

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. Secretary Gina Smith, Solicitor Ray Bogaty, Police Chief Jason Newton, EMS Coordinator Joe Varga, Fire Chief Don Hoover, Road Department Supervisor Dan Rupert and Tax Collector Dave Pringle. Tom Hubert stated Fire Chief Justin Barnes will be absent, EMC Coordinator will give the Fire report in place of Mr. Barnes.

Minutes: Motion by Tom Hubert to approve the April 20, 2023 minutes. Moved by Scott Malenky, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

Tom Hubert gave the report. He went over the balances for all Township accounts. COG received \$10,000 for upgrades to the WM Pool from the American Rescue Funds. Just a reminder that State Fund Money can only be used for road equipment and repairs. Mr. Hubert anticipates a transfer of funds from the General Fund into the General Fund Savings. General Funds Statement was reviewed with no questions from Supervisors. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Mike Weiser to approve the Treasurers report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Police Report:

Chief Newton gave the police report. They had 39 assist calls, 5 vehicle accidents, 9 suspicious, 60 traffic stops and all the miscellaneous is 371 total calls. WM Borough had 115 calls for a total of 486 calls. The budget used for the month was 6.3 percent. The school will be invoiced for the rest of the year. Tyler Krauss is in his second week of training. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Mike Weiser to approve the police report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Donny Hoover gave the report. 15 trees and wires, 47 medical (10 outside of Township), 2 structure fires and 3 mutual aids. 2 brush fires, 1 vehicle crash, 1 motor vehicle fire, 1 vehicle lockout, 3 smoke investigations, 1 fire investigation and 1 odor investigation. They had a total of 77 calls. Mr. Hubert mentioned the Golf Scramble in August and the Car Show in July. Motion by Mike Weiser, seconded by Scott Malenky. They discussed the township always being covered by ambulance service even if our ambulance is at another call. Jen Coulter explained that they are required by law to respond to all calls whether they are always in or outside of the township. There is also training with outside ambulatory services which require the township vehicles to be outside the area of the township. All votes yes. Motion carried.

EMC Report: Joe Varga gave the EMC report. April was a slow month, there was not much that happened. The building was opened as a shelter at the beginning of the month. Mobile Com is still working on the radio paging for the sirens. Motion by Jim Stewart, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Road Report: Road supervisor Dan Rupert gave the report. They had 638 hours worked. 456 hours were road maintenance. 80 hours vehicle maintenance. 102 hours on township and park maintenance. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Scott Malenky to accept the road report. Roadmaster Mike Weiser stated that they were busy replacing some culverts, getting ready for tar & chipping and some extra time being devoted to the softball complex. All votes yes. Motion carried. Tax Collector, David Pringle asked that we publish the State Roads on the website.

Municipal Authority Report:

Scott Malenky gave the report. They gave a 6-month extension to 5 people on the last sewer phase hook up. They hired a part-time plant operator, Matt Barca. They updated and approved the job descriptions of plant manager, plant operator assistant and plant chemist. They also approved AAA Pest Control to service some of the stations, as there has been a rodent issue. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

COG Report:

Dale Perry gave the report. They approved a 4-year proposal of the Teamsters contract. They are no longer part of the Youngstown Municipal Community, which helped to get them funding. Mr. Perry said they will have 3 natural gas buses running and they will need more drivers for those. Motion by Scott Malenky, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report: no meeting

MPO Report: no meeting

Animal Shelter Report: Tom Hubert gave the report. The shelter is at capacity. Oak Leaf mobile home park has over 100 cats that they are trying to spay and neuter. Tom Hubert made a motion to accept, seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Recreation Board: Tom Hubert gave the report. The neighbors complained about the lights being on to late. They are going to make them turn off at 9:30 PM now. They are working on planting grass. They are painting. They will be putting up volleyball nets. Mike Weiser is working on the fields at COG. He's made a lot of improvement. The paths should be going in soon. They would like to do the dedication of the pavilion in July. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Permits: no permits

PSATS Convention was presented by Dale Perry. He overviewed what they went over. He thinks that we should have our own flag. The number 717-346-4085 is for police relationships. He covered young homeowners wanting homes with highspeed internet. Dale Perry has flyers about all the different topics covered. Motion by Mike Weiser, seconded by Scott Malenky. Scott Malenky agreed that the flag idea is a good one and we should consider designing a flag for next year. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

There is a flyer on tire recycling.

The Penn Dot welcome center is hooking into the sewer.

They received a letter complimenting the road sweeping on Lilac.

Old Business: Tom Hubert said the new door can be used by anyone; however, it can't be the main door. We will need to speak to the voting people to see how it would work with voting. The door would be \$10,350. Dale Perry made a motion to accept the bid of \$10,350. Jim Stewart seconded the motion. Scott Malenky said that the tables could be set up differently to accommodate the door. Dale Perry amended the motion to say that it wouldn't exceed \$10,350. All votes yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Tom Hubert made the motion to approve the termination of the existing COG agreement for the fields on Wheatland Rd. Seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert made the motion to accept the quote from AAA Pest Control for the tick treatment for \$2,939.61 and the mosquito treatment for \$602.22. Seconded by Scott Malenky. Tom Hubert asked about closing the park for the treatment. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert made the motion to approve the lowest bidder on all of the bids. Martuccio Asphalt - a number of different materials, Martuccio - Cold patch, 3 Rivers Ag Liquid Calcium Chloride , 3 Rivers Ag -gravel, Martuccio – Limestone, Martuccio- In place recycling. Seconded by Dale Perry. All votes yes. Motion carried.

New Business: Tom Hubert opened up the floor to discuss the lettering on the vehicles. Scott Malenky explained that Jim Stewart brought up the lettering on the Road Department vehicles and wanting a new logo used. He went on to say that Dale Perry wanted the police cars to have high visibility lettering on it instead of the black out lettering. Dale Perry said that he had a meeting and they explained that there are studies to support using blackout lettering making it safer for the police. Dale Perry wants outside experts to come in and see what they think about the lettering. Tom Hubert said that he is happy with the current experts that we have. That includes Chief Newton who has 23 years' experience, Officer Gladysz who has 2.5 years, Detective Wherry who has 25 years, Officer Forsythe who has 9 years, and Officer Snyder who has 4 years. Tom Hubert supports the decisions of the department heads, and he doesn't want to micromanage the departments and tell them what to do like lettering on the cars. Jim Stewart says that he wants half of the cars to have high visibility lettering. He also feels the Road Department needs a higher visibility logo. He wants the new truck to have the new logo. Mike Weiser is frustrated that this is even an issue when there are so many bigger problems to be dealt with. Scott Malenky feels that the discussion needs to happen. Joe Varga said that this topic needs to be done. He feels that the Supervisors were elected to approve budgets, not argue about lettering. Scott Malenky said he likes the lettering, but we have an aging population that struggles to

see the lettering. He likes the ambulance graphics. Chief Newton addressed the topic. He wondered why no one came to see him and discuss the topic first before they made it an issue at a meeting. He feels micromanaged. He wonders why it is just a topic now. Scott Malenky apologized for not coming to Chief Newton to discuss the issue. A year ago, the supervisors voted on the Road Department lettering on the vehicles.

Motion to advertise to accept bids for the recycling and refuse contract. The contract is up in August. Seconded by Dale Perry. Tom Hubert wants to interview the companies so he can explain the situation here. They are going to form a committee to negotiate the contract. All votes yes. Motion carried.

They want three township residents to be on the pool committee. Dale Perry will be on the committee, and he will find two other people who want to be on the pool committee also.

We want to thank VFW post 6233 for their donation of the flag pool for the park.

COG field needs a new mower. The current mower clumps if there is moisture. If it's over \$12,500 there needs to be three bids. Tom Hubert made the motion that the Road Foreman and the Road Master get three bids not to exceed \$22,500. If it's under \$22,500 then they may purchase the mower. Seconded by Mike Weiser. Dale Perry requested that Watson's be one of the bids. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Tom Hubert made the motion to allow Dan Rupert to supervise the cleaning of the West Middlesex streets under the stipulation that they remove all large debris. Second Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried. ,

Dave Pringle went over the County assessment. There is a way to appeal the new assessment. Farms will be hit the hardest. There will be ways to help people through the appeal process. January 2026 is when it will go in effect.

Went into Executive Session at 8:29 PM to discuss legal issues. Came out of Executive Session at 8:55 PM

Dates to note: Bulk garbage pick up the week of May 22 on your regular trash day.

The Memorial Day Parade in West Middlesex is at 10:00 AM on Memorial Day.

The office is closed on Memorial Day.

Payment of bills: Motion by Mike Weiser to pay the bills dated April 20, 2023, through May 18, 2023. Seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Dale Perry, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.