

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors  
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**Regular 10AM Monthly Meeting  
Monday, July 19, 2021**

**Present at the Meeting**

**Tony Prudenti – Chairman**

**Katie Orlick - Secretary**

**Tim Houser – Vice-Chairman**

**Paul Datte – Solicitor**

**Glenn Hummel – Supervisor (phone)**

**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. Tim Houser made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0 (Glenn Hummel was not on the phone yet)

**C. Ambulance Report** – Chairman read the Ambulance Report. Chairman asked if the total dispatches for “February” was right since it is June. Secretary will clarify with the Ambulance if the total dispatches were supposed to be for June instead of February. Chairman said there were 25 dispatches and 193 dispatches year to date.

Dispatch types included abdominal pain, breathing problems, chest pain, convulsion/seizure, fall victims, traffic accidents and fainting. The receiving hospitals were Lehigh Valley (Cedar Crest & Schuylkill East) and St. Luke’s (Geisinger, Lehighton & Miners). Tim Houser discussed the accident on Pine Hill. Mr. Houser’s concerned with the response time of PPL shutting off power when there is a vehicle accident with an entrapment. Mr. Houser said PPL would not be able to shut power off for 45 minutes which by that time if someone is critical in a vehicle could be fatal. Chairman said that Glenn Hummel called one of his contacts from PPL and got the power shut off quickly. Tim Houser said however we need to contact PPL and set something up for when we need the power cut fast in these kinds of emergencies. Glenn Hummel said we do not have any jurisdiction over that the utility commission has that jurisdiction. PPL also has contract obligations, depending on the time of day. Chairman asked the secretary to reach out to PPL. 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. Recycling Fence – Block & Gate**

Chairman called for a motion use & purchase concrete blocks & a gate for the fence around the recycling bin and not to exceed \$5000. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Chairman announced when the recycling bin is full, it will be locked & the site will be closed until it is emptied. Once it is emptied we will resume the current hours of operation. It is important to take caps off of plastic bottles, crush cans and plastic bottles and break down the cardboard. This will help provide

more space in bin. Carl Greve asked what can be recycled. Chairman asked the secretary to contact the hauler and ask what recyclables they accept.

**V. New Business**

**A. Mike Begis** from ARRO Consulting, Inc. said he is going to the Morgan Park after the meeting to get a sense of what needs to be done for the DCNR grant. Glenn Hummel said some has been built along with the grant application, as part of the grant application. Chairman said some of the things they just got done if that can be used as in-kind.

**B.** Chairman called for a motion to adopt Resolution #20 of 2021, which is a Resolution of the BOS of West Penn Township providing for supplemental appropriations for the 2021 budget. Motion was made but then rescinded because the Resolution needed to be done not just to add the money to the budget but to appropriate the funds being used. The funds received are \$224,777.13 from the American Rescue Plan. At this time the Township does not have any appropriations for the money. A Resolution will be done once the BOS decide how they will appropriate the money.

**VI. Business from Anyone on the Board**

**A.** Chairman discussed the placards for recycling. The placards have been shipped. They will be available next week. They will be \$5.00. The placards are not mandatory. If you do not have a placard you will have to show proof of residency when recycling.

**B.** Paul Datte stated that starting in September there will be new Agenda posting requirements. Attorney Datte said he will get the information over to the secretary.

**C.** Tim Houser questioned Attorney Datte about the situation Orwigsburg is having on trying to demo a property. Mr. Houser asked if we were going to have the same problem acquiring the property we want to demo. Attorney Datte said he doesn't think so as long as we use the CDBG funds.

**VII. Correspondence** - NONE

**VIII. Public Comment on General Items – 5 Minute Time Limit** - NONE

**IV. Executive Session** – NONE

**X. Anything Else from the Board** - NONE

**XI. Adjournment**

Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the 10:25AM meeting. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

**Transcribed By:** Katie Orlick – West Penn Township Secretary