

West Deer Township
Board of Supervisors
16 August 2017
6:30 p.m.

The West Deer Township Board of Supervisors held their Regular Business Meeting at the West Deer Township Municipal Building. Members present: Richard W. DiSanti, Jr., Vice Chairman; Leonard Guerre, Shirley Hollibaugh, and Gerry Vaerewyck. Members absent: Jeffrey D. Fleming, Chairman; Rick W. Florentine, and Joyce A. Romig. Also present were: Daniel J. Mator, Jr., Township Manager; Barbara Nardis, Finance Officer; Douglas Happel, representing Griffith, McCague, & Wallace; and Scott Shoup, representing Shoup Engineering.

Vice Chairman DiSanti opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call taken by Mr. Mator – Quorum present.

An Executive Session was held before the meeting.

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Vice Chairman DiSanti asked if there were any comments at this time on the agenda and public-related items and if so, asked the public to please approach the microphone, clearly state their name and address, and limit their comments to five (5) minutes.

- Mr. Scott Woloszyk, Shuster Road
 - Mr. Woloszyk commended the Board on Community Days and for using recycling bins at the park during the event. Mr. Woloszyk also asked the Board if the postponed Clean-Up Day in West Deer from the past spring would be rescheduled. After discussion with Mr. Woloszyk and Mr. Mator, the Board decided to wait until next spring for the next event.
- Mr. Jack Best, West Starz Road
 - Mr. Best also commended the Board on Community Days, and asked for details regarding the Firefighter EIT Credit ordinance that is on the agenda.
- Mr. Earl Fish, Aber Road
 - Mr. Fish also questioned the Firefighter EIT Credit ordinance, specifically who would be eligible. Mr. Mator explained that the State law and the ordinance delineate who is eligible, and he described the certification process.
- Mr. Robert Karlo, Woodhill Drive
 - Mr. Karlo reported that residents in the Deer Park Plan are burning, and also reported that there was a resident in the plan who did not obtain a building permit. Mr. Karlo was

advised to call 911 when burning takes place, and was notified that Mr. Payne would investigate the claim of building without a permit.

- Ms. Anna Marie Catanese, McKrell Road
 - Ms. Catanese commended the Board and everyone involved on a wonderful Community Days. She also requested that the two plaques at the Bairdford Park pavilion be cleaned.

ACCEPT MINUTES

MOTION BY Supervisor Guerre and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to accept the minutes of the 19 July 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Nardis read the following Finance Officer's Report.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEER
FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT
31 July 2017

I - GENERAL FUND:

	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Revenues	303,425.90	4,146,482.56	67.71%
Expenditures	288,946.35	2,957,797.65	48.30%

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Sweep Account		1,449,381.43	1,449,381.43
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II - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Street Light Fund:

Sweep Account - Restricted		26,779.40	
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Fire Tax Fund:

Sweep Account - Restricted		115,398.84	
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State/Liquid Fuels Fund:

Sweep Account - Restricted		221,957.89	
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364,136.13

Investments:

Operating Reserve Fund:

Sweep Account - Reserved		704,535.06	
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Capital Reserve Fund:

Sweep Account - Reserved		349,710.89	
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1,054,245.95

III - CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS:

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

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TOTAL CASH BALANCE 7/31/17

2,867,763.51

Interest Earned July 2017

4,682.75

	7/1/2017 Debt Balance	July Principal Payment	7/31/2017 Debt Balance
Mars National - VFC #3	\$260,374.11	\$2,607.94	\$258,512.94

MOTION BY Supervisor Guerre and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to approve the Finance Officer's Report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

LIST OF BILLS

Amerikohl Aggregates Inc.....	1734.40
Amerikohl Transport Inc.	1319.23
Best Wholesale Tire Co., Inc.....	423.23
Culverts, Inc.	3360.00
Griffith, McCague & Wallace, PC	798.00
Hei-Way, LLC.....	500.65
Jordan Tax Service, Inc.	1048.81
Kress Tire	33.50
Krigger & Co.....	339.99
Office Depot.....	400.29
Shoup Engineering Inc.	8521.50
Staley Communications.....	172.47
Tristani Brothers, Inc.....	1498.19
Walsh Equipment	6157.58
Wine Concrete Products, Inc.	2540.70

MOTION BY Supervisor Vaerewyck and SECONDED BY Supervisor Guerre to pay the List of Bills as submitted, and all approved reimbursable items in compliance with generally accepted accounting practices. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

UTILITIES AND PAYROLL

MOTION BY Supervisor Hollibaugh and SECONDED BY Supervisor Guerre to pay utilities and payroll from 20 July 2017 to 16 August 2017. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

TAX REFUNDS

The Board is in receipt of the list from the Tax Collector requesting the issuance of a real estate tax refund due to an assessment change by Allegheny County for the Years 2016 and 2017:

2016 REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOT/BLOCK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Pheasant Ridge Group LLC	2385-E-98	\$1,006.50

2017 REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOT/BLOCK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Pheasant Ridge Group LLC	2385-E-98	\$1,512.28

MOTION BY Supervisor Hollibaugh and SECONDED BY Supervisor Guerre to issue the tax refunds as submitted by the Tax Collector. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Jon Lape was present and provided a summary report on the Police Department for the month of July 2017. A copy of the report is on file at the Township. Questions/comments followed.

Vice Chairman DiSanti thanked the Chief for a successful Community Days.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Bill Payne was present and provided a summary report on Code Enforcement for the month of July 2017. A copy of the report is on file at the Township.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REPORT

Mrs. Beverly Jordan, Chairwoman, was present and provided a summary report on the Parks and Recreation Board:

- July 26th: Community Days meeting.
- October 28th: Trunk or Treat for Halloween at East Union Church.
- Mrs. Jordan reported that Community Days was a huge success – other than the terrible storm that went through on Friday around 3:00 p.m. – and explained that with the help of the Police and Road Departments, they were back up and running at 4:30 p.m. Because of this, she extended a special thanks to Chief Lape.

Vice Chairman DiSanti thanked Mrs. Jordan and the Parks and Recreation Board for a successful Community Days.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Board received the Engineer's Report submitted by Shoup Engineering, Inc. Mr. Scott Shoup represented Shoup Engineering, Inc., and summarized the meeting attendance and details of his formal report:

Projects

- 2017 Road Improvement Project
 - Shields Asphalt Paving has completed all hot-mix asphalt paving on Benjamin Street.
 - Youngblood Paving has completed all cold mix asphalt and bituminous seal coat work on their project.
 - Benjamin Street Bridge deck replacement has been completed by Bioni Drilling. Guiderail work is to be performed soon and the road will be reopened.

- MS4 Permitting – An Application for renewal will be submitted to PADEP in September 2017. A Pollution Reduction Plan has been prepared to reduce stream sediment loading in conjunction with this project. A review of the Pollution Reduction Plan will occur with the Board of Supervisors at their 16 August 2017 meeting.

Mr. Shoup distributed and summarized the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Pollution Reduction Plan. Mr. Shoup requested the Board review the plan and contact him if they have any questions/comments. A public notice regarding this plan was published in the newspaper for inspection and comments by the public will be taken until the beginning of September.

Some questions/discussion was held on West Deer Township's MS4 and PRP.

- Nike Site/Senior Center parking lot contracts have been executed with Martino, Inc. and work has begun.

Development/Subdivision Reviews

- None

ACCEPTANCE: MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS (MMOs)

The Board received the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Police and Municipal Employee Pension Plans.

MOTION BY Supervisor Vaerewyck and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to acknowledge receipt of the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Police and Municipal Employee Pension Plans. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, Vice Chairman DiSanti announced the Board will hold an Executive Session. Mr. Michael Palombo, Esquire, was present to address the Board in regard to the Police Union Arbitration Award.

Brief Adjournment.

Meeting Called Back to Order.

ACCEPTANCE: POLICE UNION ARBITRATION AWARD

On 17 July 2017, Arbitrator Michelle Miller-Kotula issued her Arbitration Award to both West Deer Township and the Police Union. The Board received a copy of that award. Act 111 Procedures state that the Board should formally accept the Arbitrator's decision.

MOTION BY Supervisor Vaerewyck and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to accept the Arbitration Award of Arbitrator Michelle Miller-Kotula dated 17 July 2017 in regard to the General Teamsters Local Police Union No. 249. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

ADVERTISEMENT: PUBLIC WORKS LABORER

The Township has recently been notified that a current Public Works laborer intends to retire in the near future. In anticipation of this retirement, the Township Manager and Public Works Foreman are recommending the process commence to hire this individual's replacement.

MOTION BY Supervisor Guerre and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to authorize the Township Manager to advertise for the position of Public Works Laborer and to begin the interviewing/hiring process. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

AUTHORIZATION: 2017 WEST DEER NIGHTMARE HAUNTED HOUSE

Shawn Maudhuit is again requesting the use of the Bairdford Park Pavilion for the West Deer Nightmare Haunted House in 2017. The Board received a summary sheet of the event and also a copy of the 2016 insurance policy.

Mr. Maudhuit was present and commented on the event.

MOTION BY Supervisor Vaerewyck and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to authorize Mr. Maudhuit's use of the Bairdford Park Pavilion for the West Deer Nightmare Haunted House starting set up on Monday, August 28th through October 30th of 2017, and the tear down completed by November 15th 2017. Motion carried unanimously 4-0. Mr. Maudhuit thanked the Board.

AUTHORIZATION: ADVERTISEMENT FOR NIKE SITE PAVILION BIDS

As part of the Township's DCNR Grant, a pavilion must be installed at the Nike Site. The Township Manager and Engineer plan – as per the recommendation of the DCNR – to use the COSTARS bid tabulations, but are requesting authorization to advertise the pavilion bids if necessary.

After some discussion, MOTION BY Supervisor Guerre and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to authorize the Township Engineer to advertise for the Nike Site pavilion bids if necessary. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

AUTHORIZATION: BENJAMIN STREET BRIDGE CHANGE ORDER #1

As part of the Benjamin Street Bridge replacement – and as determined by the Township Engineer – additional concrete work was required totaling \$5,000.

Mr. Shoup explained the additional construction of three reinforced concrete cheek walls complete with dowels in to the existing concrete wing walls (northeast, southwest and northwest corners of the bridge). Work to be deleted to consist of paving of road surfaces with 9.5 mm wearing course on bridge deck and approaches.

MOTION BY Supervisor Vaerewyck and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to authorize the payment of the Benjamin Street Bridge Change Order #1 in the amount of \$5,000 to Bioni Drilling, Inc. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

AUTHORIZATION: INVITATION TO EAST DEER AND FRAZER TOWNSHIPS (JOINT “COMMUNITY BUILDING”)

The Deer Lakes School District recently held a public meeting to discuss the possibility of acquiring information through a formal, third-party study to see if a Joint Administration/Community Building would be feasible.

At that meeting, the School Board representatives requested that the West Deer Township Board of Supervisors join them in inviting the other two Townships in the School District to participate in this study.

Details of the Study – including cost – would be introduced to the respective Boards at a later date for approval. This request was simply an invitation to the other two municipalities to take part in the process.

At this time, Supervisor Vaerewyck commented that “this whole thing is a stupid idea,” and that he felt the money should be spent on water lines and fire hydrants in the Township instead.

MOTION BY Supervisor Vaerewyck that we do not pursue in a Joint Administrative Community Building any further. NO SECOND. MOTION FAILS FOR LACK OF SECOND.

Supervisor DiSanti stated that he felt there was no harm in inviting the other municipalities, and Supervisor Guerre stated there would be no cost involved in doing so.

Mr. Vaerewyck disagreed, and said there would first be a cost involved in staff time, and then as one step would lead to another. He then stated that “this is going to be a tax increase in two years, I guarantee it.”

MOTION BY Supervisor Guerre and SECONDED BY Supervisor Hollibaugh to authorize the Township Manager to coordinate with the Deer Lakes School District to invite the Townships of East Deer and Frazer to possibly participate in the Joint Administrative/Community Building Study. A roll call vote was taken. Members voting yes, Mrs. Hollibaugh, Mr. Guerre, and Dr. DiSanti. Member voting no, Mr. Vaerewyck. Motion carried, 3 – yes and 1 – no.

DISCUSSION: ACT 172 (FIREFIGHTER EIT CREDIT) ORDINANCE

On 21 November 2016, Governor Tom Wolf signed into Law Act 172 of 2016, which authorizes municipalities to grant local tax credits to fire and emergency medical service (EMS) volunteers.

The North Hills COG Solicitor – in conjunction with the Solicitor for the Allegheny North Tax Collection District – drafted a memorandum and a draft ordinance. The Township Manager then personalized the ordinance to West Deer Township.

The Township Manager is recommending the Township Solicitor and the Board of Supervisors review the ordinance and offer any suggested changes prior to the September Regular Business meeting. At that point a motion can be made to advertise the ordinance.

Supervisor Vaerewyck questioned how much this tax credit would cost the Township, and additional discussion took place.

DISCUSSION: RUSSELLTON PRIVATE PROPERTY PIPE CLEANING

At the Board’s July meeting, Supervisor Vaerewyck recommended using Township funds to clean private stormwater pipes in Russellton in an effort to alleviate flood concerns. The Township Manager questioned the legality of using Township funds on property that did not belong to the Township, and Supervisor DiSanti asked the Board for direction. It was agreed that the Solicitor would look into the legality and report back to the Board.

Mr. Happel indicated he discussed this matter with Mr. Mator and Mr. Shoup, and looked at the current situation. He reminded the Board that the water drains onto the property from Deer Lakes Park, and then it is discharged to the pipe that was laid and installed by the private property owner. He advised the Board that the pipe was not installed by the Township, and that the property owners have been in discussion with PennDOT in regard to the requirements to clean the pipe since the pipe maintenance is the obligation of the property owner.

Mr. Happel reiterated that it is not the obligation of the Township to clean the pipes, as the benefit of cleaning these pipes would be realized by the private property owner. He added that no authorization or appropriation of Township funds has been made for that reason.

Supervisor Vaerewyck disagreed by arguing that the property owner does not benefit at all from the pipe, but that the nearby businesses would benefit from the pipe cleaning.

Mr. Happel explained that the property owner does benefit from the pipe cleaning because it is their legal obligation – and therefore their cost – to maintain the pipe.

Mr. Vaerewyck questioned if the Township could pay for the cleaning as a community development project.

Mr. Happel stated he would have to defer to the Township Engineer on that question, but again said that Township funds can only be appropriated for Township projects and not for the benefit of an individual property owner. He stated that PennDOT would have to pursue the cleaning since it is their right-of-way.

Supervisor Vaerewyck stated that PennDOT does nothing but send a letter then go away, but again stated he would like to see the pipe cleaned as part of a community development project.

Mr. Mator returned to the point he made at the last meeting that – along the lines of what Mr. Happel reported to the Board – he does not know how the Board could use taxpayer funds to pay for a private property owner's problem. He equated such an action to the Township paving a private road for someone.

Additional discussion took place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS GIVEN.

- 1) Mr. Florentine – ABSENT – Engineering & Public Works Committee
- 2) Dr. DiSanti – Financial, Legal, and Human Resources Committee
- 3) Mr. Vaerewyck – EMS Oversight Committee
- 4) Mr. Florentine – ABSENT – North Hills COG Report

Mr. Guerre announced the Annual COG Dinner will be held on 21 September 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

At this time Supervisor Vaerewyck commented on the following list of issues:

- Taxation: Chapter 189-1 of the Township Code
 - Mr. Vaerewyck stated that there is a mobile home trailer tax and he asked Mr. Mator if that is something the Township collects.
 - Mr. Mator responded that he was not familiar with the law and whether or not the Tax Collector collects it, but that he could find out and report back to the Board.

- Mr. Vaerewyck indicated that the Board approved this law when they adopted the codebook in 2016, and stated the he felt the Township needed to repeal or collect the tax.
- Taxation: Chapter 189-13 of the Township Code
 - Mr. Vaerewyck asked the Township Manager why the Code lists the Per Capita Tax at \$3.00 instead of \$5.00.
 - Mr. Mator replied that he was again unaware of the discrepancy Supervisor Vaerewyck pointed out, and said he would again look into it when he was in his office. Mr. Mator suggested that – in the future – Mr. Vaerewyck call his office before the meeting and ask him about those types of issues so that Mr. Mator would have the resources available to more adequately answer such questions.
- Rumor of the strip club in Russellton
 - Supervisor Vaerewyck stated that the incident was a sign of a “real lack of communication ability on the part of the Township.” He stated that he felt the Township did not respond properly, and that the Township should have used social media to respond instead.
 - Mr. Vaerewyck said the Township’s response on the official website’s “Rumor Has It” section was improper. He stated that very few people saw the page – “almost none” – and that a couple of people who saw the page told him that “they didn’t know what to believe because the one right under it is the rumor about the tax increase that was a rumor but actually occurred two months later.” Supervisor Vaerewyck therefore asserted that “there isn’t very much veracity given to what is posted on our website.” He also added that there is a lot not posted on the website.
- Mr. Mator and Chairman Fleming’s lack of communication with reporters, and improper advertising
 - Supervisor Vaerewyck stated he received a phone call from a reporter at the Tribune-Review who said he tried calling Mr. Mator a number of times that Mr. Mator never returned the calls. Mr. Vaerewyck also said that the reporter called Chairman Fleming a number of times, and that Mr. Fleming did not return his calls, either. He said that the reporter was upset because he was not able to get information to pass onto the citizens.
 - Mr. Vaerewyck added that the reporter was not notified of the recent Charter Commission public forum, and that the reporter goes to the Township website frequently and must have “missed” the notice. He stated that the reporter said it is a courtesy that the Township call him directly and notify him of any meetings in the Township.
 - Supervisor Vaerewyck also stated that there was an issue because the Charter Commission forum was not advertised properly, and was not in the proper format.
 - Mr. Vaerewyck accused the administration of not properly advertising the MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan advertisement mentioned earlier in the meeting because: 1) it was only advertised in the Post-Gazette; 2) the Tribune-Review was not notified, and; 3) it was not posted on the Township website. Supervisor Vaerewyck stated that the Township said “the whole reason we are getting this new website is so that all these things can be advertised and placed there.” Supervisor Vaerewyck then charged that the administration has not been doing that.
 - Mr. Vaerewyck ended his accusations by stating that he spoke with the reporter from the Tribune-Review for over a half an hour, and that the reporter said to have someone from the administration reach out to him so he could discuss proper communications.
 - Vice-Chair DiSanti asked Mr. Vaerewyck if the reporter he was referring to was Brian Rittmeyer. Supervisor Vaerewyck responded in the affirmative, and Dr. DiSanti stated that both he and Mr. Mator had spoken to Mr. Rittmeyer the week before the meeting.
 - Supervisor Vaerewyck countered that Mr. Rittmeyer stated he had spoken to Dr. DiSanti, but that he was very clear that he had a very difficult time getting a response from the Township Manager “over a very long period of time on a regular basis.”
 - Mr. Mator stated that he was not trying to “sound haughty at all,” and asked Mr. Vaerewyck if the Board of Supervisors “appointed you Township

Spokesman.” Supervisor Vaerewyck replied that he is a Township Supervisor and people come to him, but Mr. Mator — referring to his original question — replied “it is a very simple question; can you answer that question, please?” Mr. Vaerewyck stated that he is allowed to speak on his behalf anytime, and when a reporter contacts him saying that the administration is not responding to him, then “yes, if you’re not going to be Spokesman, fine. I’ll answer questions for them.”

- Vice Chair DiSanti ended the discussion by addressing Mr. Vaerewyck and stating that Mr. Rittmeyer asked Supervisor Vaerewyck to bring the information to the Board and “you did. Thank you.” Dr. DiSanti attempted to move on, but was ignored by Mr. Vaerewyck, who moved onto another topic.
- Waterline/Grant/Township Manager issues
 - Mr. Vaerewyck commented that he had discussed water line issues in the past, and that he had spoken to State Representative Eli Evankovich the week prior to the meeting regarding the matter. Supervisor Vaerewyck stated that Representative Evankovich had “a chunk of money,” then — in an accusatory tone — asked Mr. Mator if he knew what Mr. Vaerewyck was about to say. Mr. Mator responded in the negative, and Supervisor Vaerewyck charged that Representative Evankovich stated “I have this chunk of money — grant money — for West Deer, and I’ve been trying to schedule a meeting for two years. I’ve called Mr. Mator repeatedly and he will not schedule a meeting to discuss this grant money.” Supervisor Vaerewyck then directed the accusation toward Mr. Mator by asking “correct?” Mr. Mator replied “incorrect,” to which Mr. Vaerewyck asked “so you’re calling Mr. Evankovich a liar?”
 - Dr. DiSanti interjected and stated “No. He is saying your statement is incorrect! That’s all! He didn’t call anyone a liar.”
 - Mr. Vaerewyck again stated that Representative Evankovich said he has called repeatedly and wanted to arrange a meeting so he could get West Deer the funds for the water lines, and Vice Chair DiSanti responded that Mr. Mator will schedule a meeting.
 - Mr. Mator requested permission to speak, which the Vice Chair granted. Mr. Mator addressed Supervisor Vaerewyck directly and explained that “this is West Deer Township, not Oakmont Water Authority. And for five years you have been bringing up water lines for the Township, and why don’t I apply for grants for water lines. We do not do that Mr. Vaerewyck. We are not the water authority. That’s why we established the water authorities.”
 - Supervisor Vaerewyck countered that “we did the water lines on 910.” Mr. Mator corrected him by saying that Oakmont Water administered the 910 water line project, and again stated that Mr. Vaerewyck keeps bringing up the same topic and keeps accusing Mr. Mator of not applying for grants the Township is not eligible to apply for.
 - Mr. Vaerewyck replied that “three months ago that you would work with Mr. Payne on finding regions that were good candidates and that we could contact the water companies and work with them on funding. We have funding that is sitting there, you said we will work with you to get it, and you will not schedule a meeting with him.” Mr. Mator responded “that is not correct.”
 - Vice Chair DiSanti banged the gavel and admonished Mr. Vaerewyck by stating that he will not allow Supervisor Vaerewyck to attack Mr. Mator — an employee — in public. He added that Mr. Vaerewyck’s point is that a meeting needs scheduled with the Representative, and that Mr. Mator will do that.
 - Dr. DiSanti then asked Mr. Vaerewyck if he had anything else, and Supervisor Vaerewyck replied that he did. He resumed his attack on Mr. Mator by stating that this has happened repeatedly. He cited that former Supervisor Larry McManus found grant monies that were not followed up on by Mr. Mator.
 - Vice Chair DiSanti interrupted Mr. Vaerewyck again, and Supervisor Guerre asked to make a statement. He stated that Supervisor Vaerewyck was wrong — the citizens of Route 910 paid for the water line on 910. Mr. Vaerewyck stated that the people may have paid for the line, but that the Township installed the lines. Mr. Mator corrected him by stating that Oakmont Water installed the lines, not the Township.

- At that point, Mr. Mator asked the Vice Chair if he would be permitted to defend the accusation against him and was granted permission. Mr. Mator asked if the Board was instructing him to set up a meeting with Eli Evankovich's office. Dr. DiSanti replied in the affirmative, and Mr. Mator then explained that he had been contacted by the Representative's office a year earlier to set up a meeting for an unknown reason. He stated that a date had been set, but the Representative's office requested that Supervisor Vaerewyck also be present. Mr. Mator stated that he informed them that he would have to take such a request back to the Chairman of the Board — which he did — and that Chairman Fleming denied the request by stating that a committee or the full Board could meet, but not one supervisor. Mr. Mator then informed the Board that — upon receiving this information — the Representative's office cancelled the arranged meeting altogether. Mr. Mator said he had email records of this exchange in his office.
- Mr. Mator expressed his concern that he had already attempted to meet with the Representative's office, it was their office which cancelled the meeting, and that he felt the Township reaching out to them could elicit the same response.
- Dr. DiSanti stated he understood, and asked why they requested a specific supervisor. Mr. Mator responded that he did not know since it was not his request. Mr. Mator then reiterated the question by stating "That's the question: Why?"
- Mr. Mator then directed his attention back to Mr. Vaerewyck by stating these types of exchanges are the reasons he asked if Supervisor Vaerewyck was ever appointed the "Township Spokesman." He then asked Supervisor Hollibaugh how many times — over the years — that she had been contacted by the Valley News Dispatch. Mrs. Hollibaugh's reply was "not many." He said that Mr. Vaerewyck is always at the center of these exchanges, as if the Board had appointed him to that fictional position.
- Supervisor Vaerewyck responded that he is contacted by these individuals because he gives them information. Mr. Mator disagreed with that statement and stated there was another reason, but Vice Chair DiSanti ended the argument and moved on to the next agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

SET AGENDA: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

20 September 2017

6:00 p.m. – Executive Session

6:30 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Executive Session Held
5. Registered Comments from the Public
6. Comments from the Public
7. Accept Minutes
8. Monthly Financial Report
 - A. Finance Officer's Report
 - B. List of Bills
 - C. Utilities & Payroll
 - D. Tax Refunds
9. Police Chief's Report
10. Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's Report
11. Report from the Parks & Recreation Board

12. Engineer's Report
13. Advertisement: Act 172 (Firefighter EIT Credit) Ordinance
14. Advertisement: Budget Process/Meeting Advertisement
15. Advertisement: Nike Site Backfilling/Landscaping
16. Advertisement: North Hills COG Walking Trail (CDBG Grant)
17. Authorization: Nike Site Pavilion Bids
18. Authorization: North Hills COG Walking Trail (CDBG Grant)
19. Resolution: Police Union Labor Agreement
20. Committee Reports
21. Old Business
22. New Business
23. Set Agenda: 18 October 2017
24. Comments from the Public
25. Adjournment

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Vice Chairman DiSanti asked if there were any comments at this time on the agenda and public-related items and if so, asked the public to please approach the microphone, clearly state their name and address, and limit their comments to five (5) minutes.

- Mr. Jack Best, West Starz Road
 - Mr. Best commented he was at the School District's meeting when they discussed the Joint Community Building and he thought they said East Deer and Frazer Townships already turned it down.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Supervisor Hollibaugh and SECONDED BY Supervisor Guerre to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

Daniel J. Mator, Jr., Township Manager