

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 AT 7:00 PM**  
**Municipal Building – Miller Shaft**

Chairman Olshavsky opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Richard Olshavsky – present; Supervisor Elwood Selapack – present; Supervisor Jeff Kostan - present; Solicitor C.J. Webb- present.

**Public Participation:**

William Offman discussed the water problems on Cyran Alley, stating that the Township’s “fix” did not do anything, and the water problem is the same as before. Supervisor Olshavsky said that we contacted our engineers and our solicitor to see what the Township could do. Water running from one property to another is a private problem. The discussion continued to include the use of red dog by the drive-in that runs down into the yards and storm drains. Also discussed was the removal of the Drive-Inn sign and the insurance claim concerning damage done to Mr. Offman’s car.

James Nicholson of Shoemaker started a discussion on the need for Amfire Mining Co. to construct silos to encase local coal piles to cut down on dirt and dust in the area. He also asked the Township supervisors for help to enforce the silos to make Portage cleaner. Mr. Nicholson also said he was at the last meeting to try to get the information out to the public, but the Portage Dispatch only took excerpts from the meeting, and accused the Dispatch of selective reporting. In response to his statement, the reporter from the Dispatch asked him to discuss the matter with her at another time.

Mr. John Nicholson of Shoemaker also commented on the removal of the railroad track in Shoemaker causing traffic tie ups. He asked Township to meet with Amfire Mining Co. to ask if there was any possible way to put the road further from houses for the benefit of the children and the people living there.

Supervisor Olshavsky said the Township would look into the matter.

Karen Maul of Shoemaker presented the Township with Petitions signed by the residents of Shoemaker to request Amfire Mining Company either find an alternative hauling Route (SR 164) or build their own bypass to comply with the present problems and PA mining code guidelines within the Township.

Renee Maul of Shoemaker also expressed her concerns with Amfire Mining Company coal trucks traveling so fast that her windows shake, and trucks have even gone into resident’s yards knocking down a fence. She has called Amfire several times and very little has been done. Amfire put signs up for the speed limit, but the truckers are sub-contracted, and Amfire said they cannot and will not do any more about it. She called PA State Police, but

they cannot enforce the speed limit there because it is less than 35mph. She also expressed health concerns from dust flying off of the trucks, and she also said that she may have to get a lawyer.

The discussion continued informing the Township that Matt Riley, State Air Quality Inspector, was contacted. The inspector was helpful, but could only issue a citation. The suggestion of contacting a college or university to do a study on the air quality in the area was made. A request to the Township for support was also made. Supervisor Selapack said that the township could look into what could be done about the road. All three supervisors agreed that they would meet with Amfire to see if improvements can be made. Supervisor Olshavsky encouraged the residents not to give up.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Selapack and seconded by Supervisor Kostan to approve the July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried, 3-0.**

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Supervisor Olshavsky and seconded by Supervisor Selapack to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. **Motion carried, 3-0.**

**Secretaries Report:**

The Secretary's report was presented and contained written and email correspondence, which was included as part of the meeting record. Supervisor Selapack made a Motion to approve the Secretaries Report. Supervisor Kostan seconded the Motion.

**Motion carried, 3-0**

**Roadmaster's Report:**

The Road Master's report included the following:

1. Replaced pipes on Ribblet Road,
2. Repaired catch basins due to storm damage in July,
3. Bermed Wesley and Sonman Avenues,
4. Patched holes on various Township roads,
5. Cut tree limbs and blacktopped a water troth on Jamestown Road,
6. Patched holes on Sandy Lane; and,
7. Repaired machinery as needed,

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to accept the Road Master's Report. Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. **Motion carried, 3-0.**

### **Code Officer's Report:**

The Code Officers report included the following:

1. Burning on East Wesley Avenue: Resident contacted, burning stopped.
2. High grass on Puritan Road: Grass has been cut.
3. Barking dogs on Puritan Road: neighbors were away, no further problem.
4. Barking dogs on Oil Circle: The barking problem was OK until 8/15/13. Township received another complaint that the dogs are barking again.

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to accept the Code Officer's report, and Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. **Motion carried, 3-0.**

### **Old Business:**

#### Correction to June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Olshavsky and seconded by Supervisor Selapack to correct the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting minutes to read "The Township agreed to pay for the under course in the amount of \$6,015.00," instead of \$6,500.00. **Motion carried, 3-0.**

#### Meeting with Mr. Winter, Department of Environmental Protection

The agenda item was covered in Public Participation.

### **New Business:**

#### Ordinance 2013-2, Weight Limit for Township Roads

Ordinance 2013-2 is written to consolidate all roads defined as weight limit roads into one ordinance. The roads include Liquid Fuel designated roads and some lanes. Supervisor Olshavsky made the motion to accept Ordinance 2012-2, and Supervisor Koston seconded the motion. **Motion carried, 3-0.**

The question of how to impose a weight limit on Shoemaker Road was discussed. Supervisor Olshavsky said that the Township would look into it with our Solicitor.

#### Annual Donation to Planning Commission

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Portage Area Planning Commission to cover expenses. Supervisor Selapack seconded the motion. **Motion carried, 3-0.**

#### Donation to the Portage Summerfest

Supervisor Olshavsky made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the 2013 Portage Summerfest, and Supervisor Kostan seconded the motion. **Motion carried, 3-0.**

**Adjourn:**

On a Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Olshavsky and seconded by Supervisor Selapack. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Those visitors signing the sign in sheet were: James Nicholson, John Nicholson, Sr., Karen and Paul Maul, William C. Kline, Bill Offman, Joe Walters, John Nicholson, Jr., Bob Brickley, Sarah Wolford, Justin Dennis, Alfred Maul, Renee Maul; and, Francis A. Maul.

Submitted by Ruby Moore, Secretary

**MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD**