

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Thomas Hubert, and opened with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:30pm.

Supervisors present: Jim Stewart, Chairperson Tom Hubert, Dale Perry, P.J. Giardina, and Vice Chairperson, Mike Weiser. Also present: Solicitor, Brett Stedman, Police Chief, Jason Newton, EMC Coordinator, Joe Varga, Tax Collector, David Pringle and Road Foreman, Dan Rupert.

Comments from Residents/Taxpayers of Shenango Township: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Mike Weiser, seconded by P.J. Giardina to approve the minutes of the meeting from April 9, 2024. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Treasurer’s Report: Chairperson, Tom Hubert gave the report. Bank balances reflect the date of May 13, 2024 as Mr. Hubert read all balances. Mr. Hubert stated that the first round of real estate taxes came in which reflects the rise in the General Fund and Secretary, Gina Smith will be transferring some of those funds to the General Fund Savings. Mr. Hubert reminded everyone that we need roughly \$350,000 going into the year of 2025 to pay bills. Wage tax is an ongoing collection, and at this point there is \$187,900 as of May 14, 2024. He expressed that expenses have gone up but Mr. Hubert feels that it is doable this year. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Jim 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 April, 2024, there were 2 alarm activations, 44 assists, 10 vehicle accidents, 5 suspicious and with everything else the total was 290 and with West Middlesex Borough having 112, the total was 402. Budget wise, Mr. Newton stated there were 3 pays and felt there should only be 2 and felt expense wise it was high. For the month, they had 10.5%, year to date 36.9% with 63.1% left. Mr. Newton stated that school will be ending and he will be invoicing the school for the SRO officer from January to May 2024. Motion by Jim Stewart, seconded by P.J. Giardina to approve the police report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Fire Report: Fire Chief, Justin Barnes gave the report. A total of 72 calls of which 60 were medical, 3 building fires, 2 vehicle crashes, 2 tree/wire downs, 1 brush fire, 1 gas well fire, 1 smoke investigation, 1 carbon monoxide alarm, and 1 fire alarm. Motion by Mike Weiser, seconded by P.J. Giardina. All votes yes. Motion carried. Mr. Hubert did say that there will be executive session held after the meeting with Mr. Barnes regarding a personnel issue.

EMC Report: EMC Coordinator, Joe Varga gave the report. Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 7:30am to 4:00pm at Slippery Rock High School, there will be a Tri County Boot Camp being held for EMC Coordinators and elected officials. Thursday, May 16, 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, there will be a SkyWarn Training. Mr. Varga intends on following up with Fire Chief Justin Barnes regarding the weather siren and activation. Friday, May 17, 2024 Mr. Varga will be speaking with the IT Department from IDVille to get the program up and running to make the ID’s. Mr. Varga would like to have the Supervisor’s approval to hold another Community CPR Training. Motion by Mike Weiser, seconded by P.J. Giardina to approve the EMC report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Road Report: Road Foreman, Dan Rupert gave the report. 735 hours worked, 484 hours of road maintenance, 52 hours of vehicle maintenance and 199 hours of township and park maintenance. Mike Weiser put up the bases and pitcher’s mound at the Wheatland Road baseball fields. Mr. Weiser stated the fields are being used and are very busy. Road Foreman Dan Rupert and Don Hoover helped at the Wheatland Road fields setting up bases. Mr. Weiser met with Mr. Novosel about the field that they intended to use and nothing at this point has

been done to set it up as of yet. Mr. Novosel did say something about topping the field in the fall but nothing as of yet. Motion by Jim Stewart, seconded by P.J. Giardina to approve the road report. Supervisor, P.J. Giardina asked about the lights being installed in the road department and Mike Weiser said PIC Electric was a few weeks out, but he would get in touch with him and find out when he would be in. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Municipal Authority Report: No Report

COG Report: Dale Perry gave the report. Everything is busy as usual. Mr. Perry stated that the LSWM Pool is getting \$75,000 with the help of Michelle Brooks with the condition that it be used for heating the pool. Mr. Perry stated that there is talk about heating with solar versus electricity. Quotes were received for an extra addition of a building to the pool area. Mr. Perry said that the pool committee would like to use natural gas to heat the pool while Mr. Perry suggested to use the solar thermal. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by P.J. Giardina to approve the COG report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

MCRPC report: No Report

Planning Commission Report: Meeting was cancelled

MPO Report: Dale Perry gave the report. The Metropolitan Transportation Program has to start immediately applying for any funds for 2025. There will be a meeting on the 30th of May, to talk about expanding transportation as the only place that the buses can go to would be Pine Tree Village Apartments in West Middlesex, PA. They would like to have the buses frequent more into Shenango Township. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by P.J. Giardina to approve the MPO Report. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Animal Shelter Report: Tom Hubert gave the report. The new director is doing fine. They are still collecting funds for the shelter and Mr. Hubert stated that they have received the latest grounds testing for the new building. They did have to deal with a few personnel issues and Mr. Hubert wants everyone to know that the Township is part of the shelter. Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Dale Perry to approve the report. Police Chief, Jason Newton asked about the Animal Control Officer's last day and Tom Hubert stated that there are 3 people still available to go out on calls if needed. There will be no one to cite for problems but there are employees ready to take the classes to be able to do that. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Recreation Board Report: There was no meeting, but Tom Hubert thanked the road department for keeping the grass cut at the township park and Mr. Hubert will be setting the next meeting for the board very soon. Board member Janine Bell, mentioned of possible programs for the courts, Mr. Hubert acknowledged discussion of those programs at the next meeting.

Zoning & building permits issued: Pool Deck, Fire Alarm Panel, Recreational Cabin, Vertical Tower, Home Decks and a Wood Shop. Mr. Hubert stated that Zoning Officer, Jeff Richardson would be attending at the end of the meeting, in executive session on a matter of litigation.

Old Business: Motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan Resolution #1-2024 by Tom Hubert, seconded by P.J. Giardina. All votes yes. Motion carried.

New Business: Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by P.J. Giardina to approve the COG Bids-Bid A, Bid B, Bid C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, C-6 and C-8. All votes yes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Jim Stewart, to approve the Final Plan Lot 1 & 2 Mark and Lori Wansack Sub-Division. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Hubert, seconded by Jim Stewart, to approve the Final Plan Lots 1 & 2 Richard and Karen Yanak Property. All votes yes. Motion carried.

Dates to note: The Township Office will be closed for Memorial Day, May 27, 2024 and Tri County Bulk pickup is scheduled for the week of May 19, 2024 along with the regular trash pickup.

Payment of bills: Motion by Mike Weiser, seconded by Dale Perry to approve the payment of bills from April 10, 2024 through May 14, 2024. All votes yes. Motion Carried.

Dale Perry requested mileage reimbursement for his trip to Clarion for the Active Transportation Class. Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by P.J. Giardina to approve the mileage reimbursement. All votes yes. Motion Carried.

The board went into executive session at 7:13pm to discuss litigation material and a Fire Department personnel matter. The meeting was reconvened at 8:12pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mike Weiser, seconded by P.J. Giardina. All votes yes. Motion carried.