

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 & Dale Perry. Also present, Secretary Gina Smith, Police Chief Jason Newton, Fire Chief Justin Barnes, Road Foreman Dan Rupert, Tax Collector David Pringle, Supervisor elect P.J. Giardina and Solicitor Ray Bogaty.

Public Comments: Sandra Sessoms, 828 Wheatland Road attended the meeting regarding 830 Wheatland Road that had been demolished previously by Shenango Township. She wanted to know the process of repaying the township for the cost of demolition. Tom Hubert asked solicitor Ray Bogaty to explain to the resident how that process works. Solicitor Ray Bogaty stated that there is a lien on the property placed by the Township, and she will need to have an agreement presented to the supervisors for approval. Tom Hubert did tell them that they will need to check on the taxes and that Tom Hubert will also check on any unpaid sewer bills or liens.

William Watson, 64 Mabel Drive, stated he was interested in purchasing property off Williams Drive in West Middlesex Boro but part of Williams Drive which is in Shenango Township enters onto his property. Mr. William Watson stated there are a possible two entry ways onto the property which would be off Williams Drive or 133 Penn Avenue. Mr. Watson would prefer to have an entry way off Williams Drive as it would be a considerable amount of money than installing a drive from Penn Avenue. Tom Hubert said that the resident would need to go to the Planning Commission to have a private lane put in off Williams Drive, then the road would be able to be named whatever the resident would choose.

Resident, Jillian Miller, questioned the plans of the ice rink regarding lighting and privacy. Tom Hubert said that the lighting will stay on until 9pm in the evenings and the lights will be pointing away from the homes. There are no plans to put up any privacy fence and the resident also asked if there are any plans for that next year, Tom Hubert stated not right now.

Resident, William Watson, regarding the property off Williams Drive, asked if he will need something in writing stating that he can install a private drive off Williams Drive. Tom Hubert told him when he is ready, he will need to go to the Planning Commission. Mr. Watson also asked if the guide rail could be removed, and Tom Hubert told him he will need to go to the Planning Commission for that as well, as we cannot remove the guide rail because the Township could be liable if someone drove on the property and got hurt.

Minutes: Motion by Scott Malenky, seconded by Jim Stewart to approve minutes dated October 19, 2023. All votes yes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Hubert gave the report. Mr. Hubert read all the balances from each account. Mr. Hubert stated that by looking at the revenues, we are very close to what was budgeted, and we are over by \$50,000.00. \$105,000.00 is left in the expenses for the township to use. Mr. Hubert stated that nothing has changed in the liquid fuels other than moving a little bit of money around. Motion by Tom Hubert to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Mike Weiser. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Police Report: Police Chief, Jason Newton gave the report. For the month of October 2023, there were 18 911 calls, 6 alarm calls, 32 assists, 4 vehicle accidents, and with all other incidents, there was a total of 252 for the month. With incidents of 132 in West Middlesex Boro, that brought the total to 375. Budget wise, Mr. Newton stated he used 9.2% for October 2023. For the year he has used 93.6% and is left with 6.4%. Chief Newton asked Mr. Hubert to check on wage reimbursement for police services and Tom Hubert stated that those funds go back into the township funds as police wages are paid from township funds. Motion by Jim Stewart, seconded by Dale Perry to approve the police report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Justin Barnes gave the report. 47 Medical calls, 4 motor vehicle crashes, 2 building fires, 3 fire alarms, 1 brush fire and 42 transports with a total of 57 calls for the month. Fire Chief Justin Barnes wanted to point out an emergency call on November 3rd, 2023 @ 2am the department was dispatched to I-80 where two people went into the river and Chief Barnes mentioned 2 of the young firefighters were able to retrieve one of the males from the river, Firefighter EMT Nick Varga and Firefighter Ethan Korsej along with Officer Jack Gladysz. The male was then transported to a local trauma center. Chief Barnes stated that the township is very lucky to have the volunteers that we do helping the township. Motion by Scott Malenky, seconded by Mike Weiser to accept the fire report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

EMC Report: No report

Road Report: Road foreman Dan Rupert gave the report. 551 hours worked, 351 hours of road maintenance, 132 hours of township and park maintenance, 56 hours of vehicle maintenance and 12 hours of snow removal. Roadmaster, Mike Weiser stated that the road department cleaned the COG fields and inspected benches and will be pulling those to replace some of the boards. Culvert and shed work were done and Mike has plans to do plumbing in the Township Park along with installing heat in the bathrooms. Dan Rupert asked permission for West Middlesex Mayor, Stacey Curry to trim some of the pine tree limbs for use in the Boro. Tom Hubert said there would be no issues with that. There are plans to name the COG fields by springtime. Motion by Mike Weiser, seconded by Jim Stewart to approve the Road report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Municipal Authority Report: No report

COG Report: Dale Perry reported that there was no meeting but there was an administration breakdown of how they allocated the money for the LSWM swimming pool. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve the COG report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

MCRPC Report: Dale Perry gave the report. There was a meeting October 24, 2023, where they approved the final land development of the Sunrise Airport Road LLC., Sunrise Franklin Road LLC, and Sunrise Perry Highway LLC. for the Solar farm. There were also final land development plans for the Pennsylvania State Police Barricks in Neshannock Lackawannock Township. There was also land development for Jackson Center for a solar farm. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Jim Stewart to approve the MCRPC report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report: Dale Perry gave the report and he stated that his term was up on the Planning Commission Board. The Planning Commission Board asked Dale Perry if he would continue to be

on the board and he accepted yes. Dale said he would accept for another four years but Tom Hubert did notify him that they needed to bring that in front of the township supervisors to approve that. That will be voted on at the re-organizational meeting for 2024. Dale Perry explained that his term had expired in August of 2023. Tom Hubert made a motion to re-elect Dale Perry for another 4-year term for the Planning Commission Board, seconded by Scott Malenky. All votes yes. Motion carried. Larry Krebbs sub-division was discussed and still approved and the tower plans on Henderson Lane in Shenango Township will need to go to the Mercer County Conservation District as they are affecting more than an acre of land. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Mike Weiser to approve the Planning Commission report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

MPO Report: Dale Perry stated that there was no meeting, but there was an electronic vote because Penndot had a UGA5310 Funding for the Shenango Valley Shuttle Service to provide a 10th amendment transportation program for a small transit bus. They received \$122,854.00 in federal and state funds. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Jim Stewart to approve the MPO report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Animal Shelter Report: No meeting, but Tom Hubert mentioned that secretary, Gina Smith has coordinated an animal shelter drive, which will be collected at the Shenango Township Building and will be delivered to the shelter. Tom Hubert stated that the Township is part of the Shenango Valley Animal shelter and explained that all donations help in every way.

Recreation Board Report: Tom Hubert gave the report and stated that the ice rink was put up on Saturday, November 11, and went smoothly. Tom Hubert complimented the road department for the nice cleanup at the COG fields. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve the recreation report. Resident, Mr. Donatelli asked when the rink comes down for the year, and Mr. Hubert said it will be taken down in March, 2024 and put away for the year. Mr. Hubert also mentioned that there was a new liner bought for the rink and says it should last at least 3 to 4 years, but there will be a campaign going on to sell advertising to put around the rink to offset the cost for a new liner should the township need one. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Permits - None

Correspondence: Solicitor, Ray Bogaty has notified the township that as of December 31, 2023 he will be retiring as our solicitor for the last 12 years. Mr. Hubert did say that it will be tough to fill the position, but has asked for contacts from Ray Bogaty, to look into. Mr. Hubert wished Ray Bogaty well. Mr. Hubert invited newly elected supervisor, P.J. Giardina to attend the upcoming interviews of the selection of solicitor. There was an NPDES Renewal letter for Shenango Township Municipal Authority as well as a NPDES Permit submission application for Stephen Rodgers @ 396 Pulaski Road, Shenango Township. Also included are the 2024 MCRCOG Administration Breakdown and the 2024 MCRPC Membership Increase. Also included is the 2023 Shenango Valley Animal Shelter Donation Drive information.

Old Business: Supervisor, Jim Stewart, informed us about the Community Hall door installation, letting all know that the door had not come in yet, but the outside pad has been installed and they will be sealing the pad soon. The glass company is planning for the door to come in before Thanksgiving and to be installed the week of November 27, 2023.

Tom Hubert stated that the preliminary Budget will be available, by code, at the Township Building 20 days before adoption of the Budget. Mr. Hubert added any changes of which he has also said that those can be changed up to 25%. Mr. Hubert displayed the budget on an overhead screen and went over all the balances explaining where the Township is currently and what is projected. Mr. Hubert also explained that there is no grant money coming in, and the funds for Police Protection have gone up. The Expenses were gone over, and again no grant money coming in to cover and Police Protection going up as wages were increased.

Supervisor Michael Weiser stated that new money from the newly acquired COG fields will be bringing in funds. Mr. Hubert mentioned that the road contract will be up in 2024, so funds were set aside for that. Mr. Hubert discussed the raising and lowering of tax millage from 2012 to present, and Mr. Hubert read off what we were allowed to raise millage for. Line by Line, Mr. Hubert, explained what he lowered and what he increased for approval between supervisors. A change in the Road Department is that we would take our Penn Power Street lighting bill and pay that from the liquid fuels. Road master Mike Weiser and Road Foreman Dany Rupert asked what the bill amount was and if it would be a set rate or fluctuate up and down. Tom Hubert replied that it would go down. Mr. Hubert mentioned that there are LED lights in those.

Resident Mr. Donatelli raised a question about “where do the funds come from, if there are none to cover another account”. Mr. Hubert explained that we dip into the savings or there are carryovers. Mr. Hubert is hoping for new development from the Leali Property and the Fed Ex building for new revenue. Resident Janine Haines spoke up and asked if we could get grants to cover anything that we would have come up but Mr Hubert said most grants are matching grants and we do not have the match. State grants are always a match. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve the preliminary Budget. Roll call vote – Tom Hubert-yes, Mike Weiser-yes, Dale Perry-yes, Jim Stewart-yes & Scott Malenky-yes. The vote is 5-0 Motion carried. Solicitor Ray Bogaty spoke to the County Commissioners on the closed bridge near Romain and Heasley roads, and the County has no intention of repairing or replacing the bridge in the future. Ray Bogaty said that those roads will need to be posted accordingly. Per Ray Bogaty, the signage is the responsibility of the Township if replacing is required.

New Business: Dale Perry explained that there is no separate Stormwater Sewage System in the Oaktree development. The stormwater is infiltrating into the sewage system. Mr. Perry has asked for permission from the supervisors to check in with the DEP, PSATS, PennVest and the Northwest Commission, state, and federal entities to see what kind of funding to increase the residency at Oaktree by getting the sewer plant up and running and possible funding. Mr. Hubert stated that Greenawalts is in the process of putting the pump station in. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Scott Malenky to approve the permission of work with the DEP, PSATS, PennVest and the Northwest Commission and State & Federal entities to find a solution. Motion failed 2-3. Perry, Malenky for. Stewart, Weiser, Hubert against. Tax collector, David Pringle stated that the sewer bills of Oaktree are not a township issue. Dale Perry said that the owner of Oaktree is trying to work through with the Municipal Authority billing issues and waste issues.

Dates to Note: The Christmas Tree Lighting will be December 7, 2023 @ 7pm & the Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 23, 2023 @ 4:00pm and will be held in the Township Community Hall.

Payment of bills: Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Mike Weiser to approve the payment of bills from October 20, 2023 through November 16, 2023. All votes yes. Motion carried.

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