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

Meeting Minutes March 27, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miner called the monthly meeting to order on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

led by Chairman Miner.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were present: Supervisor Donald Hann, Chairman Todd Miner, Secretary Darla Hann. Also, present were Solicitor Jack Purcell and PW Rep. Jon Gilpin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chairman Miner to accept the regular meeting minutes from February 28, 2024. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Mr. and Mrs. Tarr, Springfield Pike discussed water causing their driveway to cave in. They asked for any help in finding someone to help with the problem. They were given names and numbers of excavators that the Township uses to get in touch with.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Darla Hann reported)

- -13 burn permits were issued in February.
- -Jim Stephens submitted taxes collected from March 1-15, 2024.
- -Received from the County a copy of the Grabiak and Krumanacker Lot Line Adjustment. They meet on April 11, 2024. Any comments from the Township are needed before they meet.
- -I have included a Statement of Financial Interest in everyone's packet. This needs to be returned to the office by May 1, 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Treasurer Lindsay Fisher reported)

Motion by Chairman Miner to accept the treasurer's reports for February. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE -

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Dept.

* Jon Gilpin reported that for the month of February the Fire Department was called out for: 2 vehicle accidents, 1 brush fire, 1 carbon dioxide, 1 tree down, 1 EMS assist, 1 flooded basement, and 18 out of Township Assists; for a total of 25 calls for February. Bingo is every Sunday, March hoagie sale is cancelled, the last Fish Fry will be this Friday, March 29th, and there will be a cash bash on May 4th.

Emergency Management

Code Enforcement Officer – (N/A)

*Todd Miner reported on the Lake property saying they continue to pay fines, do not clean up. Atty. Purcell said to continue to fine them. He is looking into this further. Chairman Miner reported that the owner of the Ward property wants to apply for a variance and is not cleaning up. Atty Purcell advised to give him another written warning and then to start with fines if he is non-compliant.

Roadmaster

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

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Hann – Supervisor Hann said several people have asked him what is going on with the vacant lot on Hawthorne. Chair Miner said we are applying for a grant to put a building there.

Vice-Chairman Upton – Chairman Miner -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Chairman Miner gave an update on grants: We were notified that the Township has been awarded a multi-modal grant for sidewalks on Francis Avenue for \$108,000.00.

PA American Water grants look good for water crossing.

We did not receive a grant for River Hill Road from the Conservation District but it does look like we will receive it later this year.

NEW BUSINESS

- -Chairman Miner informed all that there was more damage to the garage roof during the last windstorm. We have been patching after each storm for some time now. This time it was turned into the insurance company, and we are waiting to hear back. Discussion followed concerning bidding on the roof. Atty Purcell advised that if the insurance company feels that it needs to be replaced immediately and that we don't have time for the 60-day bid process that we can move ahead with it. We will wait to hear from the insurance company. Currently the roof is tarped.
- -Chairman Miner attended a meeting for installing solar panels on our garage roof. The cost would be approximately \$47,000.00 and would pay for itself in 7-10 years. Atty Purcell said that if the company were a member of Co-Stars it would not have to be bid. He said it is a good idea it saves money and is good for the environment.

-Chairman Miner made a motion for the following to attend an Equipment Expo in State College on April 11, 2024: Todd Miner, Jon Gilpin, Marvin Striner. Second by Supervisor Hann. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES -

RESOLUTIONS -

Discussion with Atty. Purcell about a proposed fireman ordinance for workers comp. He will contact Tim Witt, who represents the fire company, to discuss the matter.

Jack Purcell reminded everyone that the PSATS Convention is coming up soon and there will be a dinner for AJ Boni, outgoing President, on Sunday the 14th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by: Ann Approved by:

Todd Miner, Chairman

Donald Hann, Supervisor