

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors
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**Regular 10AM Monthly Meeting
Monday, August 16, 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. 3-0

C. Ambulance Report – Chairman read the July Ambulance Report. Chairman said there were 30 dispatches and 226 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, Lehigh & Miners). 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 - None

V. New Business

A. Chairman called for a motion to adopt Resolution # 21 of 2021, a resolution of West Penn Township, authorizing the submission of an application to DCED for funding through CDBG program as authorized under the Housing & Community Development Act. And approve the budget for the CDBG program that is approved for the submission to Schuylkill County for inclusion in the FY 2021 application to DCED. West Penn Twp. can receive \$98, 087. The funds will be applied to help Low/Moderate Housing Rehabilitation @ \$56,303, Demolition @ \$24,129 and County Administration @ \$ 17,655. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

VI. Business from Anyone on the Board

A. Chairman reminded everyone that the September Board of Supervisors’ Meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021 @ 6:30PM.

VII. Correspondence

A. Justin Hayward asked the Board of Supervisors if they would be interested in land he is willing to donate at 365 Mush Dahl Rd. Mr. Hayward and his sons are interested in donating +/- 2 acres of the road frontage of that property. Mr. Hayward suggestion is maybe the Township would want to put a small children’s park or a dog park at that location. Mr. Hayward said the Township can do anything they

wanted with the property. Mr. Hayward just asks that they wouldn't make it a dump. Chairman asked what district the property was in. Chairman thanked Mr. Hayward for considering West Penn Township to receive this land. Chairman said it was nice and generous of you and your boys. Mr. Hayward's son asked if there can be a flag on the property, if not they would put it on their property & maintain it. Chairman said we can put that into the agreement as a prerequisite. Attorney Datte said it sounds like a great idea assuming that the lots would have to be subdivided. Attorney Datte recommends, Mr. Hayward & his boys figure out what they want to do and submit a subdivision plan that will accommodate everyone's lot so they only have to go in front of the Planning Commission one time. Mr. Hayward asked if it would be his responsibility to do the survey. Attorney Datte said we can talk about that. Chairman said if we are willing to take the land from you, we may be able to help with the subdivision process. Chairman said the property that is being donated will get appraised and then we will give the land donator a tax write-off for the land of the appraise value of the property. Attorney Datte asked if Mr. Hayward gave the secretary his contact information. The BOS thanked Mr. Hayward again for his consideration.

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

A. Gary Steigerwalt – had a concern about St. Peter's Rd. & Ridge Cup Rd. Mr. Steigerwalt also discussed blight properties throughout the Township. Attorney Datte said the Township has a procedure that a resident can file a concern then the Township can investigate the situation. Chairman suggests we revisit adopting the International Property Maintenance Code. Chairman asked Mike Begis from ARRO Consulting, if he can get the BOS a copy of the International Property Maintenance Code to review.

B. Shawn Phillips – wanted to know the status of getting a new Chief of Police and how are we going about hiring? Chairman said as of today, Officer Bonner has step up and is now the Officer In Charge. BOS said we are giving Officer Bonner a chance to become the Chief. He has been with the department and if he likes the administration side of things and he does well then he can just take that position as long as the BOS agree. Mr. Phillips said he needs help. Chairman said we are addressing the situation. Mr. Phillips feels that the police department should be putting a floor in their garage. He feels the police trucks shouldn't be sitting on the dirt.

C. Delroy Haas asked what the low income limits for the CDBG funds are. Mr. Haas asked about trash haulers. Attorney Datte said we don't regulate it.

D. David Hays – requested Officer Bonner to sit down with him to discuss an ongoing investigation.

IX. Executive Session – Chairman called for a motion to have an executive session for personnel issues at 10:53AM. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Chairman called the meeting back to order at 11:28 AM. Chairman read a letter from Officer Leighton. The letter read that as of Saturday, August 14, 2021, will be his last & final shift due to family matters. Chairman called for a motion to accept Officer Michael Leighton's resignation. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Glenn Hummel made a motion to look into smartphones for Officer Bonner and the Officer on Duty. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion is carried. 3-0

X. Anything Else from the Board - NONE

XI. Adjournment

Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the 11:34AM 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