

The Peach Bottom Township **Board of Supervisors** met on **May 5, 2021** at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Building. Members present David E. Gemmill (Chair) and Michael E. Kahl (Vice Chair)

- **Motion** to accept the minutes as presented was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Gemmill, vote 2/0.

Public Comment

Dee Higgins, Coordinator for the Delta- Peach Bottom Farmers/Flea Market, informed attendees that the market is now open and will continue each Saturday until the end of October. Each year brings more vendors with spaces only costing \$5.00.

New Business

Sixth Annual York County BBQ Festival & Street Fair

Ken Jensen, one of the organizers addressed the board.

The Festival & Street Fair will be held on Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19, 2021. It benefits local businesses and organizations while drawing in visitors. The Kansas City Barbeque Society and Steak Cookoff Association sanctions the competitions. There will be a street fair, arts & crafts, food vendors, live music and entertainment along with children's activities, adult games including keg toss, tire flip & tug of war. This year they are hoping to have a beer garden. They have received a special occasion permit from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and are asking permission from the Supervisor to allow this on Township property. An area will be cordoned off for this activity, ID's will be checked and wrist bands will be utilized. A Professional Beverage Service with special training will bring in a beer truck for the event.

Resident Mike Smith questioned previous alcohol guidelines at the Recreation Center. He was informed that this is approved on a case by case basis and a permit has been acquired from the liquor control board for this event.

- **Motion** to allow alcohol sale & consumption, in the specified area, at the Recreation Center for the 2 day event was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Gemmill, vote 2/0.
- **Motion** to approve small games of chance during the event contingent on license application was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Gemmill, vote 2/0.

Ordinances

SYCEMS

Supervisor Gemmill informed that they are waiting for figures comparing "apples to apples" in a 5 year contract. He has been informed that the SYCEMS board is currently working on figures; the organization has to change.

Kathy Testerman, SYCEMS secretary informed Supervisor Gemmill that she provides the requested reports. It was clarified that the Supervisors would like to review copies of bills/invoices paid.

Jason Lowe appreciates the board's willingness to negotiate and come together; they are motivated to get this fixed.

Mr. Judka emailed 2 questions to the Township.

1. How much money has been and has been reserved for legal expenses regarding Ambulance Service by Peach Bottom Township.

The Township wants to secure the ambulance club funds which include funds paid directly from the Township covering senior center members. Because the Township attorney represents other municipalities contracted with SYCEMS, this would create a conflict. As for funds budgeted, you cannot anticipate every possible expense that may arise, funds are not wasted.

2. Why do we have Supervisors sitting on Boards that pose a direct conflict of interest? Please explain how this is not a violation:

The attorney reviewed the statutes submitted with the question. Under the ethics act, conflict of interest involves financial gain for yourself or family members. He does not feel that under the PA Ethics Act it is a conflict. If we end up in an adversarial position, we will address it at that time. If in fact multiple municipalities pull out of SYCEMS and SYCEMS continues to operate, under the nonprofit law they have the right to petition the court to have a receiver assigned and the corporation dissolved in order to protect the monies that were provided from the community.

Trudy Grove informed that if the Township goes with UPMC, her daughter would have to bypass UPMC to get the service her son requires. She provided pros and cons information for the boards review and stated that SYCEMS provides the care you need. If you go with UPMC you will lose the volunteers.

Reports

Solicitor

- Smith/Connaghan – Broad St. Extd., Map BP Parcel 35 – the private drive/street agreement has been received, the plan is ready to be recorded contingent on DEP approval.
- Old Trading Post – 530 Aubel Rd., Map 1 Parcel 233
The restaurant was converted into a residence and currently occupied without approval or permits. The owner's attorney has been in contact and working on compliance. The Supervisors approved giving them until June comply.
- Jacoby, Ryan, 24 Gemmill Rd. – Map 1 Parcel 61 –driveway permit renewal submitted.
- Ronald Reville, 116 Pin Oak Tr.- Map 1 Parcel 197 - judgements from 2007 & 2019. He has until June 30th to pay off the judgement.
- Armstrong Cable Company – no communication received.

Supervisors

- Supervisor Gemmill informed that the Delta Senior Center will be participating in Give Local York on Friday May 7, 2021.
- This will be that last Zoom meeting, the governor will be opening the state at the end of May. He thanked David Bilger Jr for his help with the meetings.

- Work this past month included service of equipment; work on dirt roads, patching pot holes, prepping for paving. They received a stock pile of stone from the power line replacement which was worked out through the permit process. This will save on stone costs by using it as a base on dirt roads, and backfilling after paving where applicable.

Treasurer / Manager

- General Fund - \$1,735,297.40
- Liquid Fuels Fund - \$280,516.68
- Sewage Fund - \$22,443.62
- Recreation Fund - \$21,335.27

The bills were reviewed and discussed

- **Motion** to authorize the payment of bills as reviewed was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Gemmill, vote 2/0.

Cindy Seibel asked if the Supervisors are also asking UPMC to compare “apples to apples” referencing the special counsel attorney letter requesting a proposal with specific plans for staffing, financial viability, future governance.

Trudy grove informed that UPMC is a business and has to run like a business. When costs go up this will be reflected in fees to the municipalities and they call just pull out anytime.

The attorney asked if SYCEMS should not be run like a business, which is the question about sustainability. If you go back, the original amount of funds has dropped significantly. He understands that they may not have known ultimate labor costs. The point is, provide a plan for staffing and tie that into sustainability.

A discussion ensued concerning the up and down per-capita rate, friction, working with a consultant, other ems options, contract time frame, letters, budgeting, approved motions and finally negotiating towards a resolution.

- **Motion** to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. was made by Supervisor Kahl and 2nd by Supervisor Gemmill, vote 2/0.