

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Tom Hubert and opened with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:30pm.

Supervisors present: Jim Stewart, Scott Malenky, Tom Hubert, and Dale Perry. Mike Weiser was absent. Solicitor Ray Bogaty and Secretary Gina Smith were present. Detective Kevin Wherry in place of Police Chief Jason Newton and EMC Coordinator Joe Varga. Also present were Tax Collector David Pringle and Fire Chief Justin Barnes.

Comments from Residents/Taxpayers of Shenango Township: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Jim Stewart, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve the meeting minutes dated July 21, 2022. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Tom Hubert reported that we are on track with the Budget. There was a list of all the bank balances. Some budget categories will need to be corrected. All departments are on Budget. Tom stated that all department heads are doing a great job keeping everything under budget. A report of all the checking accounts were showing real time balances as of 8-18-2022. Tom Hubert will be putting the Budget together for 2023 and will have an extra meeting for the month of October. Tom Hubert made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Police Report: Detective Kevin Wherry gave the Police Report for August 18, 2022. They had 349 incidents, 90 of which were in the Boro of West Middlesex. 259 were in the Township. Most notable out of the 259 were 18 911 hang-ups, 31 Assists, 8 Motor Vehicle Accidents and 8 Suspicious Persons. As of 8-18-2022, Chief Newton had not received any Financials, therefore there were none to report. Tom Hubert noted that Chief Newton was a little over 50% last month which was normal and believes that he is on budget. Motion by Jim Stewart to approve the Police report, seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Road Report: Dan Rupert gave the Road report for August 18, 2022. They had 636 hours worked. They burnt brush piles, checked roads from high winds, and picked up limbs in the park. They replaced wax seals and bolts on toilets in the park. They cleaned up fallen trees and limbs, cleaned catch basin tops and patched holes on roads. They trimmed around guide rails, mowed, and trimmed the cemetery, township and park and fixed potholes on Frampton Road and at Cog softball field. They started to pressure wash the shed, painted the restrooms in the park, replaced slide shift locking plunger on the backhoe and piled #8 limestone. They mowed Hogback Creek, marked driveway pipes on Mitchell Road for replacement and picked up zoning signs. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Jim Stewart to approve the road report. All votes yes. Motion carried. Tom Hubert questioned the start of tar and chipping which will start the week after Labor Day (approx. 9-12-2022). Tom Hubert stated that the roads are put on a cycle to have all the roads taken care of. Dan Rupert stated that the patching of the roads this year will be to prepare us for next year. Scott Malenky questioned about the road agenda and what is on target to be done is still the plan. Dan Rupert stated that it is. Frampton Road should start the week of September 12, 2022 as well.

Fire Report: Justin Barnes gave the Fire report for the month of July, 2022. They had 22 total calls, 10 medical calls, 5 vehicle crashes, 1 fire alarm, 1 wire down and 2 reported building fires and 1 tree down. They had 2 mutual aides which were from New Wilmington. Tom Hubert thanked the fire department for their responded help for the fire at the Church of God Campground. Tom also mentioned that we provided the venue hall to the campground to hold their lunches and the campground did not have enough good things to say about the Fire Department and how professional they were in handling the fire. Tom Hubert mentioned that he will be posting a picture of the new ambulance and that will be going into service, between September 1 & 2, 2022. Tom Hubert mentioned that

Shenango Township will now have their own ambulance service and mentioned that throughout Mercer County, ambulance service is dwindling. Shenango Township also has a QRS which provides preliminary triage services as well. Tom Hubert stated that when you call 911, and you live on the West side of the township, make sure that you tell them that you are from Shenango Township, Mercer County or they will connect you to the Lawrence County Shenango Township instead of Mercer County. Fire Chief Justin Barnes thanked all the members of the Fire Department for their involvement. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve the Fire report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

New Business: Joe Varga also discussed the repair of both weather sirens with Mobile Com out of Meadville. Jeff Richardson was contacted about keeping the sirens where they are to benefit all residents in the Southeastern corner of the County. Joe Varga is hoping to have more to talk about within the next few weeks as the contact is on vacation. Tom Hubert stated that where the sirens are now, we would need to compensate the owner for the electric fee. Mobile Com is working on price details for Joe Varga. Joe Varga mentioned that Fire Chief Justin Barnes, Police Chief Jason Newton, as well as Joe Varga himself will be able to activate the sirens from their phones, radios, and computers. Dale Perry commented with a question asking if Hermitage will be able to be involved in that as well. Joe Varga said at this time Hermitage is choosing not to be involved in this but when this has all been set up, Joe will contact Hermitage to see if they are willing to change their minds. Sirens will be tested the first Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. Joe Varga also discussed the purchase of an ID Maker to have ids made up for the fire department and employees. Total cost of the ID Maker is \$3,335.69 Invoice # 3128822. Joe Varga is also asking for a laptop to run the ID Maker system, which he will oversee running the system, making the ID's, and getting them out to the employees. The system comes with 300 cards to supply enough to all employees of the township. This will give our residents added security knowing that we are from Shenango Township if we need to enter their homes. Tom Hubert made a motion to purchase the ID Maker from Invoice # 3128822 for \$3,335.69 and to allow EMC Joe Varga to purchase a laptop to run the system not to exceed the amount of \$1,500.00. Tom Hubert expressed that we were able to use the American Rescue Fund Monies to purchase the system. Motion seconded by Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion Carried.

Municipal Authority Report: Tom Hubert gave the report stating that a resident came in being just outside of the expansion area and needed to hook into the system. They were an elderly couple needing to move and would not be able to sell their home unless they would be able to hook into the system. They would use the utility right of way in the road and it would be their responsibility to have a contractor to do the work and then they would have a road bond with the township to go under Mitchell Road. They will be responsible for all fees involved. There will be one other home that will also be involved in hooking into the sewage system. Tom Hubert stated that the Authority is on Budget with the bills and progress is being made in getting generators put in by Spring of 2023 is the time frame of completion. There was discussion on West Middlesex share and the back taxes on the West Middlesex Sewer Authority for the belt press. The receipt bill will be sent to the Boro for their expense of the bill. They are hoping to have a meeting with the Middlesex Boro to discuss all matters in the near future. Expansion is not charged to the Boro but will be responsible for the upgrade to the facility to the plant. Motion by Tom Hubert to approve the Municipal Report, seconded by Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Cog: No COG Report

Planning Commission Report: Dale Perry stated that the Planning Commission suggests that we adopt the recommendations from the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission on the impact of the affected residents of the zoning changes. Dale stated that there is a gentleman with 63 acres that would like to build villas between Hermitage and Shenango Township. It will be a condo association where the owners will own property but will have everything taken care of maintenance wise. Tom Hubert made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Report, seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Jim Stewart stated that there was a conversation with Jeff Richardson that he is not able to approve permits because of the wording. It was stated by Solicitor Ray Bogaty, that the Planning Commission make a recommendation, Ray Bogaty would draw up an ordinance and it would be sent to the Regional Planning Commission for review, then a hearing would be set. Scott Malenky questioned what type of condos would be built and that if this was done in our Township what it could bring to our area.

MPO: No report

Animal Shelter Report: No meeting for the Animal Shelter but a Golf Outing Fundraiser had been scheduled to continue raising money for a new building.

Recreation Board: Tom Hubert gave the report for the Recreation Board. He spoke with Mark Longietti's office a few weeks ago regarding the grant for the park and that we should hear something by early October. Tom Hubert needed to submit a few more items which has been done. Tom Hubert feels very good about the grant monies coming in. The changes will be for a new hard surface for a pickleball court, a basketball court, a batting cage, a bocce area, and a play area for the children. There will also be pads to make areas wheelchair accessible and to fix up the playground equipment. Yvonne Hassell has asked to have the two front Arborvite trees cut down, so Tom Hubert and Dan Rupert will be looking into what is all involved with that. Tom also mentioned we are waiting for grant money to improve the park but will also be able to use the American Rescue Funds until we do get the grant. Tom noted that we will be bringing back the scarecrow event in the fall in conjunction with the Fire Department on October 15, 2022. We will have the event scheduled at the park from 12 to 3 with children's events, and the new ambulance will be on site for blood pressure checks and screenings. We will be looking for any organization that will want to also be a part of this event. Refreshments will be available as well. All monies collected will go towards the park for improvements. Tom Hubert made a motion to approve the Recreation report, seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes, motion carried.

Zoning Permits: Building permits included a garage (Levi Troyer), an Addition (Richard Evans), Roof mounted PV System (Brandi Carroll), as well as a Demolition Permit for a residential home for (Roger Garrett). Tom Hubert made a motion to approve the zoning & building permits, seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Handouts for correspondence included: a letter from the Mercer County Regional Planning regarding Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Proper Recycling of Bulky Waste, and updated information on the West Nile Virus in Mercer County.

OLD BUSINESS: Secretary Gina Smith discussed the update on the community room door explaining that we contacted Senator Michelle Brook's office, where they provided a form for the township to fill out. They were able to direct us on what grant may be available to the township for us to apply for. The township will be required to match somewhat of an awarded grant and that they also said that the American Rescue Fund monies help area communities in projects like the door installation. Tom Hubert mentioned that to apply for a grant, the township will need to have a plan project, must be approved by the supervisors and that a Resolution must

re available to use for that certain project. The Pennsylvania Community Grants are also available to apply for as well as Foundation monies, which are funds set aside from large businesses like Walmart, or Walgreens that

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also be approved before any of this can take place. Tom Hubert advised that Sherry Edmiston, our assistant secretary, investigate these various grants and in September we would establish a resolution to apply.

Dale Perry gave an update on the LSWM Swimming Pool Project. He stated that Mercer County did a feasibility study on the pool. Dale talked about raising the number of monies for the contributing areas from 3500.00 a year to 4050.00 a year. He also spoke of renovating areas of the pool with pledged monies from the area communities like shaded areas, the consession area and the building itself. Tom Hubert questioned about the infrastructure of the pool and asked if there was going to include a study on that as well as he was notified by the people who maintain the pool quoted that all of that needed to be gutted out and replaced. Dale Perry was hopeful that when the study comes out, it will look at the complete facility and upgrades needed and will make a recommendation on what needs done to improve and Tom Hubert also felt that he would have no problem contributing to upgrade the pool if the County was involved and contributing as well. Tom Hubert stated that at the September 2022 meeting that we would make a motion to contribute 10,000 dollars of the American Rescue Fund Money to help the LSWM pool.

Tom Hubert made a motion, seconded by Scott Malenky to have the property at 447 Mitchell Road demolished and the property reclaimed per the estimate of \$3,650.00 by Greenawalt Excavating to be added to the September, 2022 township agenda. Tom Hubert made a motion, to have the property at 4190 New Castle Road demolished and the property reclaimed per the estimate of \$5,600.00 by Greenawalt Escavating to be added to the September, 2022 township agenda. Residents, Laura Laurain & Bob Cheney questioned about the demolition of 4190 New Castle Road and asked if after the demolition took place can the resident build another home on that property. Solicitor Ray Bogaty explained that there would be a lien on the property that will need satisfied before anything can be built.

Updates on 830 & 836 Wheatland Road is to go forward with the court dates for which we are waiting.

Resident Laura Laurain questioned the property on 17 Grange. Gina Smith explained that the letter sent to clean up the property was cleared. The resident stated that the property has not been cleaned up and that we need to contact Jeff Richardson again. Laura also thanked the road department for cleaning up the graffiti on the road.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Hubert made a motion to approve Resolution #6-2022 for a single residence sewage treatment facility for Brian & Lisa Eastlick, 83 Koncar Road, seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert made a motion to table Resolution #5-2022, Police Services between West Middlesex Area School District and Shenango Township, seconded by Jim Stewart, until the September, 2022 Township meeting.

Dale Perry wants to improve the appearance of the township as people enter the township.

Bills: Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve payment of the bills from July 21, 2022 to August 18, 2022. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Jim Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

