

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: James Stewart, Scott Malenky, Tom Hubert, Mike Weiser, and Dale Perry. Also present were Secretary, Gina Smith, Road Foreman, Dan Rupert, Supervisor Elect, P.J. Giardina, Police Chief, Jason Newton, Fire Chief, Justin Barnes, Tax Collector David Pringle and Solicitor, Ray Bogaty.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: Motion by James Stewart, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve the minutes dated November 16, 2023 minutes. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Hubert gave the report. Tom Hubert stated that the township collected 194,000.00 more than what was budgeted. The township also spent more than what was budgeted as well and that included the grant money. Tom Hubert mentioned that the township would come in under budget regarding the payroll. Most of the cost that was spent was hospitalization and payroll. Tom Hubert read all totals in the depository accounts reflecting the current date of December 20, 2023. Tom Hubert did say that we would be moving \$100,000.00 from the savings to cover the large workman's compensation bill and to cover any year end bills. We will be looking into paying off one of the road department leases with a portion of the Liquid Fuels money after it is approved. Motion by Scott Malenky, seconded by James Stewart to approve the Treasurer's report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Police Report: Police Chief Jason Newton gave the report. For the month of November 2023, there were 13 911 calls, 4 alarm calls, 25 assists, 10 motor vehicle accidents and with all other incidents, there was a total of 243 for the month. West Middlesex Boro had 101 incidents, bringing the total to 344. Chief Newton noticed that he would need a new financial statement printout to give an accurate report for the month as guns and ammunitions and office expenses were not in his reports. Chief Newton felt that they would finish out good for the year and was waiting on the school payment for the SRO which has been invoiced. Motion by Mike Weiser, seconded by Dale Perry to approve the police report. All votes yes. Motion carried. Resident, Mrs. Lawhead had brought to Chief Newton's attention that since the bridge on Route 318 has been out, there has been people speeding up and down Hewitt Road. Chief Newton acknowledged that he would look into taking care of that. Stinedurf road is also another road that will be monitored for speeding.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Justin Barnes gave the report. 39 medical calls, 2 motor vehicle fires, 1 explosion, 1 odor investigation, 1 fire alarm, 1 smoke investigation, 1 brush fire and 3 mutual aids for a total of 59 for the month of November, 2023. Motion by James Stewart, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve the fire report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

EMC Report: No report

Road Report: Road Foreman Dan Rupert gave the report. There were a total of 610 hours worked. 384 hours of road maintenance, 128 hours township and park maintenance, 52 hours of vehicle maintenance and 46 hours of snow removal. No outlet signs were installed on Romain road and Heasley road on November 30, 2023. Roadmaster, Mike Weiser stated that starting in January, 2024 there will be trimming of trees on

some township roads and to be careful driving. The company that will be trimming the trees will be parking their vehicles at the COG parking lot. Supervisor Scott Malenky asked if the no outlet sign had been installed on Paul street and Road Foreman Dan Rupert verified that it had been. Resident, Mrs. Lawhead asked about the old boom mower and why it was being used instead of the new one. Road Foreman, Dan Rupert let her know that they were having some fuel issues with the mower. Motion by Mike Weiser, seconded by Dale Perry, to approve the road report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Municipal Authority Report: Chairman, Tom Hubert gave the report. Tom Hubert stated at their meeting they had a resident that was told that he could have his hook up for sewer be gravity fed by Rudzik Excavating and then the Municipal Authority also approved him getting a grinder pump and it would continue to be a work in process until completed. There was also a resident who had an incident with Rudzik Excavating where they were digging at a property steak and they ended up digging in the wrong place. The resident is asking for some type of relief with the contractor which is pending. The pump stations all have backups. They are finishing up with Phase 3 with Pennvest. 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 their Budget is in good shape and that they sent out a proposal for a new brush wash system for the buses. Dale stated that COG entered into an agreement with Modeshift for the Mercer County Transit Authority. COG has complied with the PTASP regarding the bucket truck rental. Paul Hamil was congratulated with the Act 47 after 20 years. Dale also mentioned that Sharpsville will be celebrating their 150th birthday in June of 2024. Motion by Dale Perry to approve the COG report, seconded by Jim Stewart. All votes yes. Motion carried.

MCRPC Report: Dale Perry gave the report. Officers were elected for the year. Chairman will be Paul Hamil, Matt Stefanak will be Vice Chairperson, Bill Anthony will be Secretary, Steve Quigley will be the Treasurer as Anne Coleman has resigned from that position as she will be the commissioner. The 2024 Budget has been approved with a 5% increase in salary for employees. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve the MCRPC report. Police Chief Jason Newton talked a bit about the meeting that was held at the bridge in West Middlesex that will be replaced from the crash on 318. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report: No meeting

MPO Report: Dale Perry gave the report. Dale Perry stated that there may be money coming from the Investment Recovery Act to repair the bridge. Dale stated because of the bridge repair, Route 18 may be pushed back for repair until after the bridge is repaired. The money that was used to demolish the bridge may be replaced from the trucker's insurance and also it was reported that there were eight projects that have been updated and almost finished. Electric vehicle will open December 11, 2023 for the next round of funding. Dale stated that the new owners of the antique mall on Rt. 18 will be putting in a heavy equipment auction service. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Mike Weiser to approve the report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Animal Shelter Report: Tom Hubert gave the report. They will not increase rates for the members this year. The shelter had a good fund-raising year and they are getting ready for the ground breaking for the new building. The shelter is overrun with animals as always. Tom Hubert thanked Secretary Gina Smith for doing a fundraising drive for the animals at the shelter. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve the report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Recreation Board Report: Tom Hubert gave the report. Tom talked about the tree lighting and thanked the West Middlesex School District for allowing us to have the choir come up. Tom mentioned that the sales for the advertising of the liners are going quick and we are filling the sides up as the donations are coming in. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Jim Stewart to approve the Recreation Board report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Permits – Zoning permit for a shed, carport, communications tower. One building permit and one demolition permit.

Correspondence: Road signs came in for the roads that had no signs and are ready to be installed. Bethel New Wilmington Road sign was ordered, and Shawn McLaughlin will be sending letters to residents to let them know what the township has named the road. Tom Hubert stated that the Mercer County Audit report for collection of fines will be in the township office for review and the township received a letter from the West Middlesex School letting the township know the appeal will not be going through.

Old Business: Tom Hubert went through the intended 2024 Budget lines. He explained revenue and expenses and what will be drawn out of the Township savings. Tom explained that the taxes are being raised for the 2024 year. He explained that the Budget will be tight this coming year but if we keep to it we should be fine. There was a new line item added for police department special overtime Motion by Tom Hubert , seconded by Jim Stewart to approve the 2024 budget. There was a vote called: Jim Stewart yes, Scott Malenky present, Tom Hubert yes, Mike Weiser yes, and Dale Perry yes. The vote was 4-0 and 1 present.

Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Mike Weiser, to approve Resolution #12 which will be setting the 2024 millage to the following: 12.5 General Fund, 3.0 Fire and 0.5 EMS. Per Capita Tax will be set to \$5.00 and LST Tax to \$52.00. Motion was carried, votes were 4-0 and 1 present.

New Business: Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Jim Stewart to advertise the re-organization meeting for January 2, 2024 @ 6:30pm. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Stewart, seconded by Tom Hubert to advertise the Auditor meeting for January 3, 2024 @ 6:30pm. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Mike Weiser, to advertise the regular monthly meeting to follow the re-organization meeting being held January 2, 2024.

Tom Hubert mentioned that Ray Bogaty will not be returning to our next meeting in 2024 as he will be retiring.

Tom Hubert also stated that Scott Malenky will be ending his supervisor term and that this meeting would be the last meeting he will attend for the year of 2023.

Dates to Note: The Township office will be closed December 22, 2023 for Christmas Eve, December 25, 2023 for Christmas and January 1, 2024 New Year's Day. The Office will reopen January 2, 2024.

The last day for the 2023 Real Estate tax payments will be December 29, 2023 or postmarked on or before December 31, 2023

Payment of bills: Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Mike Weiser to approve payment of bills from November 17, 2023 through December 21, 2023. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Scott Malenky, seconded by Jim Stewart to adjourn the meeting. All votes yes. Motion carried.