

**Connellsville Township Supervisors**  
**166 McCoy Hollow Road, Connellsville, PA 15425**  
**Meeting Minutes September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Miner called the monthly meeting to order on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 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, Treasurer Lindsay Zur and Solicitor Jack Purcell.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** made by Chairman Miner to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 17, 2022. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

\* A resident asked if tires can be recycled on the township building property anywhere and Chairman Miner noted that there is a dumpster specially for tire recycling. The resident also asked about other recycling options and Chairman Miner noted that after the meeting he would give him a handout that would show the pricing and items that can be recycled and when. The recycling items can also be found on the Township's website.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Treasurer Lindsay Zur reported)**

- \* Monthly tax reports for August from Jim Stephens were submitted.
- \* TextMyGov cost does not justify use for the Township

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Treasurer Lindsay Zur reported)**

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE –**

\* Received a letter from the Office of Planning, Zoning, and Community Development that a variance has been conditionally approved for Ruth Jane Ritenour. (This concerns allowing farm animals). Isabella Extension is zoned agricultural and it was passed.

\* Received a letter from the Office of Planning, Zoning, and Community Development stating that their office send a letter to a resident in Connellsville Township that they are in violation of the County Zoning Ordinance. The violation is operating an automotive repair business in an area zoned R-2 High Density Residential.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS*****Fire Dept.***

\* Jon Gilpin reported that there will be a Toy Bash held at the Connellsville Township Fire Hall on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Any member will have tickets. They are \$10.00. There will also be tickets for purchase at the township building.

***Emergency Management***

\* Todd Miner reported that he and Secretary Darla Hann attended a recent Emergency Management Planning meeting and we are in compliance.

***Code Enforcement Officer –***

\* Frank Mutnansky and Matt Fisher both reported for the month of September. Their reports will be on file at the office.

***Roadmaster***

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

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

***Supervisor Hann – N/A***

***Vice-Chairman Upton – N/A***

***Chairman Miner***

\* Reported that the paving project on Purdy St. and Kell Lane has been completed. Property Maintenance work is also in the process of being completed for Demuth.

***Unfinished Business***

\* Discussed the process of listing the property to sell at 1316 Hawthorne St. Solicitor Purcell advised that for when this property is listed, the township should accept the highest bid, this property will be listed as a quit claim or special warranty deed and the property will schedule to close within 60 days of the offer being accepted. A motion was made by Chairman Miner to advertise that the Township will be accepting sealed bids for the property located at 1316 Hawthorne and adjacent lot to be opened at the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to include in the ad a date for an open house for the property. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

\* A motion was made by Chairman Miner to hire APEX to design and maintain a website for the Township at a cost initially of no more than \$2,000.00. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

\* A motion was made by Chairman Miner to address feral cat issues by purchasing traps and transporting feral cats to Valley View Veterinary to be spayed/neutered, given rabies shot and ear notched. Residents may borrow and transport cats with a \$50.00 deposit on the trap. There will initially be a budget set in the amount of \$2,000.00. Proper accounting will be set up and the Treasurer and Secretary will work together to keep a paper trail and track the expense properly. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

\* A motion was made by Supervisor Hann to hold Trick or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor, motion carried.

\* A motion was made by Chairman Miner to offer cash in lieu of benefits to employees Marvin Striner and Darla Hann. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

\* A motion was made by Chairman Miner to budget the following in expenditures for the Township Minimum Municipal Obligations: Non-uniformed pension plan \$12,660.00; union employee pension plan \$13,884.00. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

\* A motion was made by Supervisor Hann to enter into a service contract with Hoffman Kennels for one (1) year at a cost of \$175.00 per month, beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor, motion carried.

\* Property on Crawford Avenue has been condemned by Widmer Engineering. This property has been an ongoing problem in the township for over 5 years.

\* The township is working with Widmer Engineering to find an option to survey the Zach Connell property for a very small fee or for free.

## **ORDINANCES –**

## **RESOLUTIONS –**

\* Motion by Chairman Miner to adopt Resolution 2022-8, Property Tax Penalty, and Waiver Provisions. Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

\* Motion by Supervisor Hann to adopt Resolution 2022-9, to apply for a tourism Grant for Zach Connell's grave. Connellsville City is working together with Connellsville Township on this project. We are applying for a grant for this project. The township would also like to install a new flagpole as well. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor, motion carried.

\* Motion by Chairman Miner to adopt Resolution 2022-10, to apply for a Dirt and Gravel Road Grant (Beals Lane, Casparis). Second by Supervisor Hann. All in favor, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Submitted by: *Darla Hann*

Approved by: *Todd Miner*

Todd Miner, Chairman

*Tim Upton*

Tim Upton, Vice Chairman

*Donald Hann*

Donald Hann, Supervisor