

**Connellsville Township Supervisors
Meeting minutes December 13, 2018**

- I. **Call to Order-** Chairman Miner called the monthly meeting to order on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 7:18 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance-** led by Chairman Miner.
- III. **Roll Call-** The following persons were present- Chairman Todd Miner, Vice-Chairman Robert Carson, Secretary Darla Hann and Attorney Jack Purcell
- IV. **Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Carson to accept the regular meeting minutes from November 8, 2018. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor. Motion carried.
- V. **Public participation-** *N/A*
- VI. **Secretary's Report-** Darla Hann reported that the smart meter for electric was installed last week, grant information was received from Sheila Shea and forwarded to the Supervisors. Westmoreland Cleanways accepts tv's; please check their website for hours as they are subject to change. A payment was made to Better Materials Corp. per court order from September 2013 for re-assessment of property tax in the amount of \$4,238.41. Darla also stated that the auditor will be here tomorrow (Friday, 12-14) to do the Liquid Fuels audit.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer's reports were read by Darla Hann and they are on file in the office. Motion made by Vice Chairman Carson to accept the Treasurer's reports. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion made by Vice-Chairman Carson to accept/approve the reconciled bank statements for September and October. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor, motion carried.
- VIII. **Authorization to pay bills-** Motion made by Vice Chairman Carson to pay monthly bills. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor. Motion carried.
- IX. **Correspondence-** Darla Hann received the following correspondence: First Energy has assistance available with different programs to help with winter bills for people who qualify.
- X. **Committee Reports-**
 - ***Fire Dept.** – Santa Claus visited kids in the community on the fire truck. It went very well.
 - ***Emergency Management-** Vice Chairman Carson stated that the fire company is having problems with a generator. They are having it checked but may be asking for a new one in the near future.
 - ***Roadmaster** – Report for the month was read by Chairman Miner and is on file in the office.
 - ***Planning Commission** – Darla Hann stated that the Planning Commission is currently working on a subdivision. It does not look like it will be done before the end of the year. Darla spoke with Sara Rosek in Uniontown and was told if not completed they will take it over at no cost since the fees have already been paid to the Township.

***Zoning Officer** – Jim Knapp sent out a registered letter to a resident on Narrows Road who has buildings on his property that he did not get permits for. Todd Miner stated that the house on Dark Alley has been torn down.

***Code Enforcement Officer** – Chairman Miner stated that last month Scott Lafferty was hired as a code enforcement officer, unfortunately due to health issues he has had to resign. Vice Chairman Carson made a motion to hire Josh Nypaver as our new Code Enforcement officer at the rate of \$11.00/hr. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor. Motion carried. Josh introduced himself.

***Supervisors – Supervisor Hann** – N/A

Vice-Chairman Carson – Explained the Township has been looking at their inventory of equipment and have found that since purchasing some of it contractors are offering lower rates. Taking this into consideration the Township has decided to sell some of the equipment: 1980 Talbert Lowboy sold for \$13,527.27 by Matt Gates; 1989 Fruehauf Dump trailer sold for \$18,700.00 by Butz Masonry; Smith Stainless Steel V-Box Spreader sold for \$850.00 by Paul Callahan; Henderson V Box Spreader traded to Taxacher Specialties for a stainless-steel tailgate spreader & \$1,000. Also ashes have been delivered and we should be ready for winter.

Chairman Miner – Informed all that the Water Study on Cummings & 9th is completed and the city is in agreement for the Township to tap in for drainage. There will be a meeting with the city after the first of the year. Supervisor Minor and Darla Hann have spoken with Advanced Disposal about garbage issues and have been assured that the problems are being taken care of. They were down man power. Solicitor Purcell stated that we weren't the only municipalities having difficulties. Chairman Miner stated that he talked with Rick Martin from PennDot and the drains on Rt 119 & Crawford have been cleaned out and will be monitored.

XI. Unfinished Business – Vice Chairman Carson made a motion to accept and sign the UCC agreement with the county, with them accepting responsibility for the Township permitting. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor, motion carried. It was decided to table discussion on the credit cards until the next meeting. Motion made by Vice Chairman Carson to adopt the advertised budget for 2019. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor, motion carried.

XII. New Business – Insurance for Marvin Striner was discussed. Vice Chairman Carson made a motion to authorize upgrading from the UPMC Health Plan Marketplace Silver Plan to the Gold Plan and withholding 5% of the cost monthly which will be deducted from Marvin Striner's pay, before taxes. Darla received prices on aluminum labels to use for inventory. 3/4"H x 1 1/2" L: 250-\$200, 500-\$290 and 1/2" x 1": 250-\$210, 500-\$280. Darla Hann stated that the Solicitor looked over the sample citations and said they were fine to use as templates. She also stated the WC insurance quote is in and needs signed. Vice Chairman Carson made a motion to accept the WC insurance quote for \$26,341. Second by Chairman Miner. The quote came in under the \$33,000 that was budgeted for WC.

XIII. Ordinances – Motions were made by Vice Chairman Carson to adopt Ordinance 2018-5 (SWEEP, citing code violations), Ordinance 2018-6 (to rescind zoning and planning to the County, contingent upon when the County takes over), 2018-7 (re-enacting per capita tax and collecting delinquent per capita taxes). Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Premus had some questions about the SWEEP ordinance, discussion followed, he requested the secretary email him a copy to look over.

- XIV. Resolutions** – Motion by Vice-Chairman Carson to adopt Resolution 2018-4 to appoint outside auditors to perform the annual audit & financial report, and appointing Singer Accounting for year ending December 31, 2018; 3-year contract. Motion by Vice-Chairman Carson to set the reorganization meeting for January 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor. Motion carried. The Solicitor explained we were not meeting on January 7th due to the likelihood of not having a quorum.
- XV. Adjournment**- Motion by Vice-Chairman Carson to adjourn. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted by: _____ **Approved by:** _____