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Minutes of the June 5, 2023 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Plymouth Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman James Murphy. Supervisors, Joseph Yudichak, and Thomas Kachurak; and Secretary/Treasurer, Steven Grzymiski, were also present. Solicitor, Eugene Kelley, was absent.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Prior to public comment on Agenda Items, Mr. Yudichak made a motion to add to the agenda an action item that the supervisors approve an expenditure for Safety-Kleen Systems Inc. to dispose of old oil drums at the township building; it was seconded by Mr. Kachurak. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathleen Handley inquired about the new ordinance being proposed under new business because the township already has rules regarding open burning. Mr. Murphy explained that the new ordinance clarified some language and enhanced the fines for violators.

May Meeting Minutes: Since the minutes were posted for inspection prior to the meeting, *it was moved by Mr. Yudichak, seconded by Mr. Kachurak, to dispense with the reading and to accept the minutes as presented from the meeting on May 1, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.*

Bill List: Since it was posted for inspection prior to the meeting, *it was moved by Mr. Yudichak, seconded by Mr. Kachurak, to dispense with the reading of the bill list and to accept it as presented. Motion passed 3-0.*

Treasurer's Report: Since it was posted for inspection prior to the meeting, *it was moved by Mr. Yudichak, seconded by Mr. Kachurak, to dispense with the reading of the treasurer's report and accept it as presented. Motion passed 3-0.*

Code Enforcement Officer: Anita Einolf, Barry Isett & Associates, submitted the following report: Plymouth Township Notice of Violations (NOVs)/Citations/Court Hearings: 2022 – 31 properties received NOVs/19 Citations issued/ Court hearings were held on 7/22/22 (1 case), 7/19/22 (1 case), 8/15/22 (2 cases), 9/15/22 (1 case), 10/5/22 (1 case) and 12/6/22 (5 cases). 2023 – (As of 5/23/23)- 3 properties received NOVs/ 4 Citations Issued/ Court hearings were held on 2/14/23, 5/2/23 and 5/9/23.

Zoning Officer: No report.

Fire Companies: No report, no representatives of the four adjoining municipal fire companies were present.

Road Department: Mr. Vince Wysowski, Road Master, stated that the road department in May mowed grass at the township owned properties and the right-of-way's on township roads, cut fallen trees and remove debris where needed, maintained the grounds at the township building, painted the meeting room, aided an Eagle Scout project by painting the Howitzer cannon and repaired and maintained the township fleet and equipment.

Lower South Valley COG: Mr. Wysowski said township employees assisted the Lower South Valley COG recently with a paving project in a neighboring municipality. Mr. Murphy added that the COG is expected to pave in the township during the summer months.

Storm Water Awareness: Mr. Wysowski reported that the road department cleared debris from drainage ditches throughout the township where needed.

Engineer's Report: No report.

EIT/Sewer Collection: Mr. Grzymiski reported that EIT collection from 1/1/23 to 5/31/23 was \$279,659.12 and total sewer fees collected from 1/1/23 to 5/31/23 was \$25,189.56.

Solicitor's Report: No report.

Old Business: No old business was brought before the Board.

New Business: Ordinance 1 of 2023 – As discussed earlier, Ordinance 1 of 2023 is an ordinance amending the existing Open Burning Ordinance by adding and deleting definitions, clarifying language and enhancing fines for violators. *On the motion made by Mr. Yudichak, seconded by Mr. Kachurak*, the Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance 1 of 2023 unanimously, 3-0.

Oil drum removal – *On the motion made by Mr. Yudichak and duly seconded by Mr. Kachurak*, the Board of Supervisors approved an expenditure to Safety-Kleen Systems Inc., in the amount of \$2,000 to remove the remaining old drums in the township maintenance yard. *Motion passed 3-0.*

Public Comment: Kathleen Handley of Mountain Road had questions regarding who the code enforcement officer is and how often they search the area for problem properties.

Mark McHugh inquired about re-instating a recycling program that the township had many years ago.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, *it was moved by Mr. Yudichak, seconded by Mr. Kachurak*, to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 P.M. *Motion passed 3-0.*