

Montgomery Township
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724-7728
Wednesday, June 06, 2018

Members Present: William M. Burba, Edward M. Freno and Kevin Penrose

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Gayle Freno and Pamela Myers - Twp. Auditors, Chief of Police, John Blake and Officer Ryan Tennant - Cherry Tree Borough Police Department, John O. Pittman, Charles Bootman, Rose Goss, Jan Arford, Sherry Decker, Don Conner, Brad Conner, Jim Peles, Randy Watral and Patricia Goodlin - Tax Collector

Meeting Called to Order: William Burba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment (Limited to Agenda Items): None

Request to be on Agenda: Randy Watral spoke to the Board of Supervisors about an alleyway in Hillsdale located behind his home. A discussion followed. The Chairman responded with information from the Township Second Class Code Book and also with the summarization of the law from the Township Solicitor Wayne Kablack. The township does not have any control over the alley, the township has not maintained the alley for 21 years therefore it does not belong to the township, this alley does not provide a 33 foot right-of-way which means that the State would not provide any money to maintain the alley which means all costs to open it and the ongoing cost to maintain it would have to come from the funds the township has, in order to open the alley the Board of Supervisors would have to be presented with a petition to do so. It was stated that the cost to open the alley would be close to a quarter of a million dollars if not more due to costs from having it surveyed, engineer study, legal fees, meeting PennDot specifications with stone base and culverts, buying the right-of-ways from people that own property along the alley, tree removal, contracting out for the job and the ongoing obligation to maintain the alley. It was also mentioned that it would not be a wise use of taxpayer's money since this would not benefit many of the residents. Information had been exchanged copies from the Township Code Book of Section 2304 which states that the Board would have to be petitioned to open the alley; 2305 which addresses the procedure before the alley could be opened; 2306 which addresses the width of the right-of-way; 2307 which ascertains how to declare a road a public road and 2309 that addresses the time frame for a road to be opened were given to Randy Watral. Randy gave the Board a copy of a newspaper article written in 2004 by John Como Indiana Gazette Staff Writer covering the Indiana County Municipal Services Authority approving the restoring of about 100 feet of the alley in Hillsdale, PA based on complaints from eight residents and a petition signed by 50 residents the Authority voted 6-1 to add more stone for the restoration to eliminate wet conditions caused by a malfunctioning septic system. It also stated that the alley was not part of the Montgomery Township road system and was not maintained by the township.

Correspondence: None

Minutes: Kevin motioned to accept the minutes, second Bill, carried.