

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

Present at the Meeting

Tony Prudenti – Chairman

Katie Orlick - Secretary

Tim Houser - Supervisor

Paul Datte – Solicitor (Phone)

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. Tim Houser made the motion. Chairman 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. Status of the Zoning Ordinance

Attorney Datte said we got comments back from Charlie Schmehl. He notes that there is a significant difference between the Comprehensive Plan and how it relates to the map of Land Uses or Intended Land Uses verses our Zoning Map. Attorney Datte recommends we should have the Comprehensive Plan conformed to the Zoning Ordinance. Attorney Datte recommends contacting URDC to do that. Attorney Datte said he will contact Urban Research. Chairman said he would like Attorney Datte to get a price first. Tim Houser asked Attorney Datte if we can get an Agreement for Payment to these Companies that do work for the Township. Mr. Houser feels payment should not get paid a head of time. Payment should be paid after the document is ready to adopt. Attorney Datte said yes we can do that.

B. Blue Ridge Franchise Agreement – Chairman said the Blue Ridge Franchise Agreement is ready to expire. Chairman said it is a five year Agreement. Chairman recommends we increase it by .75% bringing it to 3.75% fee to defer costs to the Township. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

C. Mush Dahl Donation – Justin Hayward would like to donate a portion of his land on Mush Dahl Rd. to the Township. Mr. Hayward would like to see a dog park there. Chairman would like to see a spot to store pipes because it is centrally located. Chairman's concern is if we had a dog park in the Township who would have to maintain it. Glenn Hummel said he is for a dog park. Tim Houser is more for storage on the property. Mike Begis said there is a proposed dog park with the development for the new Atlas Park. Chairman's other concern is about the Township's liability with the Dog Park. Glenn Hummel said a lot of the dog parks have hold harmless signs up. Tim Houser said he is not opposed of accepting the property but he is opposed for having a certain usage for the property. Attorney Datte said it can be insurable but if someone gets hurt or bit we can be sued. Chairman asked the secretary to reach out to the insurance company.

V. New Business

A. Capital Blue waiting period. Chairman said the Board discussed the waiting period for Health Insurance. Chairman said we would like to see it go from 90 days to a 30 day waiting period. Union wrote a letter agreeing to change of the waiting period. Chairman called for a motion to change the waiting period of the health care from 90 days to 30 days and adopt Resolution # 27 of 2021. 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

VII. Correspondence

A. Wreaths Across America is an event to honor our Veterans. It will be December 18, 2021 at 12 Noon. The event will take place at Sky-View Memorial Park. If you are interested in being a sponsor you have until November 30, 2021.

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

A. Carl Greve – Had concerns with Recycling Hours. Dusk is too general. Mr. Greve asked if the times can be more specific.

B. Mike DelBorrello – owner of the Copier Company, Cyan Sky. Mr. DelBorrello handed out information to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. DelBorrello expressed his concerns about the process of how the purchase of a new copier for the Police Department was handled.

C. Delroy Haas – asked what the policy for insurance is if you leave employment. The Township's insurance carrier would carry the employee leaving to the end of the month then offer Cobra.

IX. Executive Session – Chairman made a motion to have an executive session at 11:12AM for personnel matters. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Chairman called back the meeting at 11:30AM. Chairman called for a motion to amend the Agenda to take action on police personnel matters. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Chairman called for a motion to appoint a new part-time police officer. Chairman asked to appoint Glenn Laninger as the new Part-time police officer. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Chairman called for a motion to accept Chris Fischl's resignation effective November 15, 2021. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

X. Anything Else from the Board - NONE

XI. Adjournment

Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the 11:40AM meeting. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Budget Workshop followed the meeting. Chairman said the accounting principles changed a little for the budget. Treasurer gave the Board a copy of the proposed budget. Treasurer said instead of having the carryover in the budget, we are taking things like the bridge fund, pole building and other West Penn Money and moving it out of the funds we have and putting it in an operating/capital account. The Board will have to decide how much they want to apply to the bridge and pole building account. Treasurer discussed MMOs for Police Pension. The Board discussed the total budget and operating reserve fund. The Board discussed ARP Money. Chairman called for a motion to advertise the proposed budget of \$2,040,531.00. 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