

**South Newton Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of July 18, 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**.

1. MEETING MINUTES – June 20 , 2017

Supervisor Glenn KEEFER motioned to accept the minutes of June 20, 2017, Chairman David DURFF seconded, the motion passed.

2. EMS Report – None

FIRE REPORT –

SNTVFC reported 13 Fire/Accident Responses, 3 Medical Assist, 64 Training Hours, 0 Fire Police Incident, 0 Stand By, 0 Service Detail, 0 Public Relations Event, 2 Parade, 0 Fire Preventions, 0 Fire Related Injuries, Fire Loss **\$0.00**.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jim Marshall asked if the County was spraying for mosquitoes. Chairman Durff stated, not that we knew of, they were spraying for black flies.

Conditional Use Hearing – Abram Zimmerman

The Conditional Use Hearing that was tabled at the last meeting, reconvened with a report from the Zoning Officer, John Sheriff, on his findings. Solicitor McKnight swore in Mr. Sheriff, and asked what he was tasked to complete for the Supervisors.

Mr. Sheriff stated he was to go to the property and check the target range, and check building conditions. Solicitor McKnight asked what the findings were. ZO Sheriff presented six (6) photos. He also stated that there was no evidence of a business, the room was empty and being dry walled. Photos 1 and 2 were of the inside of the garage, which is going to be used as the business. Photos 3 and 4 were of the range and trees with wood block (back stop), no targets. Photo 5 was of the right of the area by pond, and Photo 6 was from target looking towards driveway.

The floor was now opened for Public Comment regarding the Hearing:

Again testimony was received from approximately 14 residents. Again, the concern most voiced from the residents, was the possibility of a shooting range and the fact that residents bought property in Conservation Area, wanting the peace and quiet of the mountains and woods.

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Mr. Zimmerman again 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. There will be no rifle range open to the public.

Chairman Durff stated that he realizes all the concerns of the residents, and the Board would take everything into consideration.

Supervisor Glenn KEEFER motioned to approve the Conditional Use Permit, CU-17-01 with the following conditions;

- 1. Test firing will be in enclosed box inside the building,**
- 2. Backstop will be rebuilt to comply with State Firearms Regulations,**
- 3. No outside range shooting will be open to the public,**
- 4. Shooting shall be restricted to personal use only, with a maximum of 30 shots per week, and only Monday – Saturday,**
- 5. No Sunday Shooting,**
- 6. Holidays will be limited,**
- 7. One (1) sign shall be allowed, based on ordinance requirements.**

Chairman David DURFF seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Solicitor McKnight stated he will have a written decision for the August 15, 2017 Township meeting for review and approval. This then will start the 30 day appeal period.

4. BILL LIST F/ July 18, 2017 –

Supervisor Glenn KEEFER motioned to approve the Bill List f/, July 18, 2017, in the amount of \$36,405.96. Chairman David DURFF seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

5. TREASURERS REPORT – Total Township Funds as of June 30, 2017 - \$191,516.02

6. ROADMASTER REPORT – 75 man-hours

Completed drain inspections, bidder inspection, fix tail light on little dump, John Diller complaint, shoulder and ditch cleaning, and new stop signs.

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

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

Solicitor McKnight sent a letter to Mr. Wojciechowski, Furnace Hollow Road regarding failure to cut grass. The letter was undeliverable, so Solicitor McKnight will email the letter to ZO Sheriff to post on the door.

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Solicitor McKnight inquired as to which Reiff the letter was to be sent regarding the plowing to close to the road. Chairman Durff stated that in addition to the plowing, recently there was manure spread on the road, which South Newton Township Vol. Fire Co., was contacted to wash off the road. A fine of \$100.00 will need to be added to the letter regarding the cleanup. Chairman Durff stated the address would be 140 High Road, Shippensburg.

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

J. Walls – Solicitor McKnight stated he was still working on this issue.

R. Keefer – Solicitor McKnight stated he will send a letter suggesting he obtain help from others to get his place cleaned up, and send a copy of the new Junk Ordinance.

8. SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SEO) REPORT – None

9. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (CEO) - none

10. ZONING OFFICER (ZO) REPORT – SNT ZO two (2) Zoning Permits

Zoning Permit:

Z-17-12 – A. Martin, 343 High Mountain Road, Shippensburg, PA 17257

Z-17-13 – A. Martin, 1 Johnston Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257

Harry Nenninger stated the situation at 66 E. Main Street has been taken care of, he spoke to MDIA.

ZONING & HEARING BOARD REPORT – None

11. NEW BUSINESS: Compliant:

Complaint and photos were received via email regarding 25 E. Main Street, Walnut Bottom. The complaint stated weeds, overgrown areas were on the property. *Chairman David DURFF motioned to have Solicitor McKnight send a letter to the property owner regarding the high grass and weeds. Solicitor McKnight stated he will also send a copy of his letter to the person making the complaint. Supervisor Glenn KEEFER seconded, motion carried.*

Secretary Durff will forward the email with pictures to Zoning Officer Sheriff.

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12. OLD BUSINESS: Discussed earlier in meeting

13. SECRETARYS COMMENTS - Secretary Durff reviewed the information in the packets with the Board

Cumberland County's new e-cycling program launched week, July 11th. Flyers were posted and information placed on the Website and sent to Kuhn Cable for the informational channel.

Following up on the Website issue – Secretary Durff contacted someone who has submitted a quote to update Wordpress Theme, cleanup old plug-ins, ensure the site is secure, clean up wordpress pages, and assist Secretary with adding new content once all the updates are completed. The anticipated cost for all the items listed would be between \$300.00 - \$400.00.

Chairman DURFF motioned to approve the website issues, at a cost of no more than \$400.00, in addition to purchasing Wordpress update if needed, Supervisor Glenn KEEFER seconded, motion carried.

15. SUPERVISORS COMMENTS –

Due to the vacancy of a Supervisor, Chairman Durff asked the Vacancy Committee, Harry Nenner to begin the search for a new Supervisor.

Chairman Durff stated the Dodge Ram is currently at New Holland checking the spring issue. ***Chairman DURFF motioned to take the Dodge to Gaumers if New Holland is not able to repair or decides not to cover the costs of repair. Supervisor Glenn KEEFER seconded, motion carried.***

Chairman Durff stated the draft agenda can be sent to him the day before the meeting, due to changes.

Chairman Durff stated New Holland changed their design and Alamo does not have the mounting brackets. We should receive our Tractor in September.

Received a complaint regarding a spillage on McCullough Road. Chairman Durff stated that he checked into this, and found boys being boys. He spoke with the father and told them that if the road will need repaired we will be sending out a bill.

Chairman Durff stated that he spoke to the Game Commission regarding the wild turkey that is being kept as a pet in the Conservation Zone. Game Commission stated that the resident would need a permit through them, with other paperwork. If there is no permit, a violation will be sent.

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Chairman DURFF motioned to have Solicitor McKnight send a letter to the Game Commission regarding the turkey at 301 High Mountain Road, Shippensburg. Supervisor Glenn KEEFER seconded, motion carried.

Chairman Durff asked Zoning Officer Sheriff if he would be interested in taking on the role of Code Enforcement as well. He stated he would.

Supervisor Glenn KEEFER motioned to send a letter to current Code Enforcement Officer, Rob Mattesky, thanking him for his service to the Township. Chairman David DURFF seconded, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the letter from South Newton Township requesting approval of two (2) individuals for Special Fire Police Officers.

Chairman DURFF motioned to approve Ricky Stitt and Grace Hernandez as Special Fire Police for South Newton Township Volunteer Fire Co., Supervisor Glenn KEEFER seconded, motion carried.

Solicitor McKnight will prepare a Resolution for the approval.

The Subdivision plans for Dale Robinson, Hammond Road, were accepted on a motion made by ***Chairman DURFF and seconded by Supervisor Glenn KEEFER.*** Plans will be reviewed by the Planning Committee on August 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion made by Supervisor Glenn KEEFER and seconded by Chairman David DURFF, the public meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

In Attendance:

John Sheriff	Lois Burkett	Dave Weller	Sue Koles
Deb Goshorn	Karen Boucher	Tom Minnich	Angie McKee
Donna Brobst	Sarah Long	Mark Henry	
Thomas Orłowski	Marty Ruthland	Abram Zimmerman	
Cindy Adams	Merle Zinn	Karen Sampson	Pat Minnelli
James Goodyear	Wade Glessner	Ron Smith	Anita Smith
Kenneth Byers	Jeri Marshall	James Marshall	
James Bobb	Mark Long	Ken Byers	Sally Bobb
Harry Nenninger	M. A. Hershey	Drew Robinson	LauraLee Bobb

Submitted by:

Trena R. Durff, Secretary