

**East Brunswick Township
BOS Monthly Meeting
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The Board of Supervisors of East Brunswick Township held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the Municipal Building. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Faust at 6:29 PM. There was a PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to our flag.

In attendance for the meeting were Vice-Chairman/Treasurer Tom Strause, Supervisor John Heim, Jim Crossen, Esq.; Brian Baldwin Engineer; Secretary Kelly Coldren; and Roadmaster Thomas Noecker.

Also in attendance for the meeting was residents Jean Strause and Kyle Drobnick.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

No persons to be heard

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Comcast Contract & Ordinance

J. Crossen explains that the shorter, more flexible version of the Cable Franchise ordinance was advertised on September 13th. J. Faust made a *motion to pass Ordinance 2019-3 as presented*. Second by J. Heim. Voted all in favor. J. Crossen also mentions information he received in an email earlier today from the FCC regarding a change in the rules for how fees are generated. This is expected to go into effect this Fall. Board decides to table signing of Comcast Franchise Agreement until more details are received.

Internet Complaints

A representative from Senator Argall's office is hoping to make it to our October 22nd meeting to discuss the issue. J. Faust also reports on a conversation he had with Verizon and says they will be prorating the bills of those affected while internet service was out for 8 days. He also says that this is a topic of discussion in Harrisburg right now specifically for rural communities and education. Rep Knowles and Verizon have also been contacted.

Planning Commission Vacancy

K. Coldren reminds Board that there is still a vacancy of the Planning Commission.

Offer on Remaining Playground Spring Animals

We have received an offer of \$50 each on the remaining three spring animals. Board accepts this offer. Board also agreed they would donate slide to a church if interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

2019 Foreign Fire Insurance Premium Tax

Full amount of \$12,373.77 is being given to Community Fire Company of New Ringgold.

2020 Liquid Fuels Amounts

We will be receiving approximately \$215,123.76 in Liquid Fuels Tax and \$22,760.00 in Turnback.

Sale of Old Auto Level

We will post old Auto Level on Craig's List for \$75.

2019 Ballots for Election of Trustees

J. Heim made a *motion to appoint Michael E. Keller to the Pension Trust, Unemployment Group Trust, and Health Insurance Cooperative Trust.* Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

Health Insurance Renewal

Rate will increase by 6.1%. Kathy Farr-parker recommends we stick with current plan. J. Faust made a *motion to stay with current health insurance plan for 2020.* Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor. J. Heim abstained.

Floodplain Updates

B. Baldwin explains that FEMA makes these updates every 3-4 years. J. Crossen is looking at our penalty phase. What level of restrictiveness do we want? Currently at the minimum level, as is most of the County. Change isn't taking place until next May. Board decides we will stay at the least restrictive rate as we like letting the property owner make their own decisions instead of us mandating what they must do. B. Baldwin says this really comes into play when financing a home.

Forest Management & Timber Harvesting Publication

A pamphlet and sample ordinance ideas was received. B. Baldwin and J. Crossen will look into but this appears to be industry-driven, though we do want to be compliant with state code.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

SOUTHERN SCHUYLKILL COG MEETING

The next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7 PM.

BLUE MOUNTAIN RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The monthly recreation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2019 at 7 PM.

SCHUYLKILL TCC MEETING

The TCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6PM.

CONCERNS

A thank you letter was received from a resident congratulating the Road Crew on their work reconstructing Breezy Acres Road and a part of River Road as well as installing drainage.

PERMITS

September Zoning Permit report is enclosed in folders.

SEMINARS

No applicable seminars available

ROAD MASTER REPORT

T. Noecker reported that they have finished Breezy Acres; fixed the paver; scratched River Road; currently on Old State Rd and are almost ready to pave. The big roller has a broken injection pump and repair won't be under \$1000. Will use the small roller for the time being and send the large one away over the winter for repair. Asks Board if we should paint lines this year as it has been three years. Board says yes to go ahead and schedule it. Will be sure to paint a line at the intersection in Hecla.

MEETING MINUTES

J. Faust made a *motion to accept the minutes from July 23 and August 27, 2019 as presented*. Second by J. Heim. Voted all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Faust made a *motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports from July 23, August 27 and September 24, 2019 as presented*. Second by J. Heim. Voted all in favor. T. Strause abstained.

REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS

Motion by T. Strause, seconded by J. Heim *to approve the Payment of Bills as presented*. Voted all in Favor.

On a motion by J. Heim, seconded by T. Strause, *the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.* All Voted in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly A. Coldren
Secretary