

Connellsville Township Supervisors
166 McCoy Hollow Road, Connellsville, PA 15425
Meeting Minutes February 22, 2023

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miner called the monthly meeting to order on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

led by Chairman Miner.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were present: Supervisor Donald Hann, Vice-Chairman Tim Upton, Chairman Todd Miner, Solicitor Melinda Dellarose

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Vice Chairman Upton to approve the minutes from the 2023 Reorganization and regular January meeting. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

GRANT REIMBURSEMENT

District Attorney Richard Bower presented Connellsville Township with a check for \$2,000.00 out of his personal account for the Township's Code Enforcement program. *The money for the code enforcement program was originally to come out of seized monies from the DA Office, this was not possible, and DA Bower was kind enough to donate the money to the Township personally.*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

*Jamie Hough – 1206 Springfield Pike sewage issue. They were assured all units were tied into sewage, 1206 is not. Concerned with what is going on now and what will be done? Will it be re-tested, how is she to know if it is safe. Wants to know for sure it is taken care of. When the next dye test is done Jamie would like to be present to be assured it has been done.

*Mr. Fosbrink – Asked the Township to sponsor a roadway clean-up on Narrows Rd, (Jon Gilpin explained their may be a program through the Recycling Center and we can talk to Sheila Shea and see if there are programs to help with this), Mr. Fosbrink wants clarification of the burning ordinance to know if you need a permit to have a camp fire, (ordinance was explained by Jon Gilpin), Mr. Fosbrink asked about compost pick up and picking up tree branches. Asked if composting is allowed on the property. (Composting is allowed on property, and the Township will pick up tree branches, not entire trees.) Asked if Township has garbage and junk car ordinance. (Code Enforcement Officer Chad Savage will look into the properties in question). The property below him has a lot of

garbage accumulated, Porterfield garage is falling down. Wants to know if landlords need to register by March 15th. Asked if Landlord registration is to be made public. (Chairman Miner will ask our Solicitor about this.)

*Mr. Calisti – complimented the Township on the new website, asked if new info will be added. Asked how to know what is going on by looking at the agenda to the meeting, wants to see more info to know if he wants to come to the meeting. Solicitor Melinda Dellarose explained that the agenda is not to go into detail, just outline what will be discussed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jon Gilpin reported)

The following reports have been submitted:

*MS-965 (PennDOT), 2023 Tax Info Form, 2023 Report of Elected & Appointed Officials (DCED), 2023 Survey of Financial Condition, AG-385 (pension). SAM registration has been updated; submitted and approved, will expire on 1-10-24. MyPATH account has been set up and Lindsay has submitted the PURTA report.

* Ribbon Cutting was held on January 27, 2023, for the Miedel's Bridge completion (Buttermore Blvd) and was attended by the Supervisors

* The Township was awarded a grant through the Conservation District under their Dirt and Gravel Road program in the amount of \$43,854.90 for Beals Lane.

* A Grant was submitted to the Conservation District under the Dirt and Gravel Road program for Casparis – Look Out Point Road (River Hill Road)

TREASURER'S REPORT (Jon Gilpin reported)

Motion by Supervisor Hann to accept the treasurer's report for December. Second by Vice Chairman Upton. All in favor, motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

Motion made by Vice Chairman Upton to pay monthly bills. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE –

* Community Resource and Utility Fair on 02-28-2020 at Calvary Assembly of God Church, this info has been shared on our Facebook page

* Keep Fayette County Green offers their assistance with any environmental events you plan; ex. Clean up events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Dept.

* Jon Gilpin reported that for the month of January the Fire Department was called out for: 4 vehicle accidents, 1 smoke investigation, 2 downed trees, 1 EMS assist, 1 flooded basement, 9 out of township assists, 1 transformer fire.

Bingo is every Sunday and there will be a hoagie sale February 25th. Fish Fry every Friday through Good Friday.

Emergency Management

Code Enforcement Officer – Read by Chad Savage and will be on file in the office.

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Roadmaster

* Report for the month was read by Jon Gilpin and is on file in the office. Along with the regular monthly report it was brought to his attention that a tree was leaning across Church St in the Hillcrest Mobile Home Park and in danger of falling and hitting the mobile home across the street. It was determined the tree was on private property, off the right of way. Public Works spoke with Phillip McNair, owner of the property, and informed him of the situation. Mr. McNair agreed to take care of it and remove the tree. As of today, the tree has been removed.

* Public Works, along with Kerry Bell from Widmer Engineering, investigated an issue of standing water collecting on Shultz Ave, at the intersection with Crawford Avenue, by Dr. Ellis' office. There is an unknown type of gravel pit on the bend of Shultz Ave before the Geibel baseball field. There are no stormwater draining systems in the area. Kerry Bell's recommendations are to dig to determine what the unknown gravel pit is and add more stone in the area to make a French drain for the water to seep into and repave that section of Shultz Ave., leaving a small dip between Dr. Ellis' parking lot to let the stormwater naturally flow into the stone pit.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Hann –

Vice-Chairman Upton – stated that he is hoping to improve communication with the BTCTJSA.

Chairman Miner -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of property on 711 with sewage/water issues fell under public participation.

198 **NEW BUSINESS**

*Motion by Vice Chairman Upton to approve the Co-Stars Salt Contract, ordering 200 tons of salt, to be delivered over the next year. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

*Motion by Vice Chairman Upton to approve work to be done to the garage floors and sidewalks out of the office. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

*Printer pricing, tabled to next meeting.

ORDINANCES –

*Ordinance 2023-1, supporting the BTCTJSA loan, originally on the Agenda as a resolution, is tabled until the next meeting.


RESOLUTIONS –


Motion by Chairman Miner and Second by Vice Chairman Upton to adopt Resolution 2023-1 adopting the Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Connellsville Township and Respected officials and agencies identified in the implementation's strategy of the Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Hann to adjourn. Second by Vice Chairman Upton. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:  Approved by: 
Todd Miner, Chairman


Tim Upton, Vice Chairman


Donald Hann, Supervisor