

**Connellsville Township Supervisors**  
166 McCoy Hollow Road, Connellsville, PA 15425

**Meeting Minutes May 24, 2023**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Miner called the monthly meeting to order on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 6:00 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 Jack Purcell, Treasurer Lindsay Fisher, Secretary Darla Hann.

Also present: Jon Gilpin – Public Works, Kerry Bell – Engineering Rep.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** made by Supervisor Hann to approve the minutes from the April 2023 meeting. Second by Vice Chairman Upton. All in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT –**

The tax reports for the month of April have been received.

27 Burn Permits were issued in April.

The signed contract for the Salt Shed Grant (\$47,769.00) has been received, along with the Act 37, fire hall parking lot and municipal building parking lot grants.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Lindsay Fisher reported)**

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE –**

Letter received on behalf of Penn Highlands Healthcare asking the Township to oppose legislation which would impose inflexible nurse-to-patient ratios in PA.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Fire Dept.***

\* Jon Gilpin reported that for the month of March the Fire Department was called out for: 5 vehicle accidents, 2 vehicle fires, 1 carbon monoxide, 16 out of township assists, 1 transformer fire; for a total of 25 calls.

*Bingo is every Sunday. Fun Fest Street Fair will be June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.*

***Emergency Management*** – Nothing to report.

***Code Enforcement Officer*** –Chad Savage’s report was read by Secretary Darla Hann. He reported that there were 17 written warnings, 1 verbal warning, 4 Township fines (with 1 being turned over to Upper Tyrone Code) 3 pending Magistrate fines and 1 scheduled court date.

***Roadmaster***

\* Report for the month was read by Jon Gilpin and is on file in the office.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

***Supervisor Hann*** –

***Vice-Chairman Upton*** –

***Chairman Miner*** –

\*Discussed dye testing done on a Springfield Pike Property (Dewitt’s), Jon Gilpin stated that everything is connected to sewage. Not sure where the water is coming from that is running down 711. Could possibly be a spring.

\* Chairman Miner reported we are working on many projects and grants right now. Would like to look into federal grants to see what is available to pave McCoy Hollow Road. An Agricultural Round Table was attended, along with an informational class with PennDot discussing grants, among other things.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Insurance Renewal: **Motion** by Vice Chairman Upton to renew our insurance policy through Varine-Slavin for the 2023-2024 year for \$17,336.00 (previously \$15,541.00) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

210 **Motion** by Vice Chairman Upton to utilize workers from the Adult Probation program, as they are available. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

**ORDINANCES –**

**RESOLUTIONS –**

**Motion** by Vice Chairman Upton to Adopt Resolution 2023-3 to apply for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant to be used for the Francis Avenue Sidewalk Extension Project. Cost is \$154,096.00, Twp. Match is \$46,228.80. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Hann. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Chairman Miner to adopt Res. 2023-4, approving an application for loan funding through the Fayette County Infrastructure Bank Application program for a match (\$44,503.59) for the Hawthorne Street Small Water and Sewer grant and a match (\$46,228.80) for the Multimodal Fund Grant (Francis Avenue Sidewalks), contingent upon grant approval; also including the Shultz Street project (drain issues and road resurfacing) (\$22,400.00). The total amount of loan will be \$473,186.63. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Upton. All in favor, motion carried.

**Motion** by Chairman Miner to adopt Res. 2023-5, intent to reimburse general funds/ARPA funds or short-term borrowed funds used to construct improvements on Shultz Street and to match funds for the Francis Avenue Sidewalk project and Hawthorne Street Small Water and Sewer Project with funds received from the Fayette County Infrastructure Bank. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Chairman Miner to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:  Approved by: 

Todd Miner, Chairman



Tim Upton, Vice Chairman



Donald Hann, Supervisor