

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. Solicitor Ray Bogaty, Fire Chief Justin Barnes, Seargent Detective Kevin Wherry, Road Supervisor Dan Rupert, Tax Collector David Pringle, County Commissioner Candidate Jim McClusky, and Ann Coleman. Supervisor Mike Weiser was absent.

Public Comments: Mark & Linda Kravevich, 21 Metz Road, West Middlesex, PA are seeking a solution to a newly emerged water problem by where the water has surfaced and ponded on and around their property possibly caused by the new sewer lines that were installed recently. Residents feel that there was negligence by all involved installing the sewer lines and are asking for a solution where the township can get involved and fix the problem. Dan Rupert, Township Road Foreman has been to the property to inspect and address on behalf of the Township and feels that to rectify the problem, there should be a 4-to-5-foot ditch installed on his property, but this will divert the water issue to the far end of his property towards Route 80. Chairman Tom Hubert mentioned from the Municipal Authority meeting that a possible dry well could be installed but Dan Rupert could not comment on that as he was not aware of that. Tom Hubert also asked if there was some type of disturbance to the earth when the contractor was performing the installation of the lines, possibly a spring. Dan Rupert commented that there is a spring underneath that when the lines were put in the spring would flow the water into the main line and when Mark and Linda Kravevich's sewer line was hooked in there was a seepage starting at that point. Dan Rupert did say that the water is starting to reach the resident's basement at this point. The water is seeping out at the lowest point of the resident's property. The resident is not sure a ditch would solve the problem but did say a possible well may. Tom Hubert has agreed to get Road Master Mike Weiser, Foreman Dan Rupert along with MS Consultants and Rudzik Excavating to rectify the water problem.

Minutes: Motion by Scott Malenky to approve the June 15, 2023 minutes, seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Hubert gave the report. He went over the balances for all Township accounts. Tom Hubert stated the asphalt paving is done but has not received a bill yet and that amount is roughly \$87,000.00 and will come from the Capital Reserve Account. There will be a transfer from the Capital Reserve to the General Fund to pay the paving company. He explained the revenue and income statement of what was done throughout the month and from year to date and against the budget and it also showed the expenses, and everything looked to be on track. He stated that the money looked a little over in a few accounts, but we did not have the mower budgeted but had the funds to pay for that. Early September, Tom Hubert will call a special meeting to start the budget process for the 2024 year. He also stated that the Liquid Fuels statement was also included. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Scott Malenky, seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes, motion carried.

Police Report: Seargent Detective Kevin Wherry gave the police report. Total calls for the Police Department were 415. 335 were in Shenango Township, 80 were in the West Middlesex Borough. 57 Traffic stops, 31 assist calls and 10 warrant services. \$36,189.52 was used from

the budget year to date. Motion to approve the police report by Dale Perry, seconded by Scott Malenky. Mrs. Lawhead spoke up and asked if there had been any arrests of a burglary earlier this year and Detective Kevin Wherry stated there had not been any arrests on that matter. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Justin Barnes gave the report. 38 medical, 6 motor vehicle crashes, 3 tree/wire downs, 2 brush fires, 2 fire alarms, 2 building fires, 1 odor investigation, and 1 Haz-mat. Total fire calls were 17 and total ambulance calls were 38 – Total for the month were 55. Motion to accept the fire report by Scott Malenky, seconded by Jim Stewart. Justin Barnes stated that the car show was very successful this year. He announced about the future golf outing coming up in August. Justin also mentioned from the West Middlesex Borough meeting that they would like for Shenango Township to provide Ambulance services to the Borough. Tom Hubert stated that the supervisor’s board would need to agree on an inter-governmental agreement between the township and the borough. Tom Hubert stated that Solicitor Bogaty and Solicitor Tesone for the borough will need to work on the agreement. Tom Hubert also stated that there will need to be a cost value drawn up to receive from the Borough because we will be using taxpayer dollars and will need some type of payment. All votes yes, motion carried.

EMC Report: No report but Shenango Township did receive their FEMA letter on Hazard Mitigation information.

Road Report: Road Foreman Dan Rupert gave the report. 941 hours worked. 615 hours of road maintenance. 32 hours of vehicle maintenance. 294 hours Township and park maintenance. Motion by Jim Stewart, seconded by Dale Perry to approve the road report. Jim Stewart questioned why part of the grass towards the main road of the park was higher than the other. Dan Rupert stated that he did not want to use the mower towards the newly chipped road while we had extremely high temperatures and would wait until the temperature had gone down to get the rest of the grass mowed. Jim Stewart also questioned the dirt pile going into the road department area and Dan Rupert explained that they were millings, and his intention is to get that removed towards the fall. Dan Rupert’s main goal was to focus on the roads. Tom Hubert thanked the road department for the hard work. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Municipal Authority Report: Scott Malenky gave the report. He announced that there were a few extensions given. He states that if there were any sewer problems to contact the department or come to the meeting so that they could work through those things. Many Oak Tree residents were at the meeting which is still in litigation so nothing at this time to post. There are some updates needing to be taken care of at the sewer authority and they are waiting on the plant manager with a list of what needs to be done. Possible PennVest loan in the future to take care of the updates. Scott mentioned that they needed to get with the West Middlesex Borough as they are involved as well. Tom Hubert stated that they were able to collect from the larger property owners for sewer bills, one significantly that owed roughly \$10,000.00. The sewer department is trying to work with owners to get them to pay their bills in a timely manner. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve the Municipal Authority Report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

COG Report: Dale Perry gave the report. Dale stated that the meeting consisted of 9 pool representatives. Dale stated that the main problem, still in effect, was the leaking of the water and they are still waiting to hear from the repair personnel. They are filling the pool with 3,000 gallons of water a day and Brian Foster, another pool committee member cannot get in contact with anyone to detect the leak. The main focus is the water problem, and they are looking into a possible grant from the DCNR for possible improvements. Motion by Dale Perry to approve the report, seconded by Scott Malenky. Tom Hubert questioned what was done with the funds given by the Township. Tom Hubert asked about the shade they were providing, and Dale Perry explained about the spending of the money accumulated vs what they would get grant wise. Dale stated that they were holding off to spend the money at this time. Dale also wanted a sign to put up and at that point, Jen Coulter stated the sign was made and was to be delivered the next day. Dale Perry stated that Brian Foster would still manage the pool and the nine members from Lackawannock, West Middlesex, and Shenango Township would financially spend funds as they see fit. Tom Hubert did ask Dale for a monthly spending report of the pool financials to be given to the Township Office. Jen Coulter spoke about the leak test appointment and there are two dates, August 7th to come and check to see why and where the pool is leaking and if they were not able to do this on the 7th it would be August 14th. Scott Malenky asked who the third member of the pool committee is, and Dale replied that Bob Collins is that member. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report: No meeting, no report.

MPO Report: No meeting but Dale Perry spoke about a 2.7-million-dollar grant for Route 18 from Romain Road to Route 760 for paving, drainage, ADA accessibility, and guard rail installation. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Tom Hubert to approve the MPO report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Animal Shelter Report: Tom Hubert stated there was no meeting but a few updates: A golf outing is scheduled for the first weekend in August. Tom mentioned that they are still working on the building and possibly looking for a building that is up already that can be renovated. The center is still overrun with cats, and they have been fostering out so that the animals can be taken care of. Tom Hubert stated that there are several programs available to get your dogs and cats spayed and neutered.

Recreation Board: Tom Hubert gave the report. The paths have been put in and the Road Department has been filling them in. The big gray area back in the park will be where the ice skating rink will be put. The flagpole needs to be installed and there is painting that still needs to be completed. The cameras have been purchased and we are waiting for Cross IT to get Wi-Fi to the park and then we can start mounting the cameras. The police department and Tom Hubert has been visiting the park frequently for loud music, foul language, and trash pickup. Signs are being installed with rules and when the park closes. The park dedication is scheduled for August 27, 2023 at 1pm to dedicate the large pavilion to Yvonne and Paul Hassell. Different events will be scheduled along with free food. The bleachers for COG are planned to be delivered soon. The fall festival is scheduled for October 21, 2023 and will have several events scheduled. The Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for December 7, 2023. Mike Weiser and the Road Department has been putting in a lot of time in at the COG field to maintain it and the residents have commented on how nice it looks. Tom Hubert is planning to go for two DCNR grants, for a walking path at the township park and some improvements for the COG field. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Scott

Malenky to approve the recreation report. Tom Hubert inquired with resident Mr. Donatelli regarding the issues at the park that he had, and Mr. Donatelli said things are much better. Mr. Donatelli inquired about a fence being put around the park so that no one will be able to walk through his property to get to the park. Tom Hubert said he would look into that. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Permits: Zoning and building permits for Pole building; Single Family Residence; Inground Swimming Pool; Commercial Dining Hall Building; Detached Residential Garage and a House Entry Ramp

Correspondence: Township Secretary, Gina Smith, shared a Malaria fact sheet regarding Mosquito and Tick intervention and signs and symptoms should you be bitten from either. Glass recycling flyers were also included of where to take it to and what they accept and what they don't. Scott Malenky questioned the mosquito and tick prevention at the Township Park and how well it did and was wondering if it could be applied to the COG fields as well. Tom Hubert said he would look to get a quote on that.

Old Business: Tom Hubert stated that we tried to get several extra bids for the event hall exterior door construction and the only successful bidder was Hudson Construction for the amount of \$13,810.00. Jim Stewart made a motion to award Hudson Construction to install the event room door, seconded by Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried. Funds to pay for the door installation will come from building maintenance.

Bids were opened for the demolition of 830 Wheatland Road & 836 Wheatland Road, West Middlesex PA. Bids included were Atwell & Perrine Excavating in the amount of \$8900.00 (836 Wheatland Road), and \$7,900.00 (830 Wheatland Road). Greenawalt Construction in the amount of \$9015.87 (830 Wheatland Road) and \$11764.18 (836 Wheatland Road). Scott Malenky motioned to award the bid to Atwell Excavating, seconded by Jim Stewart. Tom Hubert talked about applying for grant money for blighted homes to see if we can apply to take care of the homes to be demolished in West Middlesex, PA. All votes yes. Motion Carried.

Regarding the Residential Refuse Disposal and Collection, Dale Perry & Tom Hubert tried to contact Waste Management and E&P in Lakeview. These companies were invited to a pre-bid meeting along with Tri-County and the only showing individuals were Lackawannock Supervisors and Tri-County Industries. After the meeting, Tom Hubert called all of them back and asked for them to submit bids again and there was either no bids submitted or no answer from both. The only bid again was Tri-County. Tom Hubert stated that we needed to decide by August 31, 2023, or there would be no garbage collection for the township as there would be no contract. Tom Hubert stated what the choices & prices would be for Tri-County Industries. Tom Hubert stated that there was going to be a significant increase in what we will pay for the collection but there was nothing we could do as we needed collection of the garbage. Tom stated that he put a questionnaire on the Facebook page, of whether to keep or not to keep garbage collection and it was a split of half & half for the residents of the township. Resident, Darlene Parcetich, asked why we could not pick our own collection and not have recycling chosen and Tom Hubert stated that you can only have one or the other per Tri County Industries. Tom Hubert was asked why the residents could not pick their own recycling service and it was explained that we would be paying much more than we would now. Solicitor Ray Bogaty also mentioned that it is for public safety reasons that we must choose a garbage disposal service within the township. Tom Hubert mentioned that in the future, COG could possibly buy garbage collection vehicles and have our own garbage pickup. Motion by Scott Malenky to have the garbage disposal stay at unlimited and

recycling, seconded by Jim Stewart. September 1, 2023 will be the active date for the new contract. All votes yes, motion carried.

New Business:

Tom Hubert stated that we have received calls and questions regarding donations for Memorial Contributions for the Township Park. Tom Hubert stated there is a list of guidelines that can be found on our Website or through the Township office. Tom Hubert made a motion to approve the guidelines for the Memorial Contributions, seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

UGI Gas Services recommends that we change to a fixed rate for services for a two year contract. Motion by Jim Stewart, seconded by Tom Hubert. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert stated that Scott Malenky had been working on the issues of broadband being brought to the area. He explained that the state received money to have broadband brought out to under served residents and the township received a letter to ask for support to build out their system in our area. Tom Hubert did answer that we would support them if they covered 100% of our Township area. Scott Malenky found a consulting company to use or help the township in the decision-making process of the broadband service, but Tom Hubert said at this time it is probably a little further than we need to go at this time and Scott Malenky agreed. Scott just wanted to make all supervisors aware of what is out there. Scott explained there was a lot of funds out there to apply for to bring broadband to this area.

Solicitor, Ray Bogaty explained that currently we use the International Property Maintenance Code which covers a variety of issues, for example: dilapidated buildings, grass, safety issues and so on by using one concise code. This is updated every three to four years. In speaking to our zoning officer, Jeff Richardson, we have been using the 2012 version and the supervisors are wanting to make changes to the existing maintenance code and should we just update to the 2021 edition which is still the same with a few changes. Our zoning officer agreed that we should do that and solicitor Ray Bogaty prepared an ordinance which references the International property maintenance code where there are areas that we need to add information and one being to designate a violation as a summary offense. These are called a misdemeanor and the magistrate does not have jurisdiction over those and they turn their backs to those. This is not proper and will need to be changed to a summary offense and the fine will be upped to the maximum a township can do being a maximum of \$500 for the first offense, and \$1000 dollars for the second offense where the magistrate can jail the person for 90 days. These will be daily fines. A motion was made by Scott Malenky, seconded by Jim Stewart. David Pringle, tax collector asked if junk vehicles were included in this, and Ray Bogaty did not know off the top and said Jeff Richardson, zoning officer would know but he would check. All votes yes, motion carried.

Dates to note:

- Tax Collector Office Hours @ Township, August 23 & 30 from 1-3:45, September 6, 13, & 18-20, 27-29 from 1-3:45

Payment of bills:

- Bills (June 16, 2023 to July 20, 2023): Motion by Scott Malenky to approve payment of bills, seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Dale Perry to adjourn, seconded by Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion Carried.