

Silver Lake Township
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2016

Francis Fruehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and called for a salute to the Flag.

Minutes from the August meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Evan Everitt and seconded by Butch DeLousia, carried. The Treasurer Report was read, approved and held for audit on a motion made by Evan Everitt and seconded by Butch DeLousia, all approved.

Public Comment: A resident asked how the township is still receiving Act 13 funds when there is no gas activity in the area. Francis Fruehan explained there are active wells in the area. There is a formula that explains how the Act 13 are distributed and each year the township will receive less each year for each active well until it ends in fifteen years or unless there are changes to the act.

Earl Lesch expressed concern with 4-wheelers on Kennedy Road. Evan Everitt said he has recently seen the State Police in the area several times and recommended he call them. Tom Jurista said at one time the lake community on Silver Lake had hired their own individual to patrol their private roads and the township police were called if necessary. It was asked about the hiring process of a police officer. Francis Fruehan said the Supervisors are working on it. A resident said he thought it would be a good idea to have a person who could also assist with handling ambulance calls.

A resident asked about the grass trimming along the edges of the township roads.

Evan Everitt spoke on purchasing a triaxle dump truck and would like to move forward. It was explained that millage was diverted from the Equipment Fund so the loan on the building could be paid off. With a new truck you have a warranty. He looked at used trucks that were about the same cost. The new or used truck both have the new more complicated emission systems. The truck he is looking at is through the Co-Star Program at a cost of \$158,037. Since about \$121,500 was diverted from the Equipment Fund to the Building Fund in the last several years to pay off the building in full, there is not enough in the Equipment fund to pay cash for the truck. In 2015, \$55,000 was used from Act 13 to purchase the John Deere tractor and brush mower. To pay for the truck in full without a loan, \$118,000 can be taken from Act 13 Capital Reserve Fund and \$40,037 from the Equipment Fund.

A resident asked if there are any grants available. Evan Everitt said he looked into grants but none are available. Sometimes there are grants when two or more townships are purchasing equipment together.

Francis Fruehan made a motion to authorize Evan Everitt to purchase the 2017 Kenworth Triaxle Dump Truck in the amount of \$158,037 from Motor Truck Equipment out of Scranton, with \$118,000 from the Act 13 Capital Reserve Fund and \$40,037 from the Equipment Fund, Butch DeLoisia seconded, all approved.

Evan Everitt said he would like to advertise on Auctions International to sell the 1979 20-ton diesel military truck and a Miller Trail Blazer Diesel Powered Welder. Francis Fruehan made a motion to advertise the items on Auctions International, Butch DeLousia seconded, all approved.

As authorized at the last meeting, a military 5-ton 2008 Freightliner truck/tractor with a winch with 4,600 miles has been purchased for \$8,300.

Evan Everitt gave the road report. He is putting in for a Dirt/Gravel Road Project on Sweeney Road. If awarded, the road work would be done in the spring.

Assessment permits for August – One for Guerriero and Hammer for a garage on Twin Lake Road on Lake Marge.

Driveway Permits for August – none.

Butch DeLousia made a motion to pay the bills as submitted, Evan Everitt seconded, all approved.

As no further business was presented, Butch DeLousia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Evan Everitt seconded, all approved.

Sandy Brink
Secretary

Supervisors Present:
Francis Fruehan
Evan Everitt
Richard DeLousia