

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Sheffield Township Supervisors was called to order at 7pm with the pledge of allegiance by Chairman, Jay Fitch, with the following in attendance at the Sheffield Food Pantry:

Supervisors: Jay Fitch, Robin Copley, and Nathan Lindberg
Administrator/Treasurer: Kristi Kulka
Roadmaster: Ian Lester
Guests: Ford Beane, Rick Petruney, Larry Koza, Norman and Brady Hornburg

Rick Petruney was present complaining about the condition of the roads, Keystone Avenue and First Mill Street. The roads are in terrible condition and he cannot believe that they are not being paved this year. Supervisor Fitch informed him that there are several cross pipes being installed on Keystone Avenue and our PennDOT representative advised us to wait until next year after the winter and the settling of these cross sections. Larry Koza stated the shoulders and berms are dangerous as well. He stated that if you meet a car coming, there is nowhere for you to go. Supervisor Fitch stated that we could do some berming to help with this problem. Speeding is also a problem on these roads. Rick Petruney stated that the max speed limit you can go on an unposted road is 35 MPH and that is too fast for this road. Signs need to be posted reminding drivers of the speeds. Supervisors agreed to put a speed hump on First Mill Street. Supervisor Fitch also stated that we will be placing a referendum on the May ballot about having a police officer in Sheffield Township again. However, this will cost the citizens a 2-mil tax increase, at least. It is around \$80,000 for police officer, plus a car and all the other items that are needed. Much discussion on the cost of everything increasing, but income stays the same. Supervisor Fitch stated that taxes have not been raised in over 25 years. Ford Beane stated that they need 2 speed humps on 1st Mill Street, log trucks and semis are flying on this street and there at least 8 little kids on this street. With a motion by Supervisor Lindberg, seconded by Supervisor Copley and duly carried 1 speed hump will be placed on 1st Mill Street. Supervisor Lindberg stated it has worked to slow down traffic on his street Foulkrod Street and another one is going to be placed on Dunham Street.

Norman Hornburg and son Brady were present to see how local government works in Sheffield Township.

With a motion by Supervisor Lindberg, seconded by Supervisor Copley the Minutes of the July 20, 2020 Supervisors Meeting, the July Treasures Report, and the Bills for Approval in the amount of \$16,361.19 were all approved and placed on file at the township office.

Resolution No 503 Blighted Property Resolution for 109 Oak Street, Christopher Kyler and Candice Walden's property was adopted with a motion by Supervisor Copley, seconded by Supervisor Lindberg and duly carried. A letter was sent to Commissioner Jeff Eggleston on behalf of the Supervisors stating the willingness to support 109 Oak Street as a property to be tore down.

The Playground closed for the final day on July 24 for the 2020 playground program. Ryan was leaving for vacation to Maine and be off the week of July 27-31st and Julia did not feel comfortable being all alone that entire week. And with Ryan being out of the area we all felt more comfortable closing for season especially with pandemic.

List of properties that are delinquent for tax purposes was recently sent to us by our solicitor requesting lien amounts if any. This list continues to grow each year, do you feel there is anything that we as the township can do to help these individuals pay their taxes easier. We collect taxes from August through April, the tax payment is broken down into 3 payments, or full payment, maybe we could make a 6 payment and add credit card/debit card payment as well. Paul Pascuzzi of Clarendon Borough and Kristi were discussing this situation because Clarendon Borough and Sheffield Township are both have the same situation with the list of nonpaying tax customers. Paul asked Kristi to give this information to the supervisors for their thoughts. It was agreed that debit/credit cards should be an acceptable form of payment in 2021.

Wendell McMillen Bridge/Center Street Bridge, we need to make this official. The secretary is to take care of the arrangements for a public announcement and a dedication ceremony. A sign/plaque will be ordered.

Jay and Kristi attended the Sports Boosters meeting on July 19th asking for a contribution of \$10,000 towards the playground resurface project. The boosters agreed to give us the \$10,000 if there are not any fall sports for Warren County School District.

Received complaints for the condition of 336 Horton Avenue. Pictures are needed and an Ordinance No. 91 accumulation of garbage and rubbish courtesy letter will be sent with a motion by Supervisor Lindberg, seconded by Supervisor Copley and duly carried.

Grass Violation courtesy letters were sent to the following individuals:

- Leroy & Dorothy Disshon for 312 Horton Avenue
- David Ordiway for 48 Deerlick Street
- Raymond Rafalski for 57 Deerlick Street

Pictures were not available at this time, supervisors agreed with a motion by Supervisor Lindberg, seconded by Supervisor Copley and duly carried properties will be turned over to Constable if grass is not mowed.

The Route 6 Bridge Replacement project located at the bottom of Roystone Hill will not begin on the 7th of August through the 14th of August, the box culvert has not been delivered yet. Bob Bell states that anytime from August 10th-August 30th is the time frame. The road will still only be closed for 7 days with a detour.

Spicer Road project with the Warren County Conservation District and Penn State Dirt and Gravel's Roads may not happen again this year, due to complications with access to the stream this late in the season. Heather Wilcox is working on bid packets and advertising and the opening of bids would possibly be at our first meeting in September on the 8th, but the window for construction in the stream ends on October 1st. She continues to thank us for our patience with this project. I informed her that we are hoping to pave this road next summer, but not until the construction is done.

Supervisor Copley touched base on the fact that young people are not settling here, and everything is going up. Sheffield is an extremely poor community, Rick Petruney stated we get free breakfast and lunches because of the poverty level of our community. Mr. Petruney says we cannot continue to throw money away.

Other matters discussed:

- Warren County Auditor, Richard Hutley has audited the Sheffield Township Tax Collector's tax records for August 1, 2019 through April 20, 2020. He found no problems.
- The roof on the Memorial park building was put on in 2004 by Alex Grubbs for his Eagle's Scouts project.
- Building permit was approved for Joe Leichtenberger of 1019 Henry's Mills Road for an 832 square foot garage addition.
- Monday, August 24, 2020 at the Sheffield VFD at 7pm will be the meeting for the EMS crisis with Cherry Grove and Mead Township and Clarendon Borough.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm with a motion by Supervisor Copley, seconded by Supervisor Lindberg and duly carried until Monday, August 17th at 7pm at the Sheffield Food Pantry.

J. Jay Fitch, Chairman

Robin Copley, Supervisor

Nathan Lindberg, Supervisor

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Kristi A. Kuelka
Administrator/Treasurer