

The South Newton Township (SNT) Board of Supervisors (BOS) met at the South Newton Township Building, 11High Mountain Road, Shippensburg, PA. Chairman David **Durff** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. Board members present were Chairman David **Durff**, Supervisor Glenn **Keefer**, Supervisor Leroy **BOWERMASTER**, and Solicitor Marcus **McKnight**.

1. MEETING MINUTES – February 17, 2015

Supervisor Glenn KEEFER motioned to accept the minutes of February 17, 2015 meeting minutes Supervisor Leroy BOWERMASTER seconded, the motion passed.

2. EMS Report – Bobby VanScyoc reported 1 ALS, 1 BLS and 1 Cancellation for February. He stated the Fund Drive for EMS will be sent out shortly. Membership renewals are up from last year.

FIRE REPORT - December – SNTVFC reported 19 Fire/Accident Responses, 5 Medical Assist, 88 Training Hours, 0 Fire Police Incident, 0 Stand By, 0 Service Detail, 0 Public Relations Event, 0 Parade, 0 Fire Preventions, 0 Fire Related Injuries, Fire Loss **\$300,000.00**

Chief Burkett inquired if the Township was interested in purchasing banded portable radios? The Company the Firehouse purchases from is offering Model XG75 with batteries, programming and belt clips for \$1,224.00 each. Chief stated that you can purchase after market power chargers and speaker mics. This promotion is only good until the XG25 model comes out. If the township would purchase, the fire company could radio during fires, snow storms, etc.

Chief also stated that the siren is not working again. Company 49 will look at the siren and then let the township know.

3. Planning Commission – Wireless Facilities Ordinance – Steve Hoffman, Cumberland County Planning Commission reviewed why a Wireless Ordinance is needed. He stated there is a new wave of cell towers coming. They are mini towers that can set on top of 2 poles, increases capacity for smartphones, tablets. They can be erected in Right of Ways, and Public Utility Commission says they don't have to comply with Zoning. Other surrounding townships are putting together an ordinance and Steve encourages South Newton to do the same. He encourages approval for the towers that go on light poles, buildings, and not right of way.

Supervisor Durff asked if some things could be taken out of the model ordinance, Steve stated yes. Solicitor McKnight stated the Township should let Steve, Planning Commission, come up with a version for the next meeting. Supervisors agreed. A Draft Ordinance will be prepared and presented at the April 2015 meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – Harry Nenninger thanked the EMS and Fire Co. for all their dedication, he really appreciates it.

Henry Thissen inquired to the building permit that Harry Nenninger applied for in 2010. He questions the integrity of the application and wanted to know if the Township checked into this or did an appraisal.

Solicitor McKnight stated that Mr. Nenninger did in fact obtain a permit, with the estimate of the price of the building on the application. If estimate is low, that is okay, as the County Assessment Office will come out and appraise/assess the value of the structure and then bill the owner.

Mr. Thissen also stated the application says Mr. Nenninger built the building himself, he is no contractor.

Mr. Thissen went on to state he has started a Face book page for residents of the township. Supervisor Durff asked what Mr. Thissen wanted the Township to check into as Mr. Nenninger obtained a permit and did not need to meet any UC codes.

After additional discussion, Supervisor Durff stated the 2010 building application that Mr. Nenninger completed for his building will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Solicitor McKnight explained the permit process to Mr. Thissen. Solcitor McKnight also stated that he filed a judgment against Mr. & Mrs. Henry Thissen for not obtaining a permit for their Gazebo. Mr. Thissen stated it is a pavilion, not a Gazebo, and wants a Zoning Hearing Board to hear an appeal. Solicitor McKnight again told Mr. Thissen that he needs to apply for a permit. Mr. Thissen stated he wants paperwork to go before the Zoning Hearing Board. Solicitor McKnight asked Mr. Nenninger, Zoning Officer, the procedure. Mr. Nenninger stated he won't know if Mr. Thissen will need a variance until he applies for the permit.

5. BILL LIST F/ March 17, 2015 –

Supervisor Glenn KEEFER motioned to approve the Bill List f/, March 17, 2015, in the amount of \$14,914.63. Chairman David DURFF seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

6. TREASURERS REPORT – Total Township Funds as of February 28, 2015 - \$62,750.97

7. ROADMASTER REPORT – February 7, 2015 – March 17, 2015 – 171.0 man-hours.

Picked up and delivered totes. Mixed 2 loads of anti-skid with salt. Plowed snow and salted roads.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

➤ **DELINQUENT GARBAGE COLLECTION ACCOUNTS –**

Solicitor Marcus McKnight reviewed the outstanding trash account list. Constable Preston placed a levy on Mr. Schneider's property February 3, 2015. Mr Schneider will have 45-50 days to come up with the funds. The levy was placed on his truck and firearms.

Solicitor McKnight stated that a hearing was to be held on March 31, 2015 at 9:15 regarding John Walls, however he has not be served his notice. Solicitor McKnight expects this to be rescheduled in April. Solicitor McKnight stated he has filed a second compliant regarding the failure to obtain inspections.

- 9. SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SEO) REPORT – none**
- 10. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (CEO) - none**
- 11. ZONING OFFICER (ZO) REPORT – SNT ZO one (1) Building Permits, (1) Occupancy Permits, one (1) Road Permit**

Building Permits:

Z-15-03 – A. Martin for 1 Johnston Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257

Occupancy Permit:

Z-14-22 – E. Pifer, 3 Chenelle Lane, Shippensburg, PA 17257

Road Permit:

R-15-01 – D. Evelhoch, 434 Mountain View Road, Shippensburg, PA 17257

- 12. ZONING & HEARING BOARD REPORT – None**
- 13. NEW BUSINESS: None**
- 14. OLD BUSINESS: -**

Jean Bixler Property – Ag Security

Solicitor McKnight stated he received the information regarding the fact that we can not ask for reimbursement for the costs incurred to advertise the Resolution. Solicitor McKnight stated again that he will prepare for a hearing with advertisement.

- 15. SECRETARYS COMMENTS - none**
- 16. SUPERVISORS COMMENTS –**

Supervisor Durff stated he received a call from a resident that a neighbor has installed a camera facing the bedroom window and back yard, and is there something that can be done? Solicitor McKnight stated, if they feel their privacy is being invaded, they should call the State Police. If there is audio, this is against the law, as a wiretap violation. Solicitor McKnight stated that security cameras usually point to their own yard.

Supervisor Durff stated the next Bi-Centennial meeting will be April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse.

The Fire Police letters have been sent out.

Supervisor Durff told Mr. Thissen that his copies were here this evening for pickup, as per his Right To Know Request (Residency Reporting Forms). Supervisor Durff stated that cost will be \$30.00 (.25 x 120). Mr. Thissen refused to take the copies, as he did not want to pay for them. Solicitor McKnight stated he will send Mr. Thissen a bill for the copies, which he can appeal if he doesn't want them, then will proceed from that point.

Supervisor Durff stated the roof is in bad shape and would like to get an estimate on repairing. All were in favor of getting an estimate.

Discussion was held on the trucks, and Supervisor Bowermaster is to check on prices for a new truck.

Supervisor David Durff motioned to purchase three (3) of the banded radios, as discussed earlier, Supervisor Leroy Bowermaster seconded, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: *On a motion made by Glenn KEEFER, and seconded by Leroy BOWERMASTER, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.*

In Attendance:

Lois Burkett – 2 E. Main Street, Walnut Bottom, PA
Will Davis – Firehouse
Chief Burket - Firehouse
Deb Goshorn – 443 W. Main Street, Walnut Bottom, PA 17266
Harry Nenninger – P.O. Box 4, Walnut Bottom, PA 17266
Henry Thissen – 2174 Ritner Highway, Shippensburg, PA 17257
Linda Moore
David Weller – 20 Pine Road
Barb Cohick- EMS
Robert VanScyoc – EMS
Steve Hoffman – Cumberland Co. Planning

Respectfully Submitted by

Trena R. Durff
Secretary/Treasurer