

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the South Park Township**

**Board of Supervisors**

**September 8, 2014**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Dave Buchewicz presiding. Board members Walt Sackinsky and Ed Snee were present. Also in attendance were: Karen Fosbaugh, Township Manager; Chief Dennis McDonough; and Paul J. Gitnik, Esq., Township Solicitor.

Two or more members of the Board of Supervisors were together on the following occasions which may or may not qualify as an administrative action(s), conference(s) and/or executive sessions(s):

Monday, August 11, 2014 – After the regular meeting to address personnel matters.

Monday, August 25, 2014 – Planning meeting with regard to the September 11<sup>th</sup> Ceremony, and personnel matters.

Monday, September 8, 2014 – Prior to the regular meeting to address personnel matters.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ANY ACTION APPROVED AND/OR DECISION RENDERED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT THIS MEETING CAN BE APPEALED TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE AND/OR THE DECISION IS RENDERED.**

**Call on the People**

**Janet Smith, 6025 Broad Street** – Ms. Smith discussed her dissatisfaction regarding the seeding of her yard after the Township repaired the sewer. She stated that she has spoken with Mr. Beaver who had told her that he seeded her property himself. Mr. Beaver explained that they replaced a manhole approximately 60 days ago. In order to do so, a 15 foot (15') hole had to be excavated on Ms. Smith's property. They have replaced the topsoil and seeded the area. He stated that they usually let the fill settle for awhile and then go back and reseed; however, it will take time for the grass to grow. He stated that they are scheduled to go back to reseed. Ms. Smith explained that her property around the manhole is not the issue. She stated that the backhoe left large tractor marks through her yard.

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Mr. Sackinsky asked Mr. Beaver to look at the area, since it is the Township's responsibility to repair the property.

**Ms. Smith:** Ms. Smith also complained about the high weeds at the property located on the corner of Broad Street and Harding Avenue, which is across from her house. She explained that the poison ivy has grown to the size of trees, and that the property is not being maintained, as the other properties in the area. Mr. Sackinsky stated that it is private property. Mr. Wargo asked for the address of the house. Ms. Smith replied that she did not know the exact address and stated that it was formerly Marion Frank Smith's house, on the corner of Broad Street and Harding Avenue. Mr. Buchewicz stated that the code does not allow for grass and weeds to grow more than 12 inches (12"). Mr. Sackinsky stated that Mr. Wargo will inspect the area to determine if it is a code violation.

**Mary Franko, 1852 Patricia Drive:** Ms. Franko voiced her concern over an article she read in the paper which stated that Allegheny County would be eliminating all patrols in exchange for Park Rangers. She also read that adjoining suburban areas would do regular routine patrols through the park. Mr. Snee explained that the newspaper article stated that Rich Fitzgerald was looking into putting the Park Rangers type situation in the park, and when needed, using some of the County officers in other municipalities. Ms. Franko inquired as to whether the County has contacted South Park Township. Chief McDonough replied that he has not been contacted as to their plans regarding this matter. Ms. Franko referenced an article in today's Post-Gazette, and asked if the plan is to make South Park Township Police the primary police in our section of the County Park. Mr. Snee replied that he believes the County is just looking into the matter at this time. Ms. Franko explained that having the visibility of County police officers in the park, slows down vehicular traffic throughout the park. Mr. Buchewicz suggested that Ms. Franko contact County Council Member John Palmiere, at Allegheny County, regarding this issue.

**Eddie Stefanik, 3362 Maple Drive:** Mr. Stefanik stated that approximately 10 to 15 years ago, South Park Township Police wanted to patrol the County Park area, but it was voted down by the County Police. Chief McDonough replied that he has been here for forty years, and that statement is incorrect.

**Mr. Stefanik:** Mr. Stefanik complained about parking overnight on both sides of Connor Road, which he feels is a nuisance for both he and the school buses in the morning. Mr. Sackinsky asked if a traffic study could be conducted. Mr. Buchewicz stated that Chief McDonough will look into the matter to determine if the parking is an issue.

**Mr. Stefanik:** Mr. Stefanik discussed Washington Square signs that had been posted on various stop signs for the new housing plan in Jefferson Hills. He stated that the posting is illegal, and a police officer informed him that they had been cleaned up, which he appreciates.

**Action on Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on August 11, 2014. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Invoices**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the invoices for the month of August, 2014. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Land Development Agreement – South Park School District – South Park School District Campus Consolidation Plan and the Demolition of the Vacant High School and Site Restoration Land Development Plan – 2178 Ridge Road**

Motion made by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the Land Development Agreement by and between South Park School District and South Park Township which outlines the terms and conditions for the completion of the project identified as South Park School District Campus Consolidation Plan and the Demolition of the Vacant High School and Site Restoration Land Development Plan located at 2178 Ridge Road, with the following contingency:

A. The appropriate bond must be received by South Park Township prior to the onset of any construction activities;

and further authorizing the appropriate Township officials to execute said Agreement. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Bond Release – 996 Holly Lynne Drive (Lot/Block No. 473-E-42)**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to approve the release of the bond in the amount of \$5,060.00 posted by KRP Development to guarantee the completion of the improvements to the sanitary sewer system for the property located at 996 Holly Lynne Drive, being Lot/Block No. 473-E-42, which were required due to a failed dye test, as recommended by the Public Works Director. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Accept Proposal – Corporate Security & Investigations, Inc.**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to accept the proposal submitted by the firm Corporate Security & Investigations, Inc. to conduct background investigations on potential South Park Township police officer candidates. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Accept Proposal – Assured Polygraph Services, Inc.**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to accept the proposal submitted by the firm Assured Polygraph Services, Inc. to perform polygraph examinations on potential South Park Township police officer candidates. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Accept Bid  
– Rock Salt – Cargill,  
Inc.**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to accept the bid received from Cargill, Inc. for the purchase of rock salt, bulk delivery, in the amount of \$79.29, as submitted to the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) through its cooperative purchasing program, and further authorizing the execution of the Articles of Agreement by the appropriate Township officials. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Bid – CD  
40 3.12.4 – Grove  
Road Storm Sewer –  
Phase 2**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to reject the bid received from the firm Insight Pipe Contracting, LP, in the amount of \$64,700.00, for the project identified as Grove Road Storm Sewer – Phase 2, being CD 40 3.12.4, in accordance with bid opening held on August 28, 2014, at the offices of the South Hills Area Council of Governments. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Police Chief's Report**

Police Chief's Report for the month of August, 2014:

Calls for Service	773
Arrests	14
Traffic Citations	21
Parking Citations	1
Warnings Issued	55
Reportable Accidents	7
Non-Reportable Accidents	7
Fire Calls	9
Emergency Medical Assists to Tri-Community EMS	60
Deer Complaints	3

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to accept Police Chief's monthly report for August, 2014. All members voted aye. Motion was carried.

**Supervisors'  
Comments**

**Mr. Snee** – Mr. Snee reminded everyone that there will be a 9/11 Ceremony held this Thursday, at 6:30 p.m., located at Sunny Slope. Mr. Snee also informed the audience that on Saturday, September 27, the Township will have a document destruction event held at the parking lot in the municipal complex, as well as a drug drop-off event at the Police Department on the same day.

**Mr. Sackinsky** – Mr. Sackinsky informed the audience that there will be a creek clean-up this Saturday, at 9:00 a.m., at the parking lot located at Snowden Road and Piney Fork Road. Mr. Sackinsky also informed the audience that the following Saturday, September 20, there will be the annual kids fishing day; and in the event of rain, the event will be held on September 27th. Mr. Sackinsky stated that he had placed an advertisement in the Park News for used fishing equipment and was overwhelmed by the response. He further explained that the items received that are not suitable for kids

fishing will be sold at a flea market on the day of the kids annual fishing event. The money will be donated to the Tri-Community Anglers. Mr. Sackinsky thanked everyone who donated items.

**Mr. Buchewicz** – Mr. Buchewicz informed the audience that there is a Friends of the County Park meeting the third Wednesday of every month and stated that any issue regarding the police patrolling the County Parks could be brought up at these meetings.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee to adjourn the meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Time: 7:28 p.m.**