

Brooklyn Township Meeting Highlights for August 15, 2019

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Monthly Township Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM

Next Township Meeting date September 19th, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Township Building

9 Township residents attended and 3 Supervisors Bill Brewer, Bryce Beeman, and Graham Anthony

Minutes and Treasurers report read and approved: 7/11/2019 meeting minutes and August 15, 2019 monthly Treasurer's report can be viewed on the Brooklyn Township website.

Public Comments: Resident asked about meeting minutes having more in depth information. Resident asked why negative amount in checking account. Check cleared and money transfer was not applied in time. Resident asked about attorney bill and amount paid per hour. The hourly rate is 170 or 180 dollars per hour they believe. Resident asked about Barhite bill. It was for completing Kent Rd. Resident asked about dirt and gravel road grants and who went through training to oversee projects. One township employee has been through the training process for dirt and gravel roads. Resident stated the roads are looking better and are in better shape. Resident asked about Zick Hill road. The supervisors are putting together grant information for Zick Hill road. FEMA and PEMA money put in for is about 197,000 dollars. 6 projects underway and 2 have been through federal review process and now at state level review. Resident asked about Maple Street and weight limits on roads. Heavy truck traffic on roads with weight limits. Roads are bonded and if there are problems with the road the company must fix them. Can also contact the gas company if trucks are going to fast. Resident also asked about the high rate of speed that cars are traveling at and what can be done. Can contact state police but they have limited resources. Resident also asked about damage to cars because of bad roads. Town speed limit is 25 miles per hour. Resident asked how many signatures are required on checks. 2 signatures are required for all checks. Resident asked about assisting the Historical Society to enlarge Martin Creek lookout area by 20 feet would like work done this year. Township will provide fill and labor to widen area.

Road Report: Kent Road is completed. Meeting with Conservation District to approve status of road. Zick Hill Road supervisors gathering information for grant will be talking to Conservation District about road. FEMA and PEMA dollars will support 6 projects and 2 have been through federal review and are in state review now. Ditch work to be completed. Ditches are being cleaned out.

Old Business: New building setting up time with engineer and 3 supervisors to discuss plans. Looking at Gibsons new building and other new building for ideas. Informal quotes for taking down old building being gathered. Resident asked if they had looked into the old building being a historic building and grants to fix building. Supervisor have not and stated we need a place to put equipment so new building is needed. Resident asked has the Historical Society looked into anything to restore old building. Resident who represents Historical Society stated no they have taken the input of supervisors that the building has deteriorated to a point that repair is out of the question. Resident stated that other Historical Society received grants to restore

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buildings. Resident asked what is the process or procedure to decide to take this building down. The supervisors can vote on it or put it on the ballot for a vote. No decision has been made to date. Resident stated this has been a 4 year discussion a new building and no one has come to meetings until recently. Resident stated they had been unaware of meetings prior to website and facebook. Did not see any notices anywhere. Resident asked how did we get here with this building being so neglected for so long. Was it not a priority to fix. Supervisor stated it was in bad shape when we acquired it and work was done by themselves and town residents to fix things in the 90s. Was used for many years. Township did not have the money until impact fees about 8 years ago to do anything. Resident asked about reinvesting into old building. First get rid of mold and fix it. Build new building for equipment and other things. Audit of township books not completed yet have not heard for auditor have reached out to other auditor to complete audit waiting for them to get back to them. New tractor purchased being used. Ditch on township property being surveyed. Same surveyor who left off easement being used. Resident asked why would you use same surveyor and why are they not liable for cost associated with rework required do to easement violation. Supervisor stated the surveyor did not find it and we did not know there was an easement. Resident asked with all the issues in the past on the property no one thought to contact the county prior to work. Supervisor stated no. Resident stated have them come back and redo survey. Resident stated the surveyor did not know about easement they can not know everything. Resident stated that is part of their job to search and find information. Resident stated your lawyer said at prior meeting we never said we did not know about easement. Supervisor stated I did not hear him say that and he was not our attorney at the time the plans were done.

New Business: Stahl possible lawsuit. Stahl is having problems with septic systems supervisor stated. Working with them since last summer on water run off issue. Cabot looked at it and feels not a problem with the road. Had Barhite come dig a trench to divert water above property. Supervisor stated he was there to check and water not crossing road. Did all we can do at this point.

Correspondence: Cabot well site on Diaz water withdrawal from Susquehanna river. Planning approved Borenson subdivision. Durling wants to turn shed into residential structure.

Second hearing from visitors: Resident asked do we have and excavator. No we do not they are very expensive. Barhite bills are high but will not need to use them once road work is caught up. We can rent an excavator if needed. Broadband to run through Brooklyn has been agreed on. Resident stated they think it will be done in September.

That's all for now.....Next update coming in September.....enjoy the website