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BOS Monthly Meeting
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The Board of Supervisors of East Brunswick Township held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at the Municipal Building. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeffrey Faust at 6:30 PM. There was a PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to our flag.

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

Also in attendance for the meeting was Keith Eckroth of the New Ringgold Ambulance; Trooper O'Donnell of the PSP; Roadmaster Tom Noecker; and Colleen Hoptak from the South Schuylkill News.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Keith Eckroth of the New Ringgold Ambulance spoke about two topics. The first was whether or not J. Heim has heard any updates on the Drehersville/Pheasant Run Rd confusion. He said he had spoken with John Matz of the County about remedying the situation but hasn't heard any updates. He will contact him again. The second topic was that the ambulance company is looking to upgrade some equipment, mainly a new stretcher, and wondering if the township has any funds to donate. The new stretcher costs \$26,000 but since it is a sample model they can get it for \$16,000 with an offer through the end of the year. Mr. Eckroth says that with trading in the old stretcher they could put \$5000 towards the new one. He has approached New Ringgold Borough but they do not have any funds available to donate at this time, but have a plan to make a donation in the future. J. Faust makes a *motion to donate \$11,000 to the New Ringgold Ambulance for the purchase of a new stretcher*. Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

Pennsylvania State Police Trooper O'Donnell gives a recap of activity in the township for 2018. There have been a total of 238 incidents in the township this year. These include traffic stops, crashes, burglaries and thefts. He also addresses the string of recent thefts, mostly involving hunting cabins, and says they have a trooper dedicated to solving just those. J. Faust asks and the trooper confirms that the closest PSP car will respond, whether they are from Frackville or not.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

No persons to be heard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Grant Closeouts

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B. Baldwin explains that the DCNR representative was recently at township to inspect the Lighting and Playground projects. Lighting has been approved for closeout and Benesch is working on that paperwork. DCNR wants a ramp paved into the mulch area of the playground before approving for closeout. They will come back to inspect in the spring. K. Coldren informs BOS that she has sent in final paperwork requesting reimbursement of \$10,300 of Capital Improvement Funds from Blue Mt. Recreation for the additional lighting poles.

Fencing

Supervisors want to start gathering quotes for the basketball court fencing. B. Baldwin suggests we go 10' feet high behind the nets with one return on each end on the side as well as a pedestrian opening near the tennis court (can have a gate or be left open). The playground side of the court will be left open (no fencing) for playground maintenance reasons.

McKean's Ridge Water/Sewage Issue

B. Baldwin offers an update on the issue. Says that Wayne Bowen, SEO, has spoken to other SEO's and sometimes there is no definitive answer and he will continue to monitor. B. Baldwin suggests we contact our Zoning Officer as there is mention of swimming pool emptying requirements in the township zoning ordinance. Says he will need evidence while it is occurring and then can issue a stop order. BOS agrees Kelly should notify Zoning Officer so that he can make affected party aware ahead of time for any future occurrences. B. Baldwin says there are also DEP requirements and that if this continues to be an issue there can be additional violations issued. He says the pools must be drained in a slow manner to keep water on own property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application for part-time seasonal employment

We received an application from Matthew Halabura for part-time seasonal work with a CDL to help plow snow. He comes recommended by the road crew and J. Heim confirms he is a good equipment operator and is qualified. J. Heim makes a *motion to hire Matthew Halabura as a part-time seasonal employee with CDL at the rate of \$15 per hour*. Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor. K. Coldren will obtain copy of CDL license.

PSATS Act 44 Pension Disclosure Forms

J. Faust makes a *motion to adopt the 2019 PSATS Pension Disclosure Forms are recommended*. Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

BOS Re-Organization Meeting will be held Monday, January 7, 2019.

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SOUTHERN SCHUYLKILL COG MEETING

The next COG meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019.

BLUE MOUNTAIN RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The monthly recreation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7 PM.

SCHUYLKILL TCC MEETING

The TCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6PM.

CONCERNS

PERMITS

SEMINARS

No applicable seminars available

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Tom Noecker reported on the road crew's monthly activities in the township which included cold patching pot holes, shaling Gamelands Rd., working on equipment for the winter, and trimming trees. He informs the BOS that the new truck is to be done on January 7th and then will be sent back to dealer to be inspected. He received a quote of \$3,200 for track loader cylinder repair and a quote of \$4,716 for new tires on the grader. J. Faust makes a *motion to move forward with repairs at the quoted prices*. Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by T. Strause, seconded by J. Heim *to approve the minutes for the BOS Meeting of November 27, 2018 as presented.* Voted all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion made by J. Faust, seconded by J. Heim *to approve the Treasurer's Report*. Voted all in favor. T. Strause abstained.

REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS

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

On a motion by T. Strause, seconded by J. Heim, *the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.* All Voted in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly A. Coldren
Secretary