

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
925 WEST MAIN STREET
PLYMOUTH, PA 18651

Minutes of the May 6, 2024 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; Solicitor, Eugene Kelley, and Secretary/Treasurer, Steven Grzynski, were also present.

April Meeting Minutes: Since the minutes were posted for inspection prior to the meeting, *it was moved by Mr. Kachurak, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to dispense with the reading and to accept the minutes as presented from the meeting on April 1, 2024. Motion passed 3-0.*

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

Code Enforcement Officer: No formal report, however, Mr. Grzynski did note that Barry Isett & Associates Inc. had a status conference call with the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas on Monday, May 6th.

Zoning Officer: No zoning permits issued in April.

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

Road Department: Mr. Vince Wysowski noted that the road department cut trees, cut grass on the township properties and pump stations, picked up litter on township roads, prepped the equipment for summer use and painted lines on select township roads as requested following the April Primary Election.

Lower South Valley COG: Mr. Grzynski stated the Lower South Valley COG will meet on Wednesday, May 8th. All meetings are held at the Earth Conservancy at 10:00 AM.

Storm Water Awareness: Mr. Wysowski said that the road department removed leaves and debris from catch basins throughout the township where needed in April.

Engineer's Report: No formal report but Mr. Grzynski did note that the Supervisors, Pennoni Associates and representatives from PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources met on site in April to discuss the application for the Right-of-Way through Pinchot State Forest land.

Sewer Collection: Mr. Grzymiski: sewer fees collected to date (1/1/24 – 4/30/24): \$17,799.04.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Kelley briefly remarked that the Board will act on the agenda items for an updated Floodplain Ordinance, approve the sale of the vacant land at 44-46 Smith Row and accept a supervisor resignation and appoint a new supervisor.

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

New Business: Ordinance 1 of 2024 – *On the motion made by Mr. Kachurak, seconded by Mr. Murphy*, the Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance 1 of 2024, an updated Floodplain ordinance requiring all persons, partnerships, businesses and corporations to obtain a permit for any construction or development within areas of the township which are subject to flooding and establishing penalties for any persons who fail or refuse to comply with the requirements or provisions of this ordinance. *Murphy, yes; Kachurak, yes; Yudichak, abstain.*

Vacant Land Sale of 44-46 Smith Row – *On the motion made by Mr. Kachurak, seconded by Mr. Murphy*, the Board of Supervisors approved the sale of the vacant land on 44-46 Smith Row to TMBMAC Properties LLC for the bid of \$4,000.00. *Murphy, yes; Kachurak, yes; Yudichak, abstain.*

(On May 3, 2024, Supervisor Yudichak tendered his resignation to the Board of Supervisors because he moved out of the Township. Township residency is a statutory requirement to hold the office of Supervisor. However, according to statute, "A [Supervisor's] resignation shall not create a vacancy until the date that the resignation is accepted by a majority vote of the board of supervisors at a public meeting or the effective date of tendered resignation, whichever is later. [A copy of Mr. Yudichak's letter of resignation is available upon request].)

Vote to Accept Supervisor Resignation – *On the motion made by Mr. Kachurak, seconded by Mr. Murphy*, the Board accepted Mr. Yudichak's resignation. *Murphy, yes; Kachurak, yes.*

Vote to Install Replacement Supervisor – *On the motion made by Mr. Kachurak, seconded by Mr. Murphy*, the Board appointed Gale Conrad to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Yudichak. *Murphy, yes; Kachurak, yes.*

Public Comment: Kathleen Handley, West Mountain Road, inquired about the floodplain ordinance and commented on the resignation of Mr. Yudichak.

Jackie Januszewicz, West Mountain Road, questioned if lines will be painted on West Mountain Road, pointed out the high grass in the field behind her house and asked if the road department could look at her driveway where it meets Mountain Road.

George Gocek, Wood Street, spoke on the LLC who purchased the Smith Row property, the need for some work on his road, the state of the property next to his, the need for a street light in his vicinity and his perceived lack of services for the amount of local earned income tax he pays.

Richard Zaverack, West Main Street, inquired when the Hometown Hero banners that had fallen will be put back up and if there is any truth to the rumor about cell tower installation on Jersey Road.

Renee Zuba, West Main Street, spoke on the litter on West Main Street, down from the township building.

Maureen Murphy, West Mountain Road, cautioned about comparing the township to other municipalities because circumstances are different in each town.

Gale Conrad thanked Mr. Murphy and Mr. Kachurak for appointing her to the board and said she looks forward to working with them.

Prior to prior to adjourning the meeting, Mr. Murphy congratulated Mr. Yudichak on his recent wedding and wished him well with his future endeavors and thanked him for his service to the Board of Supervisors.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, *it was moved by Mr. Kachurak, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M. Motion passed 2-0.*