

SHOHOLA TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors

George C. Fluhr, Gregory P. Hoeper, Keith W. Raser Municipal Building 159 Twin Lakes Road Shohola PA 18458

April 10, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

• Supervisors; Chairman Keith Raser, Vice-Chair George C. Fluhr, Supervisor Gregory P. Hoeper, Solicitor, Jason Ohliger and Secretary, Diana Blume, and all others on the attached list.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:30pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

 Motion to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board on March 13, 2025 made by Vice-Chair Fluhr, second by Chairman Raser, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

 Motion to approve the list of expenditures for March 2025 made Vice-Chair Fluhr, second by Supervisor Hoeper, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:

 Motion to approve February 2025 Treasurers' Report, made by Supervisor Hoeper, second by Vice-Chair Fluhr, motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

• Committee Chairman, Jeff Fuhse provided the Board with a briefing of the last meeting regarding the Committees' discussion on the Well Ordinance. He also briefed them on the informal meeting that they had with a Paul Zaccari with regards to him looking to store boats on the Lumberyard property.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Request to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Motion to go into executive session at 6:32 made by Chairman Raser, second by Vice-Chair Fluhr, motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 6:48

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

 Shohola Park & Recreation Committee will be hosting Community Clean Up at the Township Building on Saturday, May 10th, 2025 from 9am to 2pm. All pricing is available on the Rohman Park Facebook page and the Township Website.

OLD BUSINESS:

 Ordinance No. 86 – Supervisors Compensation: Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 86 subject to correction of the typo in the header, made by Vice-Chair Fluhr, second by Supervisor Hoeper, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter Email from Liana VanTuyl, Pike County Tax Administrator: Motion to approve the Veterans Tax
 Exemption to #112734 Schoenewald, made by Vice-Chair Fluhr, second by Chairman Raser, motion carried.
- Email from Tax Collector: Chairman Raser explained that he received an email from the Tax Collector regarding a phone call from Rep. Jeff Olsommers' Office regarding unclaimed funds. Juli Fuhse advised the Board that she looked into the situation and it does not specify what it is for. She further advised that she would need more information in order to get to the bottom on this because her tax software doesn't provide access to this information.

REPORTS TO TH E BOARD

Building Permits
 3 Residential and Commercial Building permit in March 2025

Zoning and Sewage 11 Zoning, 10 Sewage Permits in March 2025.

Road Department Filling pot holes

Park Committee
 Report was given in the announcements regarding the Clean Up Day.

Fire Department Absent

- Ambulance 29 calls for service, 10 transports outside of hours. Kyle advised the Board of an incident a few weeks ago regarding a collision on Route 6 and Symphony West where Dingmans was dispatched from Buist Road as primary, however, the second ambulance was dispatched from Dingman Fire House, meanwhile Shohola Ambulance was only 7 minutes from the scene. This type of situation has happened very frequently and it is a concern. The most important is patient care and dispatching ambulances from a distance rather than the nearest ambulance is not a good situation. Jason advised that he will speak with the Board of Supervisors in Dingmans to see if this is their policy.
- Emergency Management: Dan Buttaro advised that he is putting out a public announcement that we are heading into brushfire season and alert the public that we need to be cautious. Also, he advised the Board that he is working with local hand radio people from Shohola using an alternate means to communicate in the event of a catastrophe. He is currently going through the township in order to find the dead zones and will be coming up with different scenarios

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

• Keith Decker asked the Board if they can elaborate on the situation where the County Tax Claim Bureau requested the Board's approval to waive late fees on 3 constituents due to payment being received late by the Shohola Tax Collector and forwarded to the County without penalty fees included. Secretary advised Mr. Decker that she was not aware of what happened that prompted the County to request permission to waive fees. That is a question for the County. Jason Ohliger advised Mr. Decker that the reason we were requested to waive late fees is because the penalty was not accessed to the tax payer at the time of payment. Mr. Decker further asked the Board if there is anything the Township can do with regards to the Tax Collector for all of the complaints that have been filed with the Township. Solicitor Ohliger advised Mr. Decker that the Board of Supervisors has no authority over the Tax Collector since she is an independently elected official, not an employee of the Township. His third question was do we receive complaints over the phone. Secretary Blume advised Mr. Decker when someone calls the Township Office, she takes the information and forwards it to the Tax Collector via email.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

 George Fluhr advised the public that the OSHA regulations have passed the State House and will be heading to the Senate. Motion to adjourn at 7:20pm, made by, Vice-Chair Fluhr, second by Supervisor Hoeper, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diana Blume Township Secretary