

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Herrick Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at the township building. Chairman Brian Zembrzycki called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Supervisors Bernard J. Zembrzycki and Nancy Harvatine were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved on motion of Brian Zembrzycki and seconded by Bernard J. Zembrzycki. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

The following treasurer's report was read:

General Fund Checking Balance 7/31/21		\$191,360.45
August Receipts		\$ 15,162.10
August Berkheimer	10,026.09	
Interest	21.06	
County Delinquent	134.49	
Real Estate transfer	2,710.68	
Zoning Permit	600.00	
District Justice	6.98	
Sewage	50.00	
Pa. Game Commission	1,612.80	
August expenses		21,056.19
American Rescue funds transfer to HNB		35,744.54
General Fund Checking Balance 8/31/2021		\$149,721.83
(\$105,623.46 is Act 13 monies)		
Act 13 Funds PS Bank MM Balance	7/31/2	\$ 28,312.22
July Interest		9.31
Act 13 Funds PS Bank MM Balance	8/31/2021	\$ 28,321.53
Highway Aid Checking Balance 7/31/21		\$ 7,295.84
Interest		.83
August Expenses		None
Highway Aid Checking Balance 8/31/21		\$7,296.67
Equipment Balance 12/31/20		\$15,105.40
2021 Allocation		17,195.43
Equipment Balance 4/30/2021		\$32,300.83
Equipment expense		26,900.00
Equipment Balance 8/31/2021		\$ 5,400.83

HNB NOW Account (American Rescue Funds) Balance \$35,744.54

A question was asked about the receipt of funds from the Pa. Game Commission. This payment is in lieu of taxes.

The treasurer's report was approved on motion of Brian Zembrzycki and seconded by Bernard J. Zembrzycki. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

The following bills were presented for approval and payment:

General Fund Bills:

#14612 PP&L 90.88

#14622 McGovern Associates 435.00

941 Taxes 667.55

#14623 Hill View Services 535.00

#14613 NE Pa. Tel. Co. 104.96
Pa. Dept. of Revenue 128.94
#14614 Industrial Electronics 36.00
#14615 Reeves Port-a-john 225.75
#14616 Forest City News 44.50
#14617 New Milford Hardware 799.48
#14618 Jessica Lewis Court Reporter 233.00
#14619 McAndrew Law Offices 862.50
#14620 Cube Auto Supply 114.31
#14621 KW Oil Co. 984.11
Total General Funds Bills: \$7487.42

#14624 Jessica Court Reporting 159.50
#14625 Brian Zembrzycki 360.14
#14626 Bernard J. Zembrzycki 291.11
#14627 Anthony Harvatine 79.38
#14628 Nancy Harvatine 751.91
#14629 Justin Ford 44.10
#14630 John Watts 269.05
#14631 David Makowski
#14632 Susq. Co. Twp. Association 50.00
#14609 Joseph Svecz, Jr. 133.46

Bernard J. Zembrzycki made a motion seconded by Brian. Zembrzycki to approve the bills. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Weather report for August as prepared by Wayne Chudleigh showed monthly precipitation of 5.17”.

There was no report from the EMC or the planning commission. The Zoning Officer’s report showed that two permits were issued and one denied. Ryan Brown’s conditional use application was referred to the planning commission for review and comment. SEO Justin Ford had one consultation.

Endless Mt. Resort has not responded how they plan to meet the pond setback. Nancy Harvatine suggested asking the county planning commission to withhold final approval until the issue is resolved. Brian Zembrzycki made a motion seconded by Bernard J. Zembrzycki to revoke the zoning permit until the setback is resolved. Motion was passed on unanimous vote.

A letter dated August 2, 2021 was read from Susquehanna Co. COG regarding the holding tanks escrow fund. COG asks for agreements between the property owners and the township by September 21, 2021. The supervisors agreed to have our solicitor send the agreements we have to COG. Some of the owners have not responded.

A question was raised concerning the holding tank ordinance we have and our solicitor has confirmed that it is valid.

The planning commission will meet on September 9 at 7:00 p.m. to review the conditional use application of Ryan Brown. The conditional use hearing will be held September 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the township building.

A letter dated August 17 2021 was received from SCPD stating that the minor subdivision plan of Edward and Paul Bocan was approved. A letter dated August 13, 2021 was read from PA DEP stating that the Bocan subdivision sewage planning module was approved. Parcel #2 has an existing single-family dwelling served by an on lot existing system and a planning waiver was requested for Parcel #1. A letter dated August 17, 2021 was read from COG to Edward Bocan stating that DEP had accepted the subdivision sewage planning.

The secretary read a letter from Gregg A. Confer, VP/General Manager of Elk Mt. Ski Resort stating the reasons he feels Elk Mt. is an asset to the township. Items mentioned were jobs, tax base reduction, and additional homes enhancing the tax structure, other small business development, and recreation during winter months. Mr. Confer also provided a copy of the law that exempts ski areas which is Section 203.3 added October 4, 2002 P. L. 873, No. 124.

The transcript for the Eccles conditional use permit was received.

A bill will be sent to Union Dale Borough for the work done on E. Mountain Road.

A NOW account was opened at HNB for American Rescue funds.

Two grant applications were submitted to the county for the Marcellus Legacy grants; one for a generator and one for restoration of the basketball court at the park.

David Makowski's request for a variance for a shed on his property at Lowe Lake without an accessory structure was approved by the Zoning Hearing Board.

Brian Zembrzycki stated that he would like to place the Dodge truck for sale on municipi-bid with a reserve and replace it with a Costars truck. He would also like to send the roller to Lopatofsky auction on October 23 and replace it with a larger 84" drum. Nancy will ask our solicitor about the legal advertising for this.

Brian Zembrzycki made a motion seconded by Bernard J. Zembrzycki to vote for the trustees for PSATS UC Group Trust. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Email was received from Ed Sumski, PA DOT, stating that stop signs on township roads where you intersect with state roads are the township's responsibility to maintain.

Email dated August 16 was read from Tony Ezman concerning township expenditures and heavy equipment on Vauter Road.

Various assessment changes were received from the county assessment office.

Susq. Co. Emergency Management Agency will hold a hazard mitigation plan meeting on October 21. They also sent a contact list to be updated.

Joseph Svecz, tax collector submitted a report for August.

Area Agency on Aging sent a letter asking for donations.

Susq. Co. Township Official's Association will meet on October 21.

Brian Zembrzycki stated that he approved a driveway permit for Penny and Brad Strickland, submitted a grant application for Lowe Lake Road to the Dirt & Gravel program, and secured right-of-ways from Lowe Lake Association.

Brian Zembrzycki made a motion seconded by Bernard J. Zembrzycki to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Nancy Harvatine, Herrick Township Secretary