

May 8, 2014
6:00 PM

The Monroe Township Board of Supervisors workshop was called to order by Chairman Kehoe.

ATTENDANCE

Phil Kehoe, Chairman
A.W. Castle, Vice Chairman
Samuel Simmons, Supervisor

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor
Greg Rogalski, Zoning Officer
Marjorie Metzger, Admin. Asst.
Mark Bruening, Engineer

The purpose of the workshop was to communicate with State Representative Sheryl DeLozier, and to meet State Representative Mike Reagan.

Representative DeLozier reviewed the mapping that shows the redistricting for the House of Representatives. At the end of this year she will be losing Monroe Township and will be gaining a precinct of Wormleysburg. Representative Reagan will be gaining Monroe Township in his 92nd district. This is due to population rising in the other townships she represents. Each district must have a similar population figure, so redistricting took place to accomplish that requirement.

Representative DeLozier reviewed the list of committees she serves on in the House. She also reviewed the main issues being considered currently, which include the budget, pension, and LCB. Townships will see an increase in liquid fuels allocations over the next several years as a result of a transportation bill update. There will also be additional cadet classes for the state police to increase their numbers. Other bills of interest include House Bill and Senate Bill 76, which could affect the property taxes for schools. House Bill 1189 would raise the mercantile tax and business privilege tax to replace property taxes.

Mr. Kehoe expressed to Mr. Reagan the issue of Monroe Township being a part of the Cumberland Valley School District, and the need to protect what we have, and asked if he had any familiarity with the townships within the Cumberland Valley School District. He confirmed he did not but offered his assistance on future matters. He also mentioned the storm water requirements of the MS4, and how that will impact the townships because of being another unfunded mandate to comply. His other concern was the high sewer rates, and if there are any ideas or legislation to help in this area. The requirement of paying a portion of upgrading the South Middleton sewer plant to meet the Chesapeake Bay initiative is yet another unfunded mandate.

Mr. Bruening mentioned the grant application that will be submitted under the

Pennsylvania Small Water & Sewer program in the amount of \$127,500 to do some repair work in the southern sewer district. He asked the Representatives to keep an eye on this and provide any support for a favorable review.

Representative DeLozier mentioned there are municipalities adopting regulations against carrying a concealed weapon on public grounds or parks. These types of rules conflict with the 2nd amendment. A municipality cannot have a law that conflicts with a state or federal law.

ADJOURN

The workshop was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger
Admin. Asst./ Secretary-Treasurer