

## REGULAR MEETING

**JUNE 21, 2021**

Chairman Nathan Lindberg called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sheffield Township Supervisors to order at 7:00pm at the Sheffield Food Pantry with the pledge of allegiance with the following in attendance:

Supervisors: Robin Copley, Jay Fitch, and Nathan Lindberg  
Administrator/Treasurer: Kristi Kulka  
Guests: John Dipierro, Tracy Chambers, Marcy Bires, Charles Giambrone, Rick Petruney, Ford Beane, Thomas Bartlett, Jeff Labesky, Constable Shawn Young and Matt Bell, SVFD

Thomas Bartlette was present regarding the complaints received about his dogs barking. He stated he works all day; the dogs come and go from his house into a outside fenced area from a doggy door. He said I cannot be home I have to work, and I have the best setup for my dogs while I am away. He is sick and tired of the neighbor, Tracy Chambers complaining about his dogs. Supervisor Fitch stated that we have a nuisance ordinance in Sheffield Township and this falls under it. He was sent a letter from the township about this, he stated he never received the letter. A copy of the letter was handed to him. Mr. Bartlette left the meeting. Constable Young stated that there is a PA Dog Ordinance, and he can be charged for allowing his pet to cause a nuisance. Jeff Labesky, Seasonal Maintenance worker also received a phone call about this dog barking 5am-5pm. Constable will drive around during the day to listen.

Ford Bean informed the Supervisors of the sewage cap just past Houghton Avenue is too high with the new blacktop. He stated that he hit it with his motorcycle. Supervisors stated there is not much we can do with the new blacktop, the authority put the riser on to high.

Rick Petruney asking that the culvert be fixed at his property on Cottage Avenue. Supervisors Fitch stated this goes underneath a house and not sure there is anything that we can even fix there.

Marcy Bires of 1<sup>st</sup> Mill Street was present with issues in her back yard with sewer coming up. During the last storm, the grates were blown off the drains and she now has sinkholes. She feels that the authority broke a drainpipe of the township's when they were installing the sewage lines on 1<sup>st</sup> Mill Street. She stated that she is going to the authority meeting in August, there July meeting has been cancelled. She stated that the storm water lines are cobbled together with the sewage lines. She also complained about her neighbors two large dogs that come out onto their porch and poop and pee all over the porch. Constable stated that we already tried to charge another individual on First Mill Street, whose dog goes the bathroom in his yard in a fenced in area, and it is their property, and we cannot do anything about it unfortunately.

Matt Bell, SVFD Chief of SVFD, reported that they have had a busy June so far with calls 20 so far, the month of May they had 12. Four members are attending a pumper class at Glade Township Fire Department. Fireman's Festival is set for the week of August 15-21<sup>st</sup>. July 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a drive through dinner. He wanted to thank the roadcrew from the township for all their support, whether it be driving the ambulance or helping with the backhoe during the last storm or flagging traffic during fires. He also wanted to find out if there is anything the township could do to help with the water/sewer at the corner of Pickering Street and South Main Street. Supervisor Fitch said there is a terrible problem infiltration during rainstorms at the sewage plant and it just cannot handle the extra water, and this is what happens. Years ago, there use to be diversion boxes used, but DEP did.

away with these. He thanked Supervisor Copley for coming to the last meeting with the fire department. Utility 728 is in the shop getting worked on. It is going to cost around \$3,000-\$4,000 to fix. Matt also asked about the tin that was damaged on his property by the township snowplow. He said he had to pay a \$500 deductible and asked if the township could pick up this cost. With a motion by Supervisor Copley, seconded by Supervisor Fitch and duly carried the township will pay this cost.

Jeff Labesky, roadcrew, reported that we have had 2 major storms in 10 days and the roadcrew has had 5 complaints on numerous issues with Miller Street and Hall Street residents. Residents have covered up a ditch behind the houses on Miller Street. Old ditch beside Irene Rice's house needs cleaned out no pipe needed, just ditches cleaned. One call has been called by Snell Landscaping to dig a ditch behind Dick McKown house on Miller Street. He will be digging in the next couple days. Jeff stated a quick fix could be the answer, approximately a 2 hour dig behind these properties and cleaning out the ditch could help, just clean out no pipe would be put in place. Supervisors approved the dig.

With a motion by Supervisor Copley and seconded by Supervisor Fitch and duly carried the Minutes of the June 7, 2021, Supervisors Meeting, the Bills for Approval in the amount of \$37,921.98 were all approved and placed on file.

Letters were sent to the property owners in the vicinity of the streetlight at 105 Dunham Street. We received 1 no from Gayle Weidner, whose property is on Foulkrod Street, her back yard is affected by this light, and she wishes for the streetlight to stay. The letter stated only one no and the light will stay. Penelec has informed us that it will cost around \$500 to remove this streetlight. Mr. Giambrone will contact Mrs. Weidner and ask her about her decision.

There is an upcoming Fire/EMS workshop for fire department members/officers, elected municipal officials, and county officials. This workshop will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 30<sup>th</sup> and a meal will be provided. Please contact Rich Barrett or Paul Pascuzzi to register. Rich Barrett 814-730-7558 or Paul Pascuzzi 814-723-1088. If you have questions, please contact Paul Pascuzzi at [paul@taxcuzzi.com](mailto:paul@taxcuzzi.com) or 814-723-1088. Supervisor Copley will be attending representing Sheffield Township.

Constable Young asked if we would like to have his brother Brandon, who owns a landscaping business in Warren, mow our properties that need mowing and then place the cost onto their restitution fees or municipal liens. Supervisors will pick and choose which properties that he will mow, case by case. Supervisors agreed with a motion by Supervisor Fitch, seconded by Supervisor Lindberg and duly carried.

The following violation letters were sent:

- Grass Violation courtesy letter to Kelly Depto for 9 Tan Street
- Grass Violation courtesy letter to David Bendel for 650 West Main Street
- Nuisance Ordinance courtesy letter to Brittany Breon for pile of tires at 59 2<sup>nd</sup> Mill Street
- Nuisance Ordinance courtesy letter to Jeff Dunham for pile of tires at 7312 Route 6, Constable spoke with Mr. Dunham, and he is getting a tire cutting machine and will be utilizing a roll off for scrap and the pieces of tires. Constable Young reported there is a roll out front of his property and in 4-6 weeks the tire machine will be delivered.
- Nuisance Ordinance courtesy letter to Lawrence McConnell of 58 2<sup>nd</sup> Mill Street for large piles of old lawnmowers and other debris.
- Lee House also needs a courtesy letter sent to them for the mess out back of the bar.

Stanely Madigan is complaining about the duck poop at the Tionesta Park Boat Launch area. He would like to see "NO feeding the ducks" signs placed in this area. He likes to bring his grandchildren to the park, but there is so much duck poop in this area. Jeff Labesky reported he mows this property every week and finds no issue with the duck poop.

Constable Young would like to see Denny Snyder's property go to blight, once the tenants move out, however one of the tenants will be staying now. Tires are under a tarp, old camper, numerous car parts on property as well. Constable has sighted Mr. Snyder and Supervisors asked that he proceed with charges. The possibility of condemning this property was also addressed and will be further discussed with our building code administrators.

Roadmaster Lester repaired the backhoe fuel line break, saving the township over \$2,000. The John Deere mower is need of replacement, roadcrew requesting a zero turn at a cost of \$10,900 from LandPro. Supervisor approved the purchase from LandPro with a motion by Supervisor Fitch, seconded by Supervisors Copley and duly carried.

Discussion on the dissolving of our agreement with the school district for the sports complex. It is a 25-year lease, and we are 15 years into it now, signed the agreement on July 17, 2006. Jeff Labesky, school board member stated we could ask to get out of lease, but not sure they would accept it. Part of the agreement states that we agree to put lights on the field, and we did not fulfill the agreement and they could use this against us. Supervisor Fitch stated that the township citizens are paying school taxes, but their tax monies are not being used for the sports complex. Supervisor Copley stated that the past supervisors made this agreement. Supervisor Copley also mentioned that the mower was purchased by Chris Cochran for use at the sports complex and is supposed to remain at the sports complex and not be used on township parks.

Keith Kerrick of Astroturf will be coming on June 29<sup>th</sup> to give us a quote on the track. I have asked him to give us 2 quotes. one for complete rejuvenation and then just patching, stripe track and re do the long jump and triple jump areas. Vasco is also providing us with a quote for just patching, etc.

A Small Project Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan has been completed with the Warren County Conservation District for the Tan Street/Center Street parking lot. Roadmaster purchased 300 feet of stabilization at Hoover and will put them in place to satisfy our responsibilities.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup>, this is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Supervisors agreed to have only one meeting in July on the 19<sup>th</sup> with a motion by Supervisor Fitch, seconded by Supervisor Copley and duly carried. Secretary will put public notice in paper and signs on township building and food pantry.

Leichtenbergers on Miller Street and Jackie Greto on Hall Street, having issues with water flooding their properties from above their properties. Irene Rice of Hall Street is asking that the ditch beside her get cleaned out.

Robin Confer hearing on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> ...Township won this, and she is paying restitution including constable fees, she has 90 days to clean up property. Constable found more violations at the property and those too were addressed and will be cleaned up in 90 days.

The following properties were turned over to Magistrate Zydonik's office for hearings:

- Grass Ordinance violation sent to James Winschel for 336 Horton Avenue, this property will be fined.
- Grass Ordinance for Proper residence on Austin Hill Road, this property will be fined.

Pending List:

- Mary Kay Auflick of 245 Cottage Avenue granted until 6.14.2021 to clean up her accumulation of garbage and debris.
- Louis Decicco of Millport, NY, owner of BP Station, blighted property resolution sent to him on 4/6/2021 granting him 30 days to fix the problem. This letter was returned insufficient address. The constable is locating his current address for us. Nothing new to report.
- Dwayne Strazier has an accumulation of garbage at his property at 1001 Austin Hill Road and is burning his garbage. Courtesy letter was signed and will be mailed out granting him until our next meeting 4/19/2021 to clean up and get a garbage carrier. He continues to burn his garbage. The constable will be contacted to file charges.

Other matters discussed:

- Scuteri and Grubbs hearing rescheduled for September 14, 2021.
- Fireman's Festival Parade will be Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 12pm. No Supervisors will be in town to participate.
- Lexie Grubbs our playground director had to resign due to family issues, she has been replaced by Brennin Lester and he will start 6/21/2021.
- The City of Warren currently has only 1 active building permit and it is with Curt Bowley for a 960 square foot addition to the garage.
- Blackhawk Energy, LLC is drilling in Hamilton Township and Bald Hill Oil is drilling in Howe Township.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm with a motion by Supervisor Fitch, seconded by Supervisor Copley and duly carried until Monday, July 19, 2021, at 7pm at the Sheffield Food Pantry.

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Administrator/Treasurer

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Nathan Lindberg, Chairman

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J. Jay Fitch, Supervisor

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Robin Copley, Supervisor

**SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**