

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, Tom Hubert, Dale Perry, and Mike Weiser. Scott Malenky arrived at 6:40pm. Solicitor Ray Bogaty and Secretary Gina Smith were present. Police Chief Jason Newton and EMC Coordinator Joe Varga present. Also present were Tax Collector David Pringle, Zoning Officer Jeff Richardson, Dan Rupert Road Department and Fire Chief Justin Barnes.

Comments from Residents/Taxpayers of Shenango Township: none

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approve Minutes from August 18, 2022. Motion by Mike Weiser, seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Tom Hubert gave the report. He reported that the American Rescue Funds total was \$234,808.92. It was deposited into the general fund and was transferred into the American Rescue Fund account, to help track the money. He gave the report on all account totals. Tom Hubert stated that we are on budget. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Police Report: Jason Newton gave the police report. They had 26-911 calls, 6- 911 hang ups. There were 35 assists and 5 vehicle accidents. Total incidents were 288 for Shenango Township and 81 for West Middlesex. The total for the month were 369 calls. They used 6.8% of the budget for the month leaving 42.7% for the year. Chief Newton noted that they still have some big purchases that they are waiting for currently. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried. Tom Hubert added that they are hiring a new police officer. Chief Newton stated that the new officer went through an extensive screening process, and he was the best candidate for hire.

EMC Report – New Business: Joe Varga gave the report. He reported that they had received the ID machine. He is 60% through the fire department and has all the police pictures taken. However, they did not receive their ID's yet as he has had technical issues. He will be working on the problem this week and hopes to get to the supervisors and road crew soon.

Joe Varga received pricing for the sirens. There are three bids. One siren will be kept at the old social center. The owner of the business does not have an issue with the siren staying there. The bids received are from Mobil Com. There are three quotes. Two are for the sirens totaling \$4,358 each. The other quote is for the movement of the repeaters from the fire bay to the shed. The total to move the repeaters is \$6,937. Tom Hubert explained that they needed moved because they are exposed in the fire truck bay and would be more accessible and sheltered in the shed. This is considered for community safety, so Tom Hubert recommends that they use the American Rescue Funds. Tom Hubert made the motion to accept the three quotes from Mobil Com to activate the siren stations for the weather sirens and for the movement of the repeaters into the shed and to use American Rescue Funds. Seconded by Scott Malenky. Dan Rupert asked how the electrical work would be done. Joe Varga said that is not part of the quote and would need done separately. Mike Weiser said that the electricity needs to run off the generator. Joe Varga said that there is an electric supply that is no longer used by the fire department that could be moved into the shed. Joe Varga has the specifications needed to move the repeaters. Tom Hubert said that the electrical work should be done by the company who installed the electrical work on the new building. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Open Meeting Statement read by Tom Hubert: The supervisors met on August 29, 2022 to discuss the police contract regarding the West Middlesex School District for our officers to work in the school.

Fire Report: Justin Barnes gave the report. He said that they had 24 incidents for the month. They included 1 medical assist, 3 fire alarms, 2 building fires, 12 medical calls, 1 odor of natural gas, 1 EMC, 1 service call, and 1 vehicle crash. The ambulance has been put into service. It has had three calls. They have been staffed since 9-9-22. Anyone can stop and see them. The fire station needs Wi-Fi extended into the fire station. Tom Hubert said that we will call Cross It. The ambulance will be at the Fall Festival, completing blood pressure checks. Motion by Scott Malenky, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Road Report: Dan Rupert gave the road report. They worked 580 hours. They cleaned the catch basins and cross pipe ends. They burnt brush piles, checked the road from high winds, cleaned up fallen trees and patched holes on the roads. They trimmed around guide rails, mowed, and trimmed the cemetery, township, and park. They swept the roads with the street sweeper, mowed Hogback Creek and piled #8 limestone for sealing roads. They chipped Elliot, Habarka, Hnida, Paul, Pullam, Jimro and Price Shaffer Roads. They recycled Frampton Road and double sealed it. They greased the loader and backhoe and replaced two driveway pipes on Mitchell Road. They cleaned gutters and down spouts on the fire station. They also put 120 feet of 12-inch pipe on Gilkey road. Completed 24 hours of mowing roads. Motion by Jim Stewart, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

COG Report: None

Planning Commission Report: Jim Stewart gave the report. He reported that they went over the proposed changes. They recommended that they reconsider some of the changes. They sent them off to regional planning. Ray Bogaty stated that he wanted to look them over before Regional Planning. They will need parcel numbers of the properties that they want to change. Motion Dale Perry, seconded Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

MPO Report: None

Animal Shelter Report: Tom Hubert gave the report. They are trying to get funding to get the new shelter started. The shelter is always full. The Animal Control Officer is working. They get a lot of calls. The funding is key to the project. They are down scaling the facility to get the project done sooner. They are on budget. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Permits: Jeff Richardson gave a report. He reported on five properties. 10 Grange Road was inspected and sent a notice of violation on 8/8/22. There was no response, so they sent an order to show cause. The next step is a criminal complaint due on 9/25/2022. 40 Grange was filed with the magistrate on July 21, 2022. Mr. Byler plead guilty, and Mrs. Byler had not submitted a plea. On September 21, 2022 they are due for a follow-up. Once they have plead guilty, they refile with the courts instead of going through all the steps if they don't comply. 54 Grange Road has the DEP involved and no other violations were found so there will be no case on them. 836 Wheatland Road has been a notorious case. The defendants plead guilty on August 24, 2022. He has seen a lot of progress on the case. He spoke to the Stires and the gentleman living on the property. The goal would be to not issue another criminal complaint contingent on them selling the property to Matthew Carroll. It is going to be a tricky process but if they comply, they will be given time to make the sale. 830 Wheatland Road has been issued a notice of violation. A tree fell on the property and has been deemed unsafe and needs demolished. Mr. Sessoms has asked for two extensions in the past. His daughter is getting a power of attorney as Mr. Sessoms is ill and unable to do anything. His daughter is very willing to comply and is working to get the property demolished. Tom Hubert asked about Tim Heasley on New Castle Road. Jeff Richardson answered that he is currently staying in a camper on the property because he has Covid and is quarantining. Jeff said that he will be checking back in two weeks. They will be discussing the property further in executive session. Tom Hubert questioned the apartment building on Besco. Jeff Richardson was there recently and found no code violations. He did find cats everywhere. He did not go inside as he needs invited in. A tenant would need to make a complaint and invite Jeff in. The apartments on Mitchell Road have been visited many times. When

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forced, he will comply. He is in violation now. He was fined and the case was closed. Jeff Richardson offered to see Mr. Harkless and talk to him about making the changes so we don't need to take him to court again. Ms. Roqueplot asked if 836 was issued a fine. Jeff Richardson answered that he was in an amount just under \$500. She also wanted clarification on the Stires not having another complaint issued as they are working to sell the property. Jeff Richardson answered yes. She asked if they could sell on land contract. Jeff Richardson answered yes that it was legal to sell under land contract. They cannot sell under violation unless Mr. Carroll accepted all the violations. He would have to get all the violations lifted and be issued an occupancy permit. If he let the permit expire, then he would be back where they started. They have requested to get the power turned on. That cannot happen until he has corrected the violations and met all the requirements. Dave Pringle commented that the township is spending a lot of money and things aren't getting done. He suggested that we hire a zoning officer to cover the zoning. He said that a lot of properties are in non-compliance and not being dealt with. He suggested that an independent zoning officer would be able to send letters and get some of the properties cleaned up without paying for all the filings. Tom Hubert said that a lot of townships use an outside agency because they have the expertise and staff to deal with the filings. Tom Hubert offered to look into the money being spent and to go over it. Mike Weiser agreed that he would rather not pay all the money that we are currently paying.

Zoning and Building Permits: Deck with a roof, garage addition, deck, 16x32 inground pool, sunroom, and variance approval for a garage. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Recreation Board Report: Tom Hubert gave the report. The board has met twice. The scarecrow contest is ongoing. There will be prize money awarded for the scarecrows that comes from donations. The winners will be announced at the Fall Festival on October 15, 2022. The Fall Festival will include a reptile show, food, tractor rides, obstacle courses, fire & police vehicles, and personnel. They are waiting to get word from the park grant to start work. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Tom Hubert gave the report. The Mountain Research Report will be on the table in the conference room for anyone that wants to read it. We received an approval letter for the Jellison sewage module. The scarecrow contest form and vendor applications were acknowledged. There is a special collection recycling event in Jefferson Township (fliers available at Shenango Township Building). 2022 PSATS Ballot to be voted on.

Old Business: Tom Hubert made a motion to accept Resolution #5 - agreement between the police department and West Middlesex School District for police services in 2022. Seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert made a motion to approve Resolution #7 - the demolishing of 447 Mitchell Road for \$3,650 and 4190 New Castle Road for \$5,600. Seconded by Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert made a motion to make a \$10,000 donation to the West Middlesex Pool. Seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion Carried.

New Business:

There will be a Special Budget meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 4, 2022 at 6:30 at the Shenango Township Building. Motion Tom Hubert, seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert made a motion to use and establish a website by Forward Trends LLC., for a cost of \$3,000. There will be a \$40 fee monthly also. The American Rescue Funds will be used. Seconded by Dale Perry. Tom Hubert suggested looking at the Shenango Township website in Lawrence County and the New Wilmington School District websites done by Forward Trends also. All the different departments will be listed with their offered services. The \$3,000 covers his work to set it up and training the staff. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert made a motion to set trick-or-treat hours for October 31 from 5-7pm. Seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert made a motion, seconded by Scott Malenky, to get a new desktop computer and server for the administration office. All votes yes. Motion carried. Tom Hubert asked to get quotes on the computer and server from Cross It.

Mike Weiser made a motion, seconded by Tom Hubert to hire a new fulltime police officer with wages and benefits per the police contract. The new hire is Officer Anthony Dibello. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Payment of bills: Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Scott Malenky, to pay the bills from August 19, 2022 to September 15, 2022. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Dates to Note:

Trick-or-Treat October 31, 2022 from 5-7pm.

Fall Festival - October 15, 2022 12-3pm at the Township Park

Tax Collector Office Hours @ the Township Building - September 19-22 from 11am to 3:45 pm & September 28-30 from 11am to 3:45pm.

Shenango Township Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast - Saturday October 27, 2022. Doors open at 7am at the West Middlesex Kedron Lodge.

Sewer Meeting is September 20, 2022 at the township building at 6:30pm.

Adjournment:

Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.