

Supervisors Meeting — November 15, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Sugarloaf Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday November 15, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 858 Main Street, Sugarloaf, PA 18249. The meeting was duly advertised in the Standard Speaker on December 15, 2021.

Attendance: In attendance were Chairman Rick Weaver, Supervisor Richard Yost, and Supervisor Joseph DiSabella. Also in attendance were Township Office Manager Elizabeth Tolan and Atty. Rockman for Atty. Baranko.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: There was no public comment on the agenda items.

Minutes: Chairman Weaver asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 18, 2022. A motion was made by Supervisor Yost, seconded by Supervisor DiSabella, to approve the minutes of the Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously, and copies were placed on the front table for public review.

Bills: Supervisor Yost read the Income and Expense Report of the General Fund from October 2022. A motion was made by Chairman Weaver, seconded by Supervisor DiSabella, to approve the bills as read, and to pay any and all bills in all funds that become due before the next regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and copies were placed on the front table for public review.

Financial Statement: Chairman Weaver mentioned that the financial statement was attached to all agendas. A motion was made by Chairman Weaver, seconded by Supervisor DiSabella to approve the financial statement as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Yost signed the Financial Statement.

Police Department:

1. Chairman Weaver reviewed the police activity report for October 2022. There were 102 calls for service.
2. Magistrate fines collected for October 2022 amounted to \$1795.61. Two checks were received for restitution from probation services totaling \$108.38.

Fire Company:

1. Fire Chief Duane Hildebrand submitted the activity report for October 2022. There were 27 Fire/Rescue and 81 EMS for a total of 108 calls.

Road Department:

1. The road department report for October 2022 was reviewed by Chairman Weaver.
2. Chairman Weaver reviewed the extensive work that was accomplished in road repairs this year. Among the roads which saw improvements in stormwater management and/or paving were Sugarloaf Heights, Klinger Estates, Conyngham Crest, Mountain Ridge, Rock Glen, Turkey Path, and Welsh Road. Line work was also completed on several township roads.

Zoning Report:

1. The zoning officer read the Zoning Report for October 2022.
2. Chairman Weaver placed the Zoning Log for October 2022 on the front table.
3. A zoning hearing board meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM to hear the appeal of Mr. Michael Racho for the construction of a cold storage shed.
4. **Salata Rezone Request:** A motion was made by Supervisor Yost, seconded by Chairman Weaver, to move Ordinance No.7 of 2022 prepared by Atty. Baranko to establish a public hearing date and to move forward with advertising. Comments have not yet been received from the planning committee but will be sought before the hearing. The motion passed unanimously. A public hearing will be held at 5:45 PM prior to the December 20, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Emergency Management: Mr Mundie was not in attendance however correspondence from Jessica Shoup of Talen Energy was read congratulating Sugarloaf Township for a job well done during the drill.

Sugarloaf Recreation Board:

1. The recreation committee did not meet in November.
2. The community service day with Freshman from MMI on October 26, 2022 was cancelled due to rain.

Tomhicken Recreation Board:

There was a meeting held on October 19, 2022. The minutes have been received. The hall can now be winterized and the air conditioners can be taken out. Supervisor Yost and Supervisor DiSbella stated that they will remove the units. The board was thanked for the baby change station provided by the township. Meetings will resume on April 19, 2023. A list of meeting times for 2023 was sent to the Township Office for publication.

Planning Commission:

The November Planning Commission Meeting was held November 7, 2022. The minutes have been received. The next scheduled Meeting of the Planning Commission will be December 5, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Subdivision/Lot Consolidation/Land Development:

1. **State RT.93 Convenience Store and Gas Station:** Review has been received from the DEP with comments. Included in the comments are that no sewage or building permits should be issued for construction at the site until planning has been properly completed and approved by the municipality and concurred with by DEP.
1. **Crossroads XOX, LLC:** The township engineer review was received with comments.
2. **Crossroads XOXO, LLC Bldg.#1:** Plans for Building 1 were accepted as administratively complete by the Planning Committee. They were presented to the Board of Supervisors to accept as administratively complete. A motion was made by Chairman Weaver, seconded by, Supervisor Yost, to accept plans as administratively complete. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. The County of Luzerne sent notification that they are applying for a MTF Grant for the West County Road Improvement Project and Bike Path and requested a letter of support from the township, which was provided to them.
2. UGI sent a map outlining where the proposed placement of their new gas lines will be crossing behind the municipal property.

New Business:

1. The next scheduled meeting of the Supervisors will be held on Tuesday December 20th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
2. An executive session for discussing DEP meeting issues was held on November 9, 2022.
3. Local Realty Transfer taxes were received in the amount of \$14,381.50.
4. Lou Romanelli notified the township that names have been assigned to the roads at the Crossroads property. A map reflecting roads was provided They are:
 - a. Pasco Way 600-627 (both)
 - b. Crossroads Way 400-502 (both)
 - c. Access Dr. 100-317 (both)
5. The township was copied on a DEP Chapter 102 Inspection Report from the Luzerne Conservation District relating to the Berwick-Beacon 69kV Line retirement project.

Correspondence received since the last meeting: Correspondence received since the last meeting was reviewed.

Public Comment Response: Chairman Weaver explained this new agenda item to the people in attendance. This will be an agenda item where the supervisors will respond to public comment from the previous meeting if the inquiry was such that it required research prior to response.

Public Comment: Chris Arnold from Pennoni and Associates and Jim Vozar from JVI approached the board to ask for Final Conditional Approval on plans for Building 4 of Crossroads XOX (Slusser Property). They were informed that the public comment period was an inappropriate time for this request, and that the approval must be obtained from the planning committee, and then properly placed on the agenda for the board's consideration at the meeting. The board went into executive session, and upon their return allowed the two to address the board with general information regarding the project, however, the approval request will be placed on the board's agenda for December.

Adjournment: With no further business to attend to, a motion was made by Chairman Weaver, seconded by Supervisor Yost to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that all reports or correspondence mentioned during this meeting were available for review at the front table, copies to be provided, upon request, after the meeting.

