

**South Newton Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of June 20, 2017**

The South Newton Township (SNT) Board of Supervisors (BOS) met at the South Newton Township Building, 11 High 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**, and Solicitor Marcus **McKnight**.

Chairman DURFF called an Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Meeting resumed at 7:15 p.m. Solicitor McKnight stated no actions were taken by the Board during the Executive Session. Supervisor Leroy Bowermaster has resigned his position effective June 19, 2017. The Board will have 30 days to appoint a new Supervisor to fill the remainder of his term or the remainder of this calendar year.

1. MEETING MINUTES – May 9 , 2017

Supervisor Glenn KEEFER motioned to accept the minutes of May 9, 2017, Chairman David DURFF seconded, the motion passed.

2. EMS Report – None

FIRE REPORT – none

PUBLIC COMMENT – Conditional Use Hearing – Abram Zimmerman

A Conditional Use Hearing was held regarding the application of Abram Zimmerman, who has submitted an application to open a home business on High Mountain Road. Mr. Zimmerman stated that this business would be a gunsmith hobby shop, store to sale rifles, hand guns, ammo and targets. The hours would be Monday – Friday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday 8-5, no Sunday hours. He would place a sign along the right side of the lane, 30 x 40, one (1) sign. There will be no rifle range open to the public.

Testimony was received from approximately 14 residents. The concern most voiced from the residents, was the possibility of a shooting range. Mr. Zimmerman explained there will be no shooting range, for public use. He will have a range for himself to practice shoot and check guns that he repairs. No public will have access to the range.

The Board decided to table the decision on the Conditional Use Hearing until next month, after the Zoning Officer can check on the property regarding the shop and range.

A resident expressed concern regarding the bears that have been roaming the neighborhood. Seems they are remaining in area and not just moving through. Chairman Durff stated that they should call the Game Commission.

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4. BILL LIST F/ June 20, 2017 –

Supervisor Glenn KEEFER motioned to approve the Bill List f/, June 20, 2017, in the amount of \$33,032.65. Chairman David DURFF seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

5. TREASURERS REPORT – Total Township Funds as of May 31, 2017 - \$142,733.15

6. ROADMASTER REPORT – 67 man-hours

Hauled antiskid stone, mixed salt with antiskid, trimmed trees on Mountain View Road and High Mountain Road. Replaced road sign on Mountain View Road and High Mountain Road.

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

- **DELINQUENT GARBAGE COLLECTION ACCOUNTS** – list distributed – 2 accounts past due

Solicitor McKnight presented the Junk Ordinance for review and approval from the Board. 2017-01. *Chairman David DURFF motioned to adopt the proposed Junk Ordinance, as advertised, Supervisor Glenn KEEFER seconded, motion carried.*

G. Dietch property clean up –A Civil Complaint was filed and the hearing was rescheduled for July 24, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

Solicitor McKnight stated he contacted the State regarding the Use Tax form that was sent out. The letters/forms were sent to Municipality's by accident. The form is not required to be completed, disregard.

J. Walls – Solicitor McKnight stated there is a new rule; need to file objectives with court, which he will file next week. Walls Attorney, Sally Winder has not been able to contact her client as well.

R. Keefer – Solicitor McKnight will send a letter suggesting he obtain help from others to get his place cleaned up.

Permit application language has been sent to the Zoning Officer.

Chairman Durff stated the Audit for 2016 has been submitted.

8. SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SEO) REPORT – None

9. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (CEO) - none

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10. ZONING OFFICER (ZO) REPORT – SNT ZO four (4) Zoning Permits, and one (1) Conditional Use Permit

Zoning Permit:

Z-17-08 – A. Bobb, 235 High Mountain Road, Shippensburg, PA 17257

Z-17-09 – L. Davidson, 437 W. Main Street Walnut Bottom, PA 17266

Z-17-10 – D. Horst, 106 Hammond Road, Shippensburg, PA 17257

Z-17-11 – W. Davis, 490 Mountain View Road, Shippensburg, PA 17257

Conditional Use Permit:

CU-17-01 – A. Zimmerman, 339 High Mountain Road, Shippensburg, PA 17257

11. ZONING & HEARING BOARD REPORT – None

12. NEW BUSINESS:

Bids for Big Pond & Hammond Road Project:

Two (2) bids were received; Wilson Paving and Shiloh Paving.

Wilson Paving - \$53,340.00

Shiloh Paving - \$45,921.00

Chairman David DURFF motioned to award the bid to Shiloh Paving in the amount of \$45,921.00. Supervisor Glenn KEEFER seconded, motion carried.

13. OLD BUSINESS: - addressed earlier in meeting

13. SECRETARYS COMMENTS - Secretary Durff reviewed the information in the packets with the Board regarding Act 172 of 2016.

The Cargill quote was received. It was decided to request the same amount to be held from 2016 for 2017. Secretary Durff will sign and fax back.

Key 13 was not signed out. After checking with Chief Burkett, Key 13 is in the knox box. Leroy has returned his key and Sunoco card.

Chairman Durff stated that currently there is a \$50.00 per permit reimbursement rate to the Zoning Officer when completing a permit. This is not covering the costs of the hourly rate, so he proposed to increase the base rate of the permit fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00, keeping all other costs associated with the permits the same.

On a motion made by Chairman DURFF the base fee will be increased to \$75.00 for the permit, effective June 20, 2017, Supervisor Glenn KEEFER seconded, motion carried.

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15. SUPERVISORS COMMENTS –

Chairman Durff stated the farm land on High Mountain Road, that is leased to a Mr. Reiff, has plowed the field to the road. Solicitor McKnight stated he will send a letter to Mr. Reiff.

Chairman Durff stated the grass at 38 Furnace Hollow Road is high and will need a letter sent. Zoning Officer will provide Solicitor McKnight with the name of the property owner.

Chairman Durff inquired to the Zoning Officer if 267 High Mountain Road has obtained a permit? ZO stated no they have not. Concrete trucks have been delivering. Chairman will contact the Zoning Officer to make a visit.

Chairman Durff asked if a copy of the 36 Maple Avenue letter was sent to Chief Burkett? Solicitor McKnight stated he will send a copy.

Chairman Durff stated he called regarding the Dodge Ram and the spring issue. All suggestions from manufacture were completed. Pictures and documentation were sent, awaiting a decision.

Chairman Durff inquired to the status of the Debit Card and Sunoco Card. Secretary Durff stated they were ordered, but not received yet.

Chairman Durff inquired on the due date of the Recycling Grant. Secretary Durff stated she thought September, but will check and let him know.

Solicitor McKnight stated the County Convention will be held at North Newton Township this year.

Chairman Durff stated that the Dog Warden has been contacted and will be proceeding further with the issue at 22 Maple Avenue.

The white dog at 48 Horsekiller Road has bit someone, and has been reported to the Dog Warden as well. The dog must always be on a leash. If seen without, please contact the Dog Warden.

Supervisor Glenn KEEFER appointed Chairman Durff as Roadmaster, due to the resignation of Leroy Bowermaster.

ADJOURNMENT: *On a motion made by Supervisor Glenn KEEFER and seconded by Chairman David DURFF, the public meeting was adjourned at 9:21p.m.*

In Attendance:

John Sheriff	Lois Burkett	Dave Weller	Sue Koles
Deb Goshorn	Karen Boucher	Denny	Angie McKee
Donna Brobst	Doug McKee	Thomas Coons	Mark Henry
Thomas Orlowsky	Linda Moore	Ron Clever	Abram Zimmerman

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Cindy Adams
James Goodyear
Kenneth Byers
James Bobb
Lauralee Bobb

Merle Varner
Wade Glessner
Jeri Marshall
Mark Long
Aaron Bobb

Rose Varner
Ron Smith
James Marshall
John ?
Carol Wach

Pat Minelli
Anita Smith
Bonnie Swartz
Sally Bobb

Submitted by:

Trena R. Durff, Secretary