

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors
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**Regular 10AM Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 15, 2021**

Present at the Meeting

Tony Prudenti – Chairman

Katie Orlick - Secretary

Tim Houser – Vice-Chairman

Paul Datte – Solicitor

Glenn Hummel – Supervisor

Mike Begis – ARRO Consulting, Inc.

Karen Wittig – Treasurer

I. General

A. Anthony Prudenti called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions at 10:00AM.

B. Approval of Monthly Bills

Chairman called for a motion to approve /pay the monthly bills. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

C. Ambulance Report

Chairman read the Ambulance Report for the month of February. There were 29 dispatches throughout the month of February. They assisted Tamaqua, Walker Township & New Ringgold. Calls consisted of back pain, breathing problems, convulsion, diabetic, falls, sick, fainting & traffic accidents. Receiving hospitals were Miner’s Memorial, Lehigh Valley & St. Luke’s Leighton. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Ambulance Report. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

III. Land Use - None

IV. Old Business

A. Union Settlement

Attorney Datte said there was a discussion about a grievance related to the termination a former Township Employee, Brian Reeser, rather than incurring costs with the American Arbitration Association, we decided to make a settlement with Mr. Reeser for \$3500. Mr. Reeser would withdraw the grievance and release the Township from any liability. Chairman called for a motion to approve the settlement. Tim Houser made the motion to approve the settlement. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

B. Chairman called for a motion to adopt Resolution #10 of 2021 Establishing a DeFacto Subdivision Policy. Chairman read the Resolution. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

C. Chairman called for a motion to adopt Resolution # 11 of 2021, A resolution for Operation & Maintenance for the Atlas Park. Chairman read the Resolution. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

V. New Business

A. Chairman called for a motion to advertise for Mowing & Trimming at the West Penn Twp. Community Parks, Zion Stone (West) & the J. E. Morgan Memorial Park (East). Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

VI. Business from Anyone on the Board

A. Glenn Hummel said at a previous meeting we approved the purchase of new weapons for the Police Department. The price of the new weapons, holsters & 1000 rounds for both the AR & new weapons will be \$6,373.07. Chairman stated it was all budgeted for & approved at the last meeting. Chairman called for a motion to purchase the guns, holsters & ammo. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

VII. Correspondence

A. Chairman announced the West Penn Community Easter Egg Hunt – will be held at the Andreas Sporting Club. It will be Sunday, March 28th, 2021 @ 1:00PM. Rain Date will be Saturday, April 3rd, 2021. All children through the age of 12 are Welcome.

VIII. Public Comment on General Items – 5 Minute Time Limit

A. **Todd Deem** – Mr. Deem would like to request the BOS take another look at the Police Towing for Impounds Policy. Mr. Deem said at the time the two towers were chosen because they were able to tow anything, small & large tows. Mr. Deem said one of the towers does not reside or have a business in West Penn Township. Mr. Deem said he is capable now of doing heavy duty towing and would like himself to be considered to tow impounds. Mr. Deem said one of the towers are not authorized by DOT be operating for hire. Mr. Deem suggests they should be suspended from the Township Tow List until that is corrected. Chairman said he is friends with a lot of the towers and he abstains from making any decisions but Glenn Hummel is the Supervisor in charge of the Police Department. Glenn Hummel & Chief Johnson would look into this situation. Tim Houser said he would also like to look into this situation. They did not make any decisions at this meeting.

IX. Executive Session

Chairman called for a motion to have an executive session for possible litigation & personnel issues @10:30AM. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Chairman called the meeting back @ 11:05AM.

X. Anything Else from the Board

A. Glenn Hummel said in looking at proposals & budgets. We started a Capital Reserve Fund. The Police Dept. has \$20K in it from last year; we are marked to put \$20K in it for this year (2021) however, we would like permission to add an additional \$20k to it out of the General Fund to bring that to \$60K. Mr. Hummel said we would like to purchase a new Police Vehicle next year but they got a good price on a new truck this year. Mr. Hummel said if they like the truck, they would like to pay cash instead of floating another loan. Chairman said he didn't think the extra \$20K would be coming out of the General Fund. Chairman thought it would come out of the Police Budget. Glenn Hummel said we can do it that way. Glenn Hummel made the motion to make those adjustments. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

XI. Adjournment

Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the 11:10AM meeting. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Transcribed By: Katie Orlick – West Penn Township Secretary