

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

Supervisors present: Jim Stewart, Scott Malenky, Tom Hubert, Mike Weiser, Dale Perry. Solicitor Ray Bogaty, Secretary Gina Smith, Police Chief Jason Newton, EMC Coordinator Joe Varga, Road Crew Supervisor Dan Rupert, Fire Chief Justin Barnes were also present.

**Comments from Residents/Taxpayers of Shenango Township:** No comments

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Motion by Scott Malenky, seconded by Mike Weiser to approve minutes dated November 17, 2022. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**Staff Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Hubert gave the report. He went over the park grant payment. The budget is basically done. The income statement was given. The general fund working went to pay for the park. We did not have to use the savings. Payroll draws from that account so monies must be kept in that account. Liquid fuels has a good dollar amount in it right now. That will go down with the purchase of needed machinery for the road department. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**Police Report:** Jason Newton gave the police report. He reported 7- 911 hang ups, 37 assists, and 5 vehicle accidents. 224 total calls total for Shenango Township. 99 total calls for West Middlesex. Bringing the total for calls to 323 for the month of November. Chief Newton didn't have financial numbers to report. Motion to accept by Mike Weiser. Seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**Fire Report:** Chief Justin Barnes gave the report for November. They had 50 incidents total. The calls included 34 medical calls, 20 transport, 5 mutual aid, 5 vehicle crashes, 1 brush fire, 1 vehicle fire, and one tree down. Chief Barnes read a letter praising the EMT's and acknowledging how professional and helpful they have been. Motion by Mike Weiser, seconded by Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**Road Report:** Dan Rupert gave the report. He reported that they worked 436 hours total. The work included: checking roads for high winds, picked up limbs and fallen trees. They also cleaned leaves from ditches with street sweeper, checked and salted roads, dumped trucks out and cleaned up. They picked up leaves in the parking lot with sweeper, maintained trucks, sharpened chainsaw chains, and burned brush piles. They changed fuels filters on 1-ton, put gravel path into the park, picked up pipe for Wilson Rd. and picked up snow blower. They had 12 hours mowing, 25 hours of snow removal, and 48 hours cutting brush. Motion by Dale Perry. Seconded by Mike Weiser. The diesel tank had issues. It has been resolved. All votes yes, motion carried.

**EMC Report:** Joe Varga gave the report. He stated that on November 22 the work was completed on the shed. A lock with a code will be installed on the shed. Joe Varga is looking to determine which one to use. Tuesday December 20, 2022 Joe Varga attended the Hazard Mitigation Meeting in Hermitage , PA. Papers were passed out with opportunities for the township. Joe Varga shared the information with Chief Barnes, Chief Newton, and Dan Rupert. Joe Varga shared some of the ideas that were brought up at the meeting. He is still getting the ID's completed for the entire township. Motion by Mike Weiser, seconded by Jim Stewart. Mike Weiser is having a heater installed in the shed. It will run off a battery if the power goes out. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**Municipal Authority Report:** No report.

**COG Report:** Dale Perry meet with COG staff. The study did not score well for COG. The match was not secure. There were missing letters on the application. They are trying to make COG more effective for all the members. They are having a meeting to dig deeper into the issues. Motion Jim Stewart, seconded by Scott Malenky. The pool has increased what they are asking for. They are asking for \$25,000 fee. Lackawannock has pulled out and is no longer paying. Tom Hubert wants them to apply for grants and try to get money to move the pool forward. The administrative fee of \$25,000 would be split two ways now. The new director is trying to offset the costs. The way it is set up now the Township and West Middlesex are paying 100% of the pool fees, which does not seem fair since we do not use it that much. The COG fields are in disarray. Hermitage and Wheatland are both contributing. The fields need taken over and maintained. They could have a public partnership. Tom Hubert wants to eliminate COG and take over the fields. It could become part of the recreation committee. Mike Weiser mentioned having a gate put up to protect the fields. Dale Perry wants to do all that we can to keep the pool going since it is an asset to the community. Chief Newton noted that the new director is trying to catch up on the fees that needed to be increased over the years. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission Report:** Dale Perry gave the report. They discussed the 75-acre property. Mercer County Regional Planning voted them down. The Planning Commission voted to recommend to the supervisors that they make a residential 55-acre plan to go forward. They want to let the sewer authority go ahead with their improvements. They also approved the pump station. Motion to accept by Jim Stewart, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**MPO Report:** Dale Perry gave the report. They voted down the 75-acre property. Dale Perry voted yes. They are coming to look at 376 and 18. They are looking to make it safer. Motion Scott Malenky, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**Animal Shelter Report:** Tom Hubert gave the report. They applied for a grant to get their new building built. Chief Newton said that they have had issues with dogs. The shelter is full and cannot take anymore animals. Chief Newton is not comfortable taking animals down there when they do not have access to food and water. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**Recreation Board:** Tom Hubert gave the report. The tree keeps getting messed up with the contractors coming through. The project is coming along. There is a new box on the shed. There is a \$92,000 payment still due when the work gets done. They are filling up the skating rink tomorrow. They have picked up the snowblower and it takes special gas so that needs a special can just for the snowblower. Motion Tom Hubert, seconded Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**Zoning Permits:** none

**Correspondence:**

Theodore Henderson applied for a small flow facility.  
Misquote and tick's pamphlet offering information

**Old Business:** Ray Bogaty went over the plan with the Planning Commission. It does have a provision to reduce the plan from 75 to 55-acres. There will need to be a hearing in February. There are 21 properties that will need notified. Tom Hubert made a motion to allow Ray Bogaty to authorize the solicitor to proceed with notice of zoning changes to Mercer County Regional Planning, scheduling of a public hearing, and to proceed with other appropriate posting and notice for the public hearing. Jana Stover wants a copy of the changes. Ray Bogaty said that he will make sure that she gets a copy. Motion Thomas Hubert, seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

They established rates for the park for 2023. Tom Hubert wants to take the entire park out and make it all pavilions. The restrooms need to get sewer pumped out every week. They want to run a sewer line to avoid the pumping fee. The large pavilion would be \$75.00 for residents and \$97.50 for non-residents. The small pavilion will be \$37.50 for residents and \$52.50 for non-residents. It will be \$150.00 for residents to rent all the pavilions and \$202.50 for non-residents. The wording will now be to rent all the pavilions, not the entire park as residents may want to use the court during an event. Motion Tom Hubert, seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Ray Bogaty spoke about the Tax Appeal for Clear Green Investments, LLC. He stated that we are a minor player in the appeal. We will need another appraisal to settle the appeal. No action needs to be taken.

Tom Hubert made a motion to adopt the 2023 Budget for \$2,353,112.77. Seconded by Scott Malenky. There is a rollover for the 2024 budget. There is an increase for the shelter. The pool has asked for more money also. There is money set aside to do maintenance. Roll Call vote Jim Stewart-yes, Scott Malenky-yes, Tom Hubert-yes, Mike Weiser-yes, Dale Perry-yes. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert made the motion to adopt resolution number #10 of 2022 whereas it be enacted that the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Shenango County of Mercer Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that a tax hereby be levied so all real property within the township for the fiscal year as follows tax rate for general for 11mills and 3 mills for fire protection. For a sum of .14 cents on each one hundred dollars. LST tax is \$52 per year and per capita tax for 5 dollars. Any resolution conflicting will be appealed. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Jim Stewart. Roll Call vote Scott Malenky-yes, Tom Hubert-yes, Mike Weiser-yes, Dale Perry- yes and Jim Stewart-yes. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Adopt Resolution #11 of 2022 setting discounts and penalties for Real Estate and Per Capita Taxes for 2023. The following set discount for the first 2 months, next two months are face value. After 4 months a 10% penalty will be issued. Roll Call vote- Tom Hubert-yes, Mike Weiser-yes, Dale Perry-yes, Jim. Stewart-yes, and Scott Malenky-yes. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert made a motion to name the large pavilion “The Hassell Pavilion” to acknowledge all of her hard work and perseverance to make the park what it is today. Seconded Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert made a motion to approve advertising the Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 3, 2023 @ 6:30 PM. Auditor’s meeting Wednesday, January 4, 2023 @ 6:30 PM. Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2023@ 6:00 PM. All meetings will be held at the township building. Seconded Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom McCosby has sent his fee schedule. They want Ray Bogaty to look over Tom McCosby and Jeff Richardson’s new fee schedule. Tom Hubert made a motion to table the discussion. Seconded by Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

The old School House has a lien placed on it. If it is ever sold, we will get the monies refunded. 4190 New Castle Road is being bought by the Shenango Township Fire Department. The money for demolition will be repaid when the sale goes through.

**Dates to Note:**

Office closed December 23 & 26, 2022 in observance of the Christmas Holiday

Office closed January 2, 2023 in observance of the New Year’s Holiday

**Payment of bills:** Motion by Scott Malenky, seconded by Jim Stewart to approve payment of bills from November 18, 2022, through December 15, 2022. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

**TOWNSHIP OF SHENANGO, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Resolution #10 of 2022**

Be it resolved and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Shenango, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that a tax be and same is hereby levied so all Real Property within the Township of Shenango subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2023 as follows:

Tax rate for General the sums of 11 mills and 3.0 mills for Fire Protection of assessed valuation or the sum of .14 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, LST tax of \$52.00, and Per Capita tax of \$5.00.

That any resolution or part of resolution conflicting with this Resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this resolution adopted the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.



Tom Hubert-Chairperson



Secretary



Michael Weiser



Dale Perry



Jim Stewart



Scott Malenky

**TOWNSHIP OF SHENANGO, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**


**Resolution #11 of 2022**

Resolution to set the following discounts and penalties on Real Estate and Per Capita taxes for 2023.

- A. Two months from date of notice – 2% discount
- B. Next two months from date of notice – face
- C. After four months from date of notice – 10% penalty

  
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