

**MINUTES**  
**September 3, 2019**  
**Milford Township Building**  
**560 Route 6 & 209, Milford PA**  
**7:00 p.m.**

A scheduled meeting of Milford Township Supervisors was called to order at 7 P.M. by Chairman Gary Clark. Also present were Vice-Chair Penney Luhrs, Supervisor Gary M. Williams, Solicitor Anthony Magnotta, and Assistant Secretary Shahana Shamim.

A motion was made by Gary M. Williams, seconded by Penney Luhrs, and passed to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

monthly budget, Real Estate Transfer Tax \$720.30, Investment Account interest \$22.11, Right-to-Know \$11.50, Zoning Permit \$50+\$200, Planning Commission \$133.28, Sewage \$150.00, Real Estate Taxes \$434.92, and MMO report

**Roadmaster:**

The Roadmaster reported that for the past few weeks they had been repairing the shoulder of Schocopee Road. He added that this shoulder was done by PennDOT many years ago, and it was not safe anymore. He further added that they had just finished the curbing of the Moon Valley Road and they had almost finished the ditch work in Van Der Mark Road.

**Zoning:**

Shahana reported that UGI had applied for building an office and a garage.

**Public Participation #1:**

Erika Burnett inquired about the meeting of Pike County Planning with Mr. SeChrist. She added that it was supposed to be held past Thursday. The Solicitor replied that Mr. Mrozinski, who is the Director of Planning, Mr. Snyder, Mr. SeChrist, the attorney Mr. Farley, and he himself were present at the meeting. He continued that the comment letter of date July 24, 2019 for the proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was discussed at the meeting. He added that it was a good meeting, at which the comments of Mr. Sechrist about county's comments were discussed. Mr. SeChrist had updated the proposed Amendment after that meeting, and it would be discussed in the next Planning Board meeting.

Ms. Rachel Hendricks commented that the printout of the July, 2019 budget update showed that one of the items in Government building was over-budgeted. The Supervisors replied that Gary Clark had worked a lot for repairing the building in the current year, and that's why the expenditure had gone up. Mr. Clark added that he had redone the whole building, and Mr. Nicky May also had done a lot for the building.

**Correspondence:**

Pike County Office of Community Planning, PSATS, Sewage position letter, Greg Berry – Municibid, PA Procurement Expo & Forum, Pike County Association of Township Officials, GAIT, Pike County Humane Society, PA One Call, PATH, Pike County Area Agency on Aging,

Hickory Hills Estates, Municipal Solid Waste Management, Planning Board, Pike County Conservation District, Delaware Valley Emergency Service, and legal

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

a. Alternate Sewage Officer: Mr. Gary M. Williams made a motion to appoint Mr. Michael Kaub as the Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer for Milford Township, Gary Clark seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

b. Pike County Convention: Gary M. Williams, Gary Clark, Shahana said that they intended to attend this Convention, which was scheduled to be held on October 4, 2019. Gary M. Williams made a motion to send these people, the Solicitor, and Tax Collector to the Convention, Gary Clark seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

c. Car Wash Request from GAIT: Gary M. Williams made a motion to allow GAIT to use the Township parking lot on September 7, 2019 on the condition of providing the liability insurance, Penney Luhrs seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

d. Hickory Hills POA request for building use: Gary M. Williams made a motion to allow Hickory Hills POA to use the meeting room of the Township for their meeting at 7 P.M. on September 26, 2019, Penney Luhrs seconded, and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Williams asked Shahana to make the applicant sign the application.

e. Fetzner Lot Combination: The Solicitor informed that three lots (71, 28, and 21) in Milford Highlands Subdivision needed to be combined for Torri and Paige Fetzner. He added that he himself had reviewed the deed. He further added that Milford Township Planning Commission and Pike County Planning had reviewed this application. Gary M. Williams made a motion to allow this lot combination, Gary Clark seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

f. Fire in Mr. Ryman's property: Gary Clark informed that Mr. Ryman had a beautiful barn, which caught fire, and eleven horses in it were killed. He expressed his intention to expedite the process of fundraising barbecue, which Mr. Ryman was planning. He asked the board to waive the \$25 fee for Mr. Ryman whenever he comes for a permit.

g. Milford Urgent Care: Gary Clark informed that this care center would close soon. He urged the residents to call Ryan Gragnolati (Phone: 973 660 3270), the President of Atlantic Health, and request to keep this care center open. He added that this care center provided excellent services, and should not close for insurance purposes. Phyllis Sympson inquired if some services would still be available. The Supervisors replied that some technical services might continue to be offered, but Atlantic Health might get rid of that building. Gary M. Williams said that under Pennsylvania Law this care center is not an urgent care center, and that's why they had trouble with their insurances. He added that one of the doctors of the present Urgent Health Care might move downstairs, and two nurse practitioners might take care of the walk-ins. Fred Weber commented that this reduction of services needed to be considered for making decisions about the proposed Amendment to the density Zoning Ordinance.

h. Gary M. Williams made a motion to accept Mr. James SeChrist's resignation from the Planning Board, Penney Luhrs seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

**Public Participation#2:**

Amy Eisenburg from Milford Township inquired about the protocol for the replacing the position of Chairman of the Planning Board. The Solicitor replied that Members of the Planning

Commission choose their Chairman. Gary Clark added that the Planning Board still has the quorum, and the vacancy would be advertised if another Member is needed. Peggy Emanuel from 277 Foster Hill Road inquired if the Pike County Official Convention was open to the public. The Supervisors replied 'no'. Amy Eisenburg suggested to consider the insufficient number of existing services before making a decision about Zoning Ordinance Amendment, which would increase density, as lives were lost from a recent fire. She added that past Friday's barn fire became tragic, as New York Fire Department got stuck in the traffic of Milford Borough. Supervisors noted the suggestion.

Rachel Hendricks inquired why the miscellaneous revenue of the budget showed a negative seven thousand dollars. Gary Clark asked Shahana to talk to Ms. Canouse about this mistake. Erika Burnett suggested that although the traffic is not higher than before, it would not be a good idea to increase the density. Gary Clark replied that Americans today are always in a hurry, but it is possible to leave a little early. He added that voting won't be done in the near future. Rachel asked what he had meant by 'near future'. Mr. Clark replied probably the beginning of November, 2019, as it has to pass through Pike County Planning.

There were no other businesses or executive sessions needed, so a motion was made by Gary M. Williams to pay the bills and adjourn. Penney Luhrs seconded to it, and it was passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shahana Shamim

Assistant Secretary