rehrersburg not having town identification signs. The Board advised that they believed that the identification signs in Mt. Aetna were purchased during their bicentennial. The Board discussed who would be responsible for maintaining the signs in Rehrersburg. Mr. Royer offered to research what would be involved to get identification signs for Rehrersburg.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Would the Board like to offer members from the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and Recreation Board the opportunity to attend the 2017 PSATS Conference – Cost to attend is \$150 per person

The Board discussed the conference and agreed that it is not designed to be offered to those Boards; it more designed for the Supervisors and Township Secretary. They agreed not to extend the invitation to the Township's other Boards/Commission. It was agreed that the Supervisors and Township Secretary would attend the conference.

Request from Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. to designate the month of April as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month” – Sample proclamations provided

The Board agreed they had no interest at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account Balances for the end of December, 2016 were as follows:

General Account	\$ 98,002.87
First Citizens General Holding Account	\$ 25,011.10
General Plus Account	\$179,381.35
State Aid Account	\$ 100.00
State Plus Account	\$ 83,005.02
Street Light Account	\$ 11,012.63

Payments of Bills for this January 3, 2017 meeting are:

- General Account combined with the payroll account – Checks #17178 to #17196 in the amount of \$11,470.99
- Street Light Account –
- State Liquid Fuels Account –
- Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow –
- Camp Calvary Inspection Escrow –
- Village Estates Improvements Inspection Escrow –
- Stormwater Inspection Escrow –
- Total Expenses for this meeting – \$11,470.99

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this January 3, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Sewer Accounts balances for the end of December, 2016 were as follows:

- Sewer Operation Account – \$1,824.82
- Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$45,987.47
- Debt Service Account - \$404,450.36

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this January 3, 2017 meeting are:

- Check #1866 to #1880 in the amount of \$13,549.99

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to approve payment of the sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 P.M. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Flaherty
Secretary, Tulpehocken Township