

Silver Lake Township
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2023

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

The minutes from Organizational meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Evan Everitt and seconded by Francis Fruehan, all approved. The minutes from the January regular meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Evan Everitt and seconded by Butch DeLousia, all approved.

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 who was responsible for code enforcement in the township. Francis Fruehan explained there is no official responsible for code enforcement. Code Enforcement handles building permits and he handles any assessment permits. The resident was concerned with a residence that is collapsing. He can see a light is on and is concerned with the condition of the building it could be a fire hazard. Butch DeLousia said he is familiar with the building and said no one is living in the house.

Susquehanna County Commissioner, Judy Herschel, attended the meeting to speak about changes the county commissioners would like to implement regarding tourism promotion and asked if the supervisors had any questions. Susquehanna County tourism promotion is currently handled by the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau in Wyoming County. They received about \$260,000 from our county's room tax. They would like to see the tourism be handles in house by the County to focus just on Susquehanna County. Information packets had been mailed to townships that contain a sample resolution that could be adopted by townships supporting the counting taking over tourism. Francis Fruehan said the supervisors had received the information and would review it. Francis Fruehan said that it was his personal opinion that he would be supportive of the counting taking over tourism promotion from the bureau, but does not support continuing the room tax for hotels and Air B&B rentals, as it takes money from a local township persons business to promote someone elses business elsewhere. No action was taken on the issue by the supervisors.

A resident had questions regarding the police report. Francis Fruehan explained the police report he reads is just a general summary of incidents with basic information such as the type of incident and road name – not the actual Police Report an officer would fill out in a criminal investigation with specifics, names, etc. Any specific questions would need to be directed to the police chief. – no specific information is included. Any specific information would need to be directed to the police chief.

At last month's meeting there was a motion to advertise for bids for prices for a 14" stainless steel combination body for the new dumptruck cab and chassis. Evan Everitt received a bid of \$79,994.00 from Binghamton Truck Body. This was the only bid received. Evan Everitt made a motion to approve the bid Butch DeLousia seconded, all approved.

Evan Everitt made a motion to advertise for road materials, flake calcium, sluice pipes, trucking, and fuels, Butch DeLousia seconded, all approved.

Evan Everitt has requested pricing for ventilation fans and louvers to be installed in the new public work garage. The price received was \$13,450.00 and Evan Everitt made a motion to accept the bid, Francis Fruehan seconded, all approved.

Francis Fruehan made a motion to add an item to the agenda regarding phone service for the township office, Evan Everitt seconded, all approved.

Evan Everitt explained he has been in contact with Zito Media who can supply a better system at a slightly lower rate than what the township currently has. This would include phone and internet – including a new line with fiber optic for a cost of \$401.80 per month (this price is good for 3 years) – slightly less than what Fronter is charging. Evan Everitt made a motion to sign the contract with Zito Media for 36 months at the cost of \$401.80 per month plus a one-time cost of \$2,160 for installation, Francis Fruehan seconded all approved.

Francis Fruehan gave the police report with 4 incidents for the month of December 2022 and 3 incidents for the month of January.

Evan Everitt gave the road report – winter road maintenance.

Assessment Permits – none

Driveway Permits – None

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

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

Sandra Brink

Supervisors Present:

Francis Fruehan

Evan Everitt

Richard DeLousia