

MEMBERS PRESENT

EDWARD BARZESKI
ROY SHAFFER
ROBERT AMISTADI
PAUL PIOLI
SCOTT HUNT

OTHERS PRESENT

ROBERT SHAHADE - SOLICITOR
KEN MESKO - ENGINEER
GARY SERBALL - ROAD SUPERVISOR
POLICE CHIEF DON HESS
MARY KAY MAHER-TWP SECRETARY

OTHERS: Orlando Hanselman, Tom Goughnour, Sally Goughnour, Den Chambers, Beth Esposita, Irene Audi, Phyllis Rager, Randall Maurer, Mary Ann and Charles Wissinger, Tara Knapp, Pat Costlow, Lynn Kassander, George Kassander, Karen Howell, David Fetsko, Barb Connor, Justin Roberts, Dee and Bob Katzenstein, John Heider

CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 15, 2017

Bob moved, Paul seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THE AGENDA WILL BE DEFERRED TO THE POLICE CHIEF WHO HAS ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT THIS EVENING

POLICE REPORT –

Chief Hess reported 243 Calls were made in June to the Police Dept. with 5 arrests. The computer server and new computers will be installed next week. The taser training has been completed and all officers are certified or recertified. The Vertical gun racks are installed in all marked patrol vehicles and the AR-15's are in service in the vehicles with the officers trained/qualified. The ALICE training is planned for the Allegheny Lutheran Day Care Center Pre-K. The Police Dept. did traffic detail with 19 traffic stops on Goucher Street for speeding, they were given warnings. These traffic checks will continue throughout the rest of the summer.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE ON AGENDA:

PAT COSTLOW – 560 MELANDER STREET STORMWATER

Mr. Costlow addressed the Board concerning stormwater that is coming from a hillside, down the street, and into his yard and house. There is a storm catch grate below his house that is filled with debris. He did receive some sandbags recently which helped the situation, but it is not the solution. The water originates on Maple Way and comes down the hillside, down the street, into his yard and into his house. Mr. Costlow said it is not suitable to put in a wedge curb. The Board informed Mr. Costlow that there are several stormwater projects planned for this year and nothing can be done until next summer. He also asked if the Township could pave this street, like they did for Lark Drive. He was informed by the Board it is feasible and could be done; however, not this year. Solicitor asked if a swell could be installed to direct the water for the time being to help him out. Ed will come out and see what could be done.

LOIS KOHLER – 710 GOUCHER STREET – BUSHES IN RIGHT OF WAY

Mrs. Kohler said that she had talked with the Zoning Officer, Mark Walker concerning the overgrown bushes that are growing in a right of way beside her fence/property. The bushes are overgrowing the fence and are now growing up into the wires. She would like to see them cut down or back. The Board noted typically, both abutting owners would take care of the paper alley with its maintenance. Ed will come and assess the situation to see what can be done.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

TOM GOUCHNOUR – 7 JEFFERSON ST - STORMWATER

Mr. Gouchnour noted he has been at the Board meetings for a number of times concerning Berkley Road and Jefferson Streets. He has been telling the neighbors that the Township will be addressing the stormwater on Jefferson Streets in the future, but some are not believing what he is saying. He invited his neighbors to the meeting to hear first hand that the Township is planning on doing some storm sewer work on Jefferson St. The Board did concur they have plans for storm sewer work this year, possibly in the next week or so depending on the weather. The Road Department has been working hard with all the heavy rains that have been occurring, which has delayed some projects.

In another matter, Mr. Gouchnour mentioned the large amount of water that is coming off of the hillside from Northwood Avenue which is ending up on Jefferson Street.

DAVID FETSKO – 9 JEFFERSON STREET – STORMWATER

Mr. Fetsko would like to see a study be done of the whole area noting, there has never been this much water runoff in the past. He noted something should be done before there is more damage to the homes and basements. Bob Amistadi stated the Road Crew is doing as much storm sewer work as they can – in-house, rather than contracting the work out which allows the Township more control over the work. The Road Crew will proceed to the next storm sewer project as the weather permits and barring any problems they run into. The Crew ran into some problems with the current project which necessitated the use of a jackhammer as they dealt with bedrock.

Mr. Fetsko also pointed out that the water runoff is running under the road surface as it comes down from the hillside. He believes some blacktop applied at this area would prevent the water from eroding underneath the road pavement.

BARRY REYNOLDS – R420 BANTELL – DEPRESSION ON LOT

Mr. Reynolds has been maintaining a paper alley known as Hallick Street for the past 4 years. Since the sewer contractor was through the area, there is now a depression on this lot since the backfill has settled. He is requesting 2B modified stone be placed in this depression. He does not want any millings. The last time he received millings, the truck dumped the material in one place and did not spread it out. There were large chunks of concrete in the material. He had to spread it out himself. He noted he never asked for anything from the Township, but is requesting stone and then have it paved. Ken stated if the sewer contractor did the original work, they are to restore the area to what it was before they did their project. Ken will contact the contractor to see what needs to be done.

IRENE AUDI – 909 GOUCHER STREET – GREY WATER

Mrs. Audi presented two video's of soapy, grey water that is coming up against her garage and running across her lawn and backing up at the storm catch grate at the end of her property. Some of it does come into her basement. The storm catch grate goes underneath Goucher Street and eventually down Keppler Drive. She stated the grey water is not coming from her lines or sewer lines. Her garage floor is cracked from one end to the other. The Board noted there are several homes on Susquehanna Street/Haverford Street that are not tied into the sanitary sewer system, but still use septic systems. Ken will have the line televised to determine where it is originates from.

JUSTIN ROBERTS – 266 CONGRESS – TREE REMOVAL

Mr. Roberts informed the Board there are hazardous trees across the street from his house that may fall and cause harm to his house and family. The Board informed him they are aware of the trees and they will be removed.

MARY ANN WISSINGER – 11 JEFFERSON STREET-BASEMENT WATER

Mrs. Wissinger informed the Board that she never had water in her house until after the sewer lines were replaced. She is getting water coming up from her floor drains. The Board asked if her contractor had reconnected the floor drains to the sanitary sewer system, after replacing the sewer lines. Some contractors have not been reconnecting the floor drains into the system or not capping them off or sealing them and ground water comes up through the floor drains. She was advised to check with her contractor. The contractor may have to install a sump pump to deal with the groundwater coming through.

LYNN CASSANDER – 123 RAVINE AVE- GROUNDWATER

Mrs. Cassander stated that is what is happened to her. After the sewer lines were put in, she had to have sump pumps installed to keep the ground water from entering her basement. It is working and the water hasn't come back in.

BARBARA CONNOR – 127 PINECREST WAY – TREES

Mrs. Connor attended the meeting and requested an update on the status of the dead/dying trees between her property and her neighbor's. The matter was referred to the Zoning Officer, Mark Walker. Mark did mention it may be a civil matter between two private landowners. A written report will be requested from the Zoning Officer for the Board's information.

Mrs. Connor also has a water problem. There is a catch grate down the street that was installed years ago by the previous Roadmaster. The catch grate always has standing water in it and when it rains, it is not draining the area, as she has had water in her basement. She has never had water in her basement before. Her property is above the catch grate, but it is not draining the surrounding water runoff, but it is backing up. She believes it is not connected to the rest of the system, or else there is a blockage in it. John Heider commented there is plenty of fall in the line for the flow to drain by gravity. Ed will check the area and pipe.

ORLANDO HANSELMAN – 400 BERKS DRIVE – STUDY RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Hanselman stated the Board is hearing a lot of flooding situations from a lot of residents. He stated the City of Johnstown and the Redevelopment Authority are engaging an independent engineering firm to do a study on the storm water system in the City. They are following the same course of action that he recommended in January to the Board. The City is doing a study and from that they will begin to do the remedial work as recommended. Mr. Hanselman stated the Township should be concerned about this, as when other municipalities follow this action, they will be raising the standard of what is appropriate due diligence. He stated we should all be concerned about it. Also, as a follow-up from the May meeting, Mr. Hanselman had requested the Township's financial statements be posted on the Township's web site. He stated he could not find them. Mr. Hanselman was informed that they are posted and the Secretary will send him the directions to where they are posted on the Township's web site.

CHARLES WISSINGER – 11 JEFFERSON STREET-SEWER INSPECTIONS

Mr. Wissinger noted that all the property owners have different contractors doing their sewer work. He asked if the inspector was making sure that all the work was being done properly. Ken explained the

inspectors do check the installation of the pipe, connections, and witness the air pressure test being done by the contractor. Mr. Wissinger stated his commode wasn't sealed down tight and he had water seeping around a drain pipe. Ken stated when they do the air pressure test, the commode is taken off for the test, so the inspector does not check these items after the test. It would be up to the homeowner to make sure everything was finished correctly by the contractor.

TOM GOUGHNOUR – 7 JEFFERSON STREET

Mr. Goughnour noted a couple of weeks ago, the City of Johnstown and their engineering firm – EADS, were on Derby Street with GAPVAX cleaning out the storm drains at the corner of Derby and Berkley Roads. He talked to them and the Engineer found out their storm lines/drains were in a horrendous shape, clogged with debris. Mr. Gouchnour asked when was the last time the drains were cleaned on Jefferson Street. Gary noted when the City's lines are clogged, Upper Yoder's line begins to back up as they go into the City's lines.

LYNN CASSANDER – 123 RAVINE ST. – CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITY

At the February meeting, she informed the Board of the water coming into her basement. At that time, she was told she could go back to the contractor if something wasn't hooked up right. Mrs. Cassander stated the engineer read from a report that the contractor would be responsible. Ken clarified that the Authority has Rules and Regulations that the contractors must abide by in the installation of the systems which sets work standards in regards to the type of materials and how to connect them. It is the responsibility of the contractor, if he sees a potential water problem, he should address it at the time of his working on the system such as whether or not the owner needs to install a sump pump. The Engineer inspectors do not check for groundwater problems, they are only inspecting the sewer system and connections and witness the pressure testing. Mrs. Cassander stated she is confused where the responsibility lies. Solicitor clarified it is incompetence and/or neglect for the contractors to work on a system without first televising the lines to see what all is connected and to see what all is needed to remedy the water problem. There have been cases where the contractor cut off a combined line and the neighbors were cut out of the system. The contractors should televise the lines to see what they are working with and identify all sources of inflow and infiltration. Just replacing the lines is not doing the property owner any justice. Mrs. Cassander stated when they did their line, they had water come up into their basement and they found out it wasn't done right. She wanted to thank everyone for all the help she received.

BOB KATZENSTEIN – 1033 SUSQUEHANNA ST.-STORMWATER

Mr. Katzenstein presented his water problem to the Board and it was determined the stormwater was originating from Westmont Borough and traveling to eventually end up at his property. He inquired if Westmont had any plans for installing storm sewers in that area to alleviate the stormwater. He was informed that Westmont has no plans for installing any storm sewers until their sewer work is completed. It is expected to be completed in Oct. of next year. Currently, they are 20% done. Westmont Borough meets the second Tuesday of each month at their municipal building on Luzerne St. Mr. Katzenstein explained that he had water problems in his basement and he moved one floor drain to a corner of his basement and installed a sump pump, which alleviated his water problem. He will attend a Westmont Borough meeting to speak with them about installing storm drains.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS – SECRETARY'S, INCOME, PAYROLL, FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Scott moved, Bob seconded to approve the reports as submitted with discussion on the Secretary's report later in the meeting. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND BILLS - \$103,684.01

Paul moved, Scott seconded to approve the general fund bills in the amount of \$103,684.01.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Scott-aye, Paul-aye, Bob-aye, Ed-aye, Roy-aye MOTION CARRIED 5/0

APPROVAL OF OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES - \$101,197.51

Roy moved, Paul seconded to approve the Other Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$101,197.51. ROLL CALL VOTE: Roy-aye, Ed-aye, Bob-aye, Paul-aye, Scott-aye MOTION CARRIED 5/0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SELL STREET STORM SEWER PROJECT

Ken stated Snyder Excavation is bringing in the material he is going to use and is planning to start within the next week or two. Snyder has ordered inlets and manhole boxes from FiHoff.

ROAD PAVING CONTRACT

Two contracts are being proposed. One for seal coating only and the second one for milling, base repair and paving. A question was brought up if the contracts could be advertised due to the lateness of the year. The seal coating has to be completed by Sept. 15th when the plants close. An amendment can be added to have the parking lot paved on the backside of the Sunray Drive building.

Bob moved, Paul seconded to proceed to have the two contracts advertised with the streets listed as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

UPPER YODER TWP. SEWER AUTHORITY-VACANCY

Scott moved, Paul seconded to appoint James Peters of 111 Debra Lane to the vacancy on the Sewer Authority Board. His term will run from 7/20/17 to 5/1/2022. MOTION CARRIED 4/0/1 Bob Abstaining

GIANT EAGLE STORMWATER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Ken informed the Board that the vegetation has not been removed from the retaining pond. It was to be removed four times a year. It has not been removed once yet this year. Enforcement of this requirement will be handled by Mesko and Associates under the Stormwater Ordinance.

Bob moved, Paul seconded to authorize Mesko and Associates to take proper action under the Stormwater Ordinance for the maintenance of the retainage pond for Giant Eagle. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

1995 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK REPAIRS

Ed brought to the attention of the Board the need to obtain quotes for the replacement/repair of the truck body and floor boards for the 1995 International truck. Quotes will be obtained with various companies.

BERKLEY ROAD CEMETARY CLEANUP

Paul inquired if Judge Krumenacker's office could be contacted to request the prison work crew to come into the Township to clean up the Berkley Road Cemetery. When they are requested, the Township is expected to provide a lunch and refreshments for the crew.

Paul moved, Roy seconded to contact Judge Krumenacker's office to request the prison work crew work on cleaning up the Berkley Road Cemetery in the Township. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

AFSCME CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Scott moved, Ed seconded to schedule another contract negotiation meeting with the AFSCME representative for July 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township municipal building on 110 Sunray Drive. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

ACT 172 -VOLUNTEER FIREMEN SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM

Scott informed the Board the meeting scheduled with the Fire Company representatives has been postponed to 6:00 p.m. before the next Township meeting scheduled for August 17, 2017.

ELIM STREET PLAYGROUND

Scott had reviewed the upgrades with the rest of the Board for the Elim Street playground, once the ground was cleared and restored from the old municipal building that is being torn down. Scott obtained pricing under the Co-stars contract with Jeffrey Associates for playground equipment.

Scott moved to approve and accept the proposal received from Jeffrey Associates for the upgrades to the Elim Street playground not to exceed \$110,000.

Board questioned whether a grant was going to be applied for first, before committing the funds. Scott noted the funds are already budgeted and was the carry-over from last year, earmarked for the playground improvements. Consensus of the Board was to apply for the grant first before any commitment for equipment is made.

Scott moved, Paul seconded to apply for the applicable grant for the Elim Street playground equipment. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

CORRESPONDENCE

SNYDER CONTRACT – CHANGE ORDER No. 1

The emergency work to be done on Berkley Road was quoted by Snyder Contract who is to do the Sell Street Improvement Stormwater work. This emergency work was added to the current contract as a Change Order.

Roy moved, Ed seconded to ratify the Change Order No. 1 to add the emergency work for the Berkley Road to the existing Sell Street Stormwater Improvement contract. Contract originally was for \$96,985.00 with the emergency Change Order of \$22,300 added to the contract. The adjusted contract amount now totals \$119,285.00. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

CHIEF'S DAY – SEPT. 9, 2017

The Chief's Day is scheduled for Sept. 9th, to be held on the Township property at 110 Sunray Drive.

Scott moved, Paul seconded to approve the events scheduled for CHIEF'S DAY for Sept. 9, 2017, to be held on the grounds of the Township at 110 Sunray Drive, Johnstown, PA 15905. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

GARBAGE EXONERATION REQUEST – 556 GOUCHER ST. APT. 1

A request was received from Dr. Richard Kastelic, owner of 556 Goucher Street for Apartment 1 to be exonerated from the annual garbage/recycling collection fees as he does not plan on renting out this unit and deemed it unfeasible to rent.

Roy moved, Ed seconded to have the Chief of Police inspect the Apartment 1 at 556 Goucher Street to determine if it is uninhabitable or not. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

LUELLA LUCZKO – 355 BRADDOCK ST. STORMWATER

Ms. Luczko requested a drain pipe be installed along the side of the road in front of her driveway to divert the stormwater. She also wanted the berm at the end of her driveway removed. Ed will inspect the area to determine what can be done.

LOUISE HAYNAL – 122 DAMIAN DRIVE – STORMWATER

Ms. Haynal requested the removal of a drain or move it to the other side of her driveway. She is willing to contribute \$500 toward the cost of this work. Ed will inspect the area to determine what can be done.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ATLANTIC BROADBAND

Secretary reported when the computers and phone system was installed by Link Computer for the Sunray Drive Township office, it was explained that the computer/telephone system would work off of each other. The bills from Atlantic Broadband and Ring Central were recently reviewed and it was determined there were double charges being paid since the system was installed. Atlantic Broadband was contacted, as recommended by Ring Central, to cancel four monthly charges for the phone system.

Bob moved, Scott seconded to request a refund from Atlantic Broadband for the double charges for the phone system from the date it was originally installed. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

COUNTY CONVENTION – SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 29, 2017 AT SOLOMON RUN BANQUET FACILITY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE

CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THE BOARD AND SOLICITOR WILL ADJOURN INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT TO RECONVENE.

Motion by Paul, seconded by Ed. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

ADJOURNED 8:15 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kay Maher".

Mary Kay Maher
Twp. Secretary

**THE NEXT SUPERVISORS MEETING
WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
AUG 17, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEETING TO BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M. BEFORE THE MEETING WITH THE FIRE
COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES**