

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 & Dale Perry. Mike Weiser was absent. Solicitor Ray Bogaty, Secretary Gina Smith, Police Chief Jason Newton, Fire Department President Earl Butterfield, Tax Collector David Pringle, and Road Foreman Dan Rupert. Fire Chief Justin Barnes attended later.

Comments from Residents/Taxpayers of Shenango Township:

Mr. Brad Mantzel, Director of Gilbert's Insurance Agency, attended the meeting and brought in a safety dividend in the amount of \$8,752.55 of which the Municipal Authority will receive a percentage.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion by Jim Stewart, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve the minutes dated February 16, 2023. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Tom Hubert gave the report. He listed the account balances separately. The American Rescue Fund account has \$40,327.02 of which \$10,000.00 is being kept to go for the West Middlesex Swimming Pool. He noted that the Housing Rehab account previously had \$1746.00 of which has come down as someone has fulfilled an obligation and the balance now is \$746.00. Tom Hubert stated that we had less revenue than expenses which is normal and stated there would be money coming in about April from the tax collector from real estate taxes. Dan Rupert asked for the balances in the state accounts and Tom Hubert stated that we would be transferring money from State savings into the checking. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Jim Stewart to approve the Treasurers report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Police Report:

Chief Newton gave the police report. 271 incidents from the township for the month of February. 108 were from the West Middlesex Boro for a total of 379. Chief Newton stated they have used 5.6 of the Budget, which the chief stated was low, but there were dollars that were turned in late from the school. Motion by Scott Malenky, seconded by Dale Perry to approve the police report. All votes yes. Motion carried. Chief Newton stated that both older police cruisers will be finally sold. Dale Perry wants to keep one of those vehicles to put at the school for the township and school attendees to observe. Tom Hubert mentioned that the school will need to approve that, and Chief Newton will need to check into that.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Justin Barnes was not yet at the meeting to read the report. Tom Hubert decided to table this discussion until Chief Barnes arrived. Fire Department President, Earl Butterfield stated that they are quickly moving forward to secure the property for their new Fire Station and discussed the fact that they will need our help when the time arrives for applying for any permits needed. He stated that the ambulance is also quite busy. Chief Barnes gave the report. They had 60 total incidents. 36 were medical, 30 transferred, 9 mutual aids, 3 fire assists, 1 house fire, 5 vehicles, 2 brush fires, and one smoke investigation. Motion by Tom Hubert. Seconded Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

EMC Report:

Joe Varga gave the EMC report. Joe reported that March 25, 2023, he will be trying to finish up with the IDs for all the remaining employees that still do not have them. He stated roughly between 11am to 3pm would be the time frame. Joe updated on the sirens and said that Mobile Com contacted him and said the controllers were shipped and would be here in roughly two weeks and he said we are ahead of schedule in completing the job. The other siren will be taken to the new building and as long as where it is now is ok to keep, it will then be moved to the new building. Scott Malenky asked if there would be a makeup date and Joe Varga said yes. Motion to accept the EMC report by Jim Stewart, seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Road Report:

Road foreman Dan Rupert gave the report. 626 hours worked. 324 Hours of road maintenance. 112 hours of vehicle maintenance. 20 hours of snow removal. 84 hours of township and park maintenance. 86 hours of cutting brush. Motion by Scott Malenky, seconded by Jim Stewart to accept the road report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Municipal Authority Report:

There was no report but Tom Hubert stated that the Municipal Authority meeting is after our meeting but did give an update on the phases of the sewer construction. As follows per the Shenango Township Municipal Authority Consent and Order Agreement: As of February 28, 2023, all phases of the STMA Sanitary Sewage Improvement Project are substantially complete. As noted in COA Progress Report No. 46 (October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022), the SDADA system at the wastewater treatment plant is not yet complete. Road foreman Dan Rupert verified that Phase 3 was complete and Tom Hubert stated yes.

COG Report:

Dale Perry stated there was no report. Tom Hubert mentioned that we budgeted \$15,000 for 2023 to put to the swimming pool. As mentioned earlier in the minutes, there will be \$10,000 from the American Rescue Funds that is possibly going to be matched by the county. Lackawanna Township is meeting to see what they will be able to assist with. Motion Tom Hubert, seconded Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report:

No meeting

MPO Report: Dale Perry gave the report. Dale Perry gave information about tracking President Biden's Infrastructure bill. He went over how much was being delegated to different groups. He wants the money to come to Pennsylvania. Motion Dale Perry. Seconded Scott Malenky.

Animal Shelter Report: Tom Hubert that they received a \$425,000 grant for the building. They are looking to apply the money to the project. The main thing is that they need to make room for cats. Tom Hubert made the motion. Dale Perry seconded. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Recreation Board: No meeting. Thanks to the road crew for putting away the ice rink.

Zoning Permits: one swimming pool

Correspondence: DEP sent a letter about making sure people get permits if moving a lot of soil for a project.

The Warm Project is about helping people get their homes better ready to save them money on their bill. The information is available in the office.

Small Flow Treatment information is available.

Tri-County sent a letter not wanting to continue the contract. The last contract was negotiated by COG. We went in with other townships to get a better price. There is a new carrier that might be available.

PSATS gave notice that our dues are increasing.

The Fun Walk is being held in Mercer County. It is a national project. They are trying to get as many people as possible.

North West Commission is offering a program with LTAP about controlling run off.

Old Business: Motion Scott Malenky to authorize the solicitor to advertise the zoning ordinance 188203. Seconded Jim Stewart. The Planning Commission has approved it. Scott Malenky asked what changes were made. Industrial was changed to Commercial for the wording. Sowers property was changed to commercial. The information is listed on the website under ordinances. Jim Stewart asked when it would be done. They said it would be done at the next meeting. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Dale Perry put together some information for the EV. The state parks believe it is in their best interest to put in chargers. Some residents were using them. Dale Perry said it would be \$6,000 per station. There are grants available. Tom Hubert went over information that he gathered including that we have 51 electric cars in Mercer County currently. If we did a charging station here, we would need to look for a different grant.

New Business:

Tom Hubert made the motion to approve Gina Smith and Dan Rupert to get the application filled out to get parts for the street sweeper. Seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Hubert to accept the pumper/hauler applications for Dalton and Sly sewer. Seconded Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Hubert to approve resolution 3 of 2023 for Karen Auman sewer extension. Seconded Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Hubert to table the resolution regarding health care for the supervisors until everyone can share their thoughts. Seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Hubert to assign parking spaces for the Ecommerce exchange and custody drop off. This is for a safe space with surveillance that can give them a place for drop off. The only cost is the signs. Seconded Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Hubert to approve resolution 4 of 2023 Fire Department Activities. This will include bike runs, car cruises, boot drives, car washes, craft shows, dinners, flea market, mailing campaign, open house, parades, picnics, raffles, Thanksgiving and Christmas Auctions, golf outing. Seconded Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding to the police contract that allows new hires to start higher on the contract pay scale. Motion by Tom Hubert. Seconded Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Hubert to allow Chief Newton to advertise the used police cruisers and give Chief Newton necessary title transfers. Seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Hubert that on an emergency basis allow the West Middlesex Boro to use the backhoe using the same terms as rental and use as done by the Municipal Authority. Seconded Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Dale Perry would like to create a new seal that has a big bowl of thistle to recognize our heritage.

They went into executive session at 8:05 and returned at 8:18.

Motion by Tom Hubert to allow our solicitor to negotiate the terms of the appeal agreement with the Red Roof Inn. Seconded Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Dale Perry got an estimate to add the door and sidewalk into the hall. The estimate is \$10,350.

Payment of bills: Motion by Jim Stewart to pay the bills February 17, 2023 through March 16, 2023. Seconded Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Dale Perry. Seconded Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried.