

Connellsville Township Supervisors
166 McCoy Hollow Road, Connellsville, PA 15425
Meeting Minutes November 16, 2022

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miner called the monthly meeting to order on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 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, Secretary Darla Hann, Treasurer Lindsay Zur, and Solicitor Jack Purcell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Vice Chairman Upton to accept the regular meeting minutes from October 19, 2022. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

* Lt. Shaffer from the Uniontown Police Barracks introduced himself. YTD calls for this year are 536, compared to last year, 542 calls. Criminal offenses are down from last year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Treasurer Lindsay Zur reported)

- * Monthly tax reports for October from Jim Stephens were submitted.
- * The recycling grant was submitted on October 28th.
- * The grant through the DA's office for Code Enforcement was approved and I have started ordering the items listed on the grant.
- * Met with a representative from PennDOT to go over the Liquid Fuels roads in the Township.
- * Several residents have called about the feral cat program and several cats have already been taken to the vet to be spayed or neutered.
- * Jane Sandusky and Karen Mahokey have each called the Township to thank the road crew for picking up leaves and saying they always do a great job.
- * We received new electric bill rates, the lowest from 14 companies, and they have increased, almost double. Chairman Miner suggested that we call West Penn Power to get their rate before deciding.

178 * Our Armstrong contract for phone and internet is up for renewal. We currently have their lowest tier of internet service. To increase the internet speed we have now will be an additional \$40.00/month, making our internet cost \$109.95 Motion by Vice Chairman Upton to move to the next level of internet service, keeping our phones the same, 2nd by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Treasurer Lindsay Zur reported)

Motion by Supervisor Hann to accept the treasurer's report for October. 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 –

* A 2nd hearing has been set for the condemned property on Crawford Avenue.

* Notice of a Zoning Hearing Board Hearing is set for November 30th, concerning a request for a setback variance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Dept.

* Jon Gilpin reported that for the month of October the Fire Department was called out for: 1 structure fire, 6 vehicle accidents, 1 odor investigation, 1 carbon monoxide, 1 illegal burn, and 9 out of Township Assists. Bingo is every Sunday. Santa will be coming around the Township on December 12th & 13th. \$1.00 Tickets will be available, they are to win a roll of lottery tickets and various gift cards.

Emergency Management

Code Enforcement Officer –

* Joe Adams reported that in the last 2 weeks he has sent out 3 certified letters, cited for an illegal burn. He noted Mr. Reilly has 60 days to clean up his property. He recommends that we remind people that according to our ordinance garbage needs to be in garbage cans. He also inquired whether all businesses are required to have dumpsters. There is a daycare in the Township that seems to have a lot of garbage and it is just sitting out in bags.

Roadmaster

* Report for the month was read by Jon Gilpin and is on file in the office. He stated that next week will be the last week for loose leaf pick up. The Township will continue to pick up bagged leaves as needed. He also thanked the city, South Connellsville Borough and Bullskin Township for their help on Casparis Road.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Hann – N/A

Vice-Chairman Upton –

*Accompanied our PennDOT rep up to Casparis to check on the road, which is a liquid fuels road. She was very pleased with the improvements to the road.

Chairman Miner

* Stated the grant has been submitted to the Conservation District for Beals Lane. We are working on a grant for Casparis Road through the Conservation District but are waiting on more information from the forestry department.

Unfinished Business**NEW BUSINESS**

- Motion by Chairman Miner to announce and advertise the Township's intention to appoint an outside auditor to do the Municipal Audit for 2022. Second by Vice Chairman Upton. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion by Chairman Miner to introduce and advertise the 2023 budget. Second by Vice Chairman Upton. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion by Chairman Miner to advertise the Reorganization meeting, followed by the regular meeting, for Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Second by Vice Chairman Upton. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion by Chairman Miner to advertise the Elected Auditors Meeting for Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Second by Vice Chairman Upton. All in favor, motion carried.
- Appointment to appoint a Township Uniform Construction Code Administrator is tabled until next month.

- Motion by Chairman Miner to hire Chad Savage as a part-time Code Enforcement Officer for the Township. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion by Chairman Miner to move forward with the design of Code Enforcement software, by Seth Caton, APEX, at a cost of \$1500.00, then \$100.00 annually. Second by Vice Chairman Upton. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion by Chairman Miner to update the Intermunicipal Compost Agreement with the City of Connellsville. Second by Vice Chairman Upton. All in favor, motion carried.

ORDINANCES –

RESOLUTIONS –

- Motion by Chairman Miner to adopt Resolution 2022-11, setting the millage at 1.533, keeping it the same as last year. Second by Vice Chairman Upton. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion by Chairman Miner to adopt Resolution 2022-12, authorizing application for a grant for a stormwater project on Hawthorn Street through the PA Small Water & Sewage Program. Second by Vice Chairman Upton. 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